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SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – ST. THOMAS

Epistle: Acts (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."

Gospel: John (20: 19-31)

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." When He has said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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!" 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." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY - TROPARION TONE VII

From the sealed tomb, You did shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors, You did come to Your disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

KONTAKION TONE VIII

With his inquisitive right hand, Thomas probed Your life-giving side, O Christ our god. For when You did enter, the doors being shut, with the rest of the Apostles he cried to You: You are my Lord and my God.

Saints we commemorate today – *St. Theodore the Sykeote; St. Platon of Banja Luka*

REMINDERS

Adult Bible Study – Bible study will be canceled until further notice.

Confession – Every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. after vespers and Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. before Liturgy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, May 6th - Holy Glorious Great-martyr George – Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. To those who celebrate St. George as their patron Saint/Slava, may it be a blessed day and we greet you with Srečna Slava! Happy Slava!

Thank you – On behalf of the entire St. Nicholas parish, thank you to **Marsha Watt** for her generous monetary donation for our children's playground. This contribution is made in memory of +Martha Visnic. May Martha's memory be eternal, and may God grant you, Marsha, and your family many years!

Thank you to the **Outreach Committee** for their beautiful donation of the Crucifixion for all to venerate. May God grant you many years!

Thank you – On behalf of the entire St. Nicholas parish, thank you to **Robert Ray and his crew** for repairing the potholes and cracks in the pavement of our entire parking lot! May God grant you many years!

The Committee for the 2019 SNF Summer Golf Tournament has met and is excited to begin planning for this big event for our church and local SNF lodges. To be successful, we will need everyone's help! There will be many opportunities for you to contribute. The Committee will keep you informed of our progress over the coming months. Pam Matejevich will be coordinating volunteers for the event which will take place August 7-11, 2019. Reach out to Pam or to Chairman Dushan Markoff to offer your help or ask any questions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 11th – Free Tammie concert. 3:00 p.m. at East Allegheny High School

Sunday, May 12th – Mother's Day celebration luncheon

Sunday, May 19th – Church Slava celebration, Transfer of The Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. with procession around the church ó Slava banquet to follow in the church hall ó *Honored Kuma Mary Ann Tomich*. All welcome! Dobro dosli!

Friday, May 24th – Saints Cyril and Methodius, Enlighteners of the Slavs ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 3rd – Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and Helen ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 6th – The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 15th – **Blessing of the graves** ó 9:00 a.m. memorial service at Grandview cemetery in N. Versailles and 4:00 p.m. service at Export.

Sunday, June 16th – Pentecost ó Trinity Sunday

Monday, June 17th – Pentecost Monday ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 18th – Pentecost Tuesday ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 21st & Saturday, June 22nd – St. Nicholas Church Summer Camp ó For more information contact Amanda Formatto 412-980-8944 or amandabilak@gmail.com

Friday, June 28th – Holy St. Lazarus and All Serbian Martyrs ó Vidovdan ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

St. Thomas

The Sunday after Easter is the Sunday of St. Thomas, also known as Second Sunday or Antipascha ("opposite" Pascha, i.e., at the other end of Bright Week).

Early Life of Saint Thomas

Saint Thomas was born in Galilee, which was located in modern-day Israel but at the time of his birth was part of the Roman Empire. Since he was one of the original Twelve Apostles, we know that Saint Thomas was alive during the time when Christ was on the earth, which was in the 1st Century A.D. However, the exact date of his birth is unknown.

Thomas Follows Christ

Thomas began to follow Christ early on, and it is said that after he heard about the good works Jesus was performing, he began to follow him. He became one of his disciples and was present during many key moments in the New Testament. However, one of the things that he is most known for is the fact that he had doubts after he heard that Christ was resurrected from the dead, which is why he has been given the nickname of, "Doubting Thomas." According to John 20:25, Thomas said, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." When he saw

Jesus for the first time after the Resurrection, Thomas immediately knew Christ and that He had risen from the dead.

After the Ascension of Christ, Thomas began his ministry. He spent the whole time in India, which is where he eventually lost his life and became a martyr.

