

Saints Peter and Paul's Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Orthodox Church in America)
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Today's Services - April 27, 2014 2nd Sunday of Pascha: St. Thomas Sunday

Today's Saints

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem and "kinsman of the Lord";
St. Eulogius the Hospitable of Constantinople; St. Stephen, Abbot of the
Kiev Caves and Bishop of Vladimir-in-Volhynia

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Today's Special Donations

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Victor Wasilewski and Stephen Wasilewski in honor
of Lisa Wasilewski's birthday.

Announcements and Events

Parish Events: "Coffee Hour" after Divine Liturgy - all parishioners and visitors are welcome. A Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2014 after Divine Liturgy. Tickets are \$15. For tickets and information, contact Marge Kovach at (732)815-9765. Fr. Sophrony will be leaving for vacation on May 12 (morning) and will return on May 24 (morning). A substitute priest will celebrate the Liturgy on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the usual time. Contact Fr. John Fencik at 201) 779-6604 or the nearest available Orthodox priest for emergencies. Next meeting of the Parish Council is tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

Local Events: Bayonne residents are reminded that Bayonne municipal election is taking place on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Diocesan News: The diocesan department of communications reminds our diocese's faithful that the diocesan website, www.nynjoca.org, is an important educational and news resource of our diocese.

Memorial Day Pilgrimage: The 110th annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery is scheduled for May 23-26, 2014. A detailed schedule of services is available in PDF at www.oca.org - the official website of the Orthodox Church in America.

Upcoming Services

May 3-4, 2014

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 27, 2014 Sunday of St. Thomas the Apostle, Called "The Twin"

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem and "kinsman of the Lord"; St. Eulogius the Hospitable of Constantinople; St. Stephen, Abbot of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Vladimir

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

- *The Choir then sings "and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life" and the Liturgy continues with the Great Litany.*

TROPARION FOR ST. THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

- *Do NOT sing the troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had 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 Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, 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 Sadducees, 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."

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!

̇. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over 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.

MEGALYNARION OF PASCHA

The Choir sings "The Angel Cried . . ." followed by "Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem . . ."

COMMUNION HYMN OF ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

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.*

THE PASCHAL DISMISSAL

Instead of "Glory to Thee, O our God . . ." etc.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death . . .

Choir: . . .and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Priest: The Great Dismissal (Paschal)