



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church*

***“Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christos
Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!”***

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the Rectory next door. On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, all of you are welcome for luncheon.

Eight days after your resurrection, O Lord, you appeared to your disciples in the room where they were gathered; you greeted them, saying: Peace be with you! Then you showed your hands and side to the doubting disciple. He there - fore cried out in an act of faith: My Lord and my God, glory to you

(Stichira Thomas Sunday)

1 T-SHIRTS, HOODIES ORDER

Back by Popular Demand — Now Available at Cost Our first sale was a huge success. We've reopened the store for a limited time so everyone has a chance to participate — all apparel offered at cost. Plus there are more shirt options! So many reasons to check it out.



2 CARMEL MARKET

Thanks a lot to all of members who made and sold products in WINTER MARKET. **FIRST day of summer market is May 2.**

GOD GRAND YOU MANY HAPPY AND BLESSED YEARS!

3 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pancake and sausage brunch after Liturgy on **Sunday April 12**. Pancakes, sausage, egg casserole, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. **\$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children aged 5-12. Under 5 free, for a family \$31.**

4 BYZANTEEN RALLY

Services for the Week of April 12 – April 19, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	April 12 THOMAS SUNDAY	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Mirovanie & distribution of ARTOS Luncheon
Monday	April 13 Holy Priest Martyr Artemon and His Companions		No crevice
Tuesday	April 14 Holy confessor Martin		No crevice
Wednesday	April 15 Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, Trophimus	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	April 16 Holy Martyrs Agape, Irene, Chionia		No crevice
Friday	April 17 Venerable Acacius		No crevice
Saturday	April 18 Venerable John	5:00 PM	Vespers & Confession
<u>Sunday</u>	April 19 SSUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT- BEARING WOMEN	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon

Financial update: 4/5/2026

Bakery	Building	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$2,873.21	\$300	\$536.25	\$520	\$743.42

Totals \$4,972.88

THOMAS SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-20

In those days: so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. "Peace be with you," he said again. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas (the name means "Twin"), was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him: "We have seen the Lord!" His answer was, will never believe it without probing the nailprints in his hands,

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without putting my finger in the nailmarks and my hand into his side." A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said; then, to Thomas: "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "You became a believer because you saw me. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." Jesus performed many other signs as well - signs not recorded here - in the presence of his disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through this faith you may have life in his name.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

CHRIST IS RISEN!

The Sunday following the Resurrection of Christ has different names. "**Thomas Sunday**" - from the event in the Holy Gospel, which tells of the meeting of the Apostle Thomas with the resurrected Christ. "**Antipascha Sunday**", which in Greek means "instead of Easter", because for the first Christians it was like a repetition of the Easter holiday. In the Pilgrimage Diary of Sylvia of Aquitaine (4th century) we read that on the eighth day after the Resurrection of Christ there were special celebrations in Jerusalem and that on that day the Holy Gospel about the conversion of the Apostle Thomas was read. "**New Sunday, or Renewal**", because it is the first after Easter and on it the celebration of Easter was renewed as if. On this day, Jesus Christ, by his appearance, renewed the joy of his Resurrection for the apostles. "On this day," says the Synaxar of Thomas Sunday, "on the second Sunday after Easter, we celebrate the renewal of Christ's Resurrection and the birth of the holy apostle Thomas. "**White Sunday, or in white.**" Once upon a time, newly baptized people, having received baptism on Holy Saturday, walked in white clothes

throughout the entire Bright Week, and on Thomas Sunday, during a special ceremony, these clothes were taken off. The Western Church to this day calls this Sunday "Sunday in white." "**Foreshadowing Sunday**" some authors derive this name from the fact that this Sunday concludes and continues the feast of Easter.

The celebration of the eighth day after Easter, as the conclusion of the festivities of Holy Week, has long been considered a separate holiday. The theme of the services of this holiday, as well as the week that follows it, is the evangelical event that describes the appearance of Jesus Christ on the eighth day after the Resurrection and the touching conversion and confession of faith of the holy apostle Thomas. About the significance of celebrating this feast, Saint Gregory the Theologian († 389) says in his sermon on Thomas Sunday: "The ancient and well-established law honors the day of renewal, or rather, honors new virtues with the day of renewal. Was not the first resurrected day, which came after the holy and luminous night, also a day of renewal? Why do we give this name to today? That (that is, Easter) was the day of salvation, and this is the day of remembrance of salvation. That day separates burial and resurrection, and this is the day of a completely new birth... We celebrate true renewal today, passing from death to life. Therefore, put off the old man and be renewed and live in the renewal of life."

In his sermon on Thomas Sunday, Saint John Chrysostom praises the apostolic work of the Apostle Thomas: "He was once weaker than the other apostles in faith, but by the grace of God he became more courageous and tireless than all of them. He traveled almost the entire earth with his preaching, not afraid to preach the word of God to fierce, wild, and bloodthirsty peoples." Tradition says that the Holy Apostle Thomas died a martyr's death for the faith of Christ in India.

Fr. Katrius Julian, OSBM, Know Your Rite

CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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