

# Thomas Sunday

April 16, 2023



# Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD  
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.  
AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.  
HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,  
EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY  
OF  
BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,  
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O  
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF  
"GLORY TO YOU" AND "HEAVENLY KING."*

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED  
DEATH;  
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE  
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US  
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;  
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR  
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

# Acts 5: 12- 20

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## **THE APOSTLES HEAL MANY**

NOW MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS WERE DONE AMONG THE PEOPLE THROUGH THE APOSTLES. AND THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN SOLOMON'S PORTICO. NONE OF THE REST DARED TO JOIN THEM, BUT THE PEOPLE HELD THEM IN HIGH ESTEEM. YET MORE THAN EVER BELIEVERS WERE ADDED TO THE LORD, GREAT NUMBERS OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, SO THAT THEY EVEN CARRIED OUT THE SICK INTO THE STREETS, AND LAID THEM ON COTS AND MATS, IN ORDER THAT PETER'S SHADOW MIGHT FALL ON SOME OF THEM AS HE CAME BY. A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE WOULD ALSO GATHER FROM THE TOWNS AROUND JERUSALEM, BRINGING THE SICK AND THOSE TORMENTED BY UNCLEAN SPIRITS, AND THEY WERE ALL CURED.

## **THE APOSTLES ARE PERSECUTED**

THEN THE HIGH PRIEST TOOK ACTION; HE AND ALL WHO WERE WITH HIM (THAT IS, THE SECT OF THE SADDUCEES), BEING FILLED WITH JEALOUSY, ARRESTED THE APOSTLES AND PUT THEM IN THE PUBLIC PRISON. BUT DURING THE NIGHT AN ANGEL OF THE LORD OPENED THE PRISON DOORS, BROUGHT THEM OUT, AND SAID, "GO, STAND IN THE TEMPLE AND TELL THE PEOPLE THE WHOLE MESSAGE ABOUT THIS LIFE."

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# John 20: 19-31

## Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

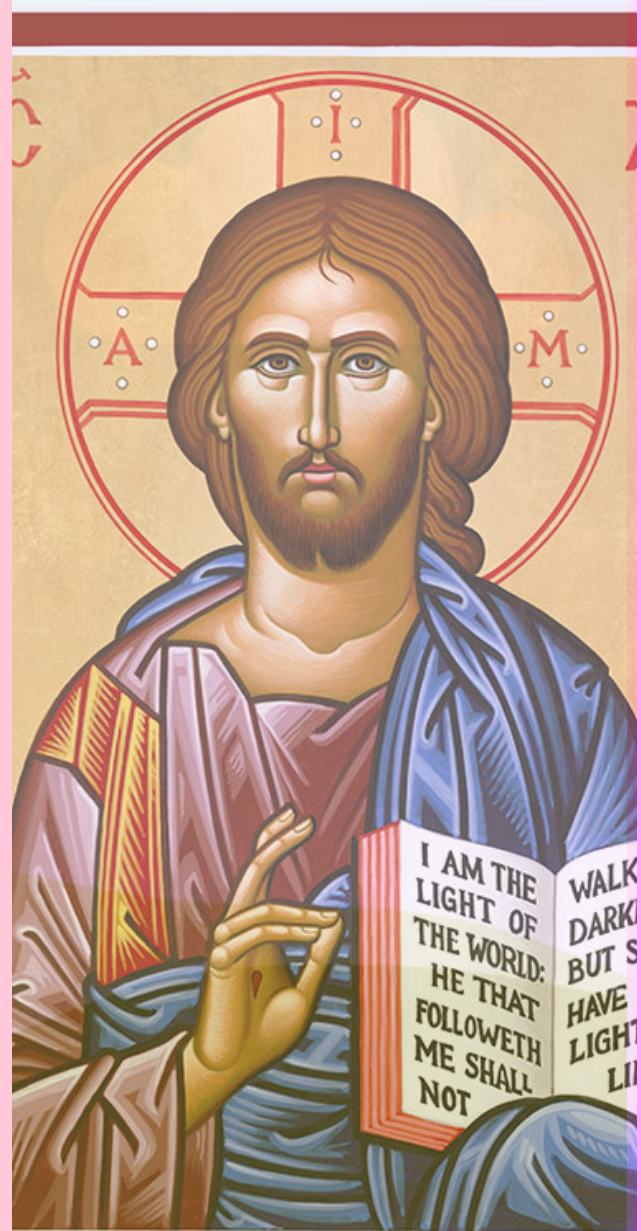
## Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



## DO YOU BELIEVE?

Do you believe that Christ is God? Do you wish to see the signs and did Thomas?

Thoughts?



# Thomas Sunday Word Search Puzzle

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# Prayer before Communion

**O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.**

**ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.**

**O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.**

# Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!**

**AMEN!**