

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 26, 2020

Antipascha: Sunday of the Apostle Thomas

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.” The Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion.*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (2½ times)

The Choir then sings: “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”

- *After the Little Entrance, sing these troparia and kontakia in the following order:*

TROPARION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

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

- *Do NOT sing the troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend in to the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrh-bearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (5:12-20)

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. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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. 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. 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, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 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 believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

- *Instead of "It is truly meet," the choir sings "The angel cried to the Lady" and "Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem"*

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" ONCE.*
- *At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . ." the Choir responds with "Christ is Risen" THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Bishop Daniel Alexandrow of Erie (10th anniversary of repose – Fr. Sophrony's ordaining bishop). **St. John's Cross** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Rose Brelinsky (anniversary of repose).

PARASTAS

In memory of Bishop Daniel Alexandrow (tenth anniversary of repose), offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer, and Anna Yendrey (40th Day).