



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

April 15, 2018

**Antipascha. 2nd Sunday of Pascha/St Thomas Sunday
Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens
and Trophimus**



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 7 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright spirit,// by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thy Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹³ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Many Years!

Birthdays	9	Dumitru Turner Peter Uchakin
	11	Brady Hough Stephen Marble
	12	A'nna Wilcox
	20	Steven Davis

Announcements for Sunday, April 15, 2018:

- After this morning's Divine Liturgy, we will have a Moleben of Thanksgiving for completion of the new Parish Hall.
- **We would like to thank Olivia for hosting coffee hour at her home each Sunday while the parish hall was under construction.**
- The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday April 18 at 7pm in the parish hall.
- Next Sunday, April 22, we will have a Baptismal Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:40 am. We will also have an informal parish update after the liturgy.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall!