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**Sunday May 5, 2019** FEAST OF THE NEW SUNDAY.  
ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1.  
St. Thomas Sunday. Great Martyr Irene (1st-2nd c.).  
Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of  
Zheleznobórovsk.

## This Week Schedule

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

Wednesday 5/8 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 5/9 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 5/11 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 5/12 Mother's Day Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*followed by Mother's Day Coffee Hour*

## Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
May-5	SOUDER	PECK	PECK
May-12	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
May-19	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
May-26	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
Jun-2	LEWIS	SOUDER	LEWIS

## Hymns and Prayers

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

### **Tone 7 Troparion** (from the Pentecostarion)

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

### **Tone 8 Kontakion** (from the Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,  
when Thou didst come to Thy Apostles through closed doors.  
He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)

*v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)*

### **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.”*

### **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)*

*v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. (Ps 94/95:3).*

### **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 had 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.*

***(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)***

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:  
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,  
thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead."  
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!  
The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!  
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of thy Son!

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Priest: "In the fear of God ..."*

*Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ..."*

*Priest: "O Lord, save Thy people ..."*

*Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ..."* (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light ...")

*Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."*

*Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."*

*(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to Thee, O Christ....,” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead....” (thrice).*

*And unto us He has given eternal life.  
Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!*

### ***This Week’s Announcement***

***Paschal Celebration*** Thanks A special Thanks to all who helped to make our Lenten and Paschal experience so joyful! May our Lord continue to bless the parish of St. Michael’s with health, happiness, and many blessed years!

***Study Group to Resume*** Our Study group will resume this Thursday May 9th at 10 am. We will continue with the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 6. All are welcome to join us.

***Vacation Church School Meeting*** We will have a Vacation Church School Meeting on Sunday May 19th during coffee hour. We are asking all parents who are interested in having VCS to attend and share in this work.

***Cupola Project Completed!*** During the Lenten season Lindsay Construction has been working on several projects around the church building. The project included dome reconstruction and new cross, new siding for the church (which matches the hall), new spouting and gutters, new windows in the Nave, and our electric moved underground. We would like to thank Jeff Kendall, Tom Sulpizi, our parish council, our donors, and all who continue to offer themselves to the building up Christ’s Holy Church. “...for the founders, benefactors, and beautifiers of this holy house, may our Lord remember in His Kingdom always now and ever...”(Great Entrance)

***Grave Blessings*** Fr. Barnabas is available for the traditional grave blessings during the Paschal season. Anyone who would like to have the graves of their loved ones blessed please see Fr. Barnabas.

***Pascha Flowers*** Thank you everyone who helped decorate the church for Pascha! Those who give donations may choose a plant to take home after Pascha.

## **2019 Pascha Flower Memorials Donations :**

*From Cristina and Constantin Bacuta:*

*In memory of our fathers Mircea Ojog and Dumitru Bacuta.*

*In memory of our brother Sorin Ojog.*

*In memory of our colleagues Narcisa Apreutesei, Valeru Borcea, Liviu Leu and Ioan Mihut.*

*From Cathy Souder:*

*In memory of my father Frederick Salay*

*From Fr. Barnabas & Matushka Daria*

*In Memory of Matushka Joanna Pianovich*

*In Memory of Priest John Bohush II*

### **Christ the Conqueror of Hell**

*Father Alexander Schmemmann has written that Holy Saturday is often ignored or misunderstood. It's as if there is a day of sorrow (Holy Friday) that is quickly replaced by a day of joy (Pascha). But, Fr. Schmemmann says, the services of Holy Saturday connect the two days. They commemorate an event in which "sorrow is not simply replaced by joy, but is itself TRANSFORMED into joy."*

*The event Father Schmemmann refers to is Christ's descent into hell, where He overcomes the final power of death and brings forth the people it held captive. Holy Saturday's services are essential to understand this, and to take part in it. During these services the liturgical colors are changed from dark to Paschal white, and we triumphantly sing, "Let God Arise!"*

*A recent book by Archbishop Hilarion Alfeyev, "Christ the Conqueror of Hell," is an excellent resource for those who want a deeper understanding of Holy Saturday. The book's first section traces Scriptural and apocryphal references to Christ's victory over death and His destruction of hell's power. The next part examines patristic literature and liturgical texts. Finally, Abp. Hilarion offers an epilogue on the theological significance of Christ's saving act.*

*The Old Testament (Septuagint translation) promises that God "will deliver them out of the power of Hades" (Hosea 13:14) and I Peter 3:19-20 tells us that Christ fulfilled the promise by preaching "to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the*

*days of Noah..." The Orthodox Church teaches that Christ's descent was thus a "second chance" for those who perished in the Flood described in Genesis, who had no chance to encounter Christ and the Gospel. The book contains imagery used by the Fathers, such as Death quivering and becoming agitated as Jesus appears, while the dead perceive light shining in the darkness, raise their heads from bondage, and behold the brightness of Christ. It also offers examples of liturgical poetry, as when Christ addresses Hades: "Not only will you give back those whom you have taken and whom I have resurrected and now take with me as I leave here, but also those who will be sent to you in the future will arise..." The recurring message of the book is that Christ's descent into hell gave every person a chance to know Him and rise with Him. The book ends with that message:*

*"We do not know if everyone followed Christ when he rose from hell, nor do we know if everyone will follow him to the eschatological heavenly kingdom when he will become "all in all." We do know that, since Christ's descent...the gates of paradise have been opened for all who wish to enter through them. This is the faith of the early church, inherited from the first generation of Christians and cherished by Orthodox tradition. This is the never-extinguished hope of all those who believe in Christ, who once and for all conquered death, destroyed hell, and granted resurrection to the entire human race."*

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*"A man who is wrathful with us is a sick man; we must apply a plaster to his heart – love; we must treat him kindly, speak to him gently, lovingly. And if there is not deeply-rooted malice against us within him, but only a temporary fit of anger, you will see how his heart, or his malice, will melt away through your kindness and love – how good will conquer evil. A Christian must always be kind, gracious, and wise in order to conquer evil by good."*

*–St. John of Kronstadt, "My Life in Christ"*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Mat Julia Petranin Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, David Rex

**Prayers for Catechumen:** Sue D’Orazio

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Ruth Kendall

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>5-May</b>	Najemy/Kendall	Hojnicky/Souder	Bunitsky/Finck	Gundersen
<b>12-May</b>	MOTHER'S DAY	Telep/Baldychev	Farrell	Farrell
<b>19-May</b>	Riley/Souder	Bunitsky/Morjana	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
<b>26-May</b>	Pacienza/George/ Grishin	Riley/Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney
<b>2-Jun</b>	J. Peck/Weins	Sulpizi/Finck	S. Peck	Gundersen

***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

The Ascension of our Lord June 6<sup>th</sup>

Holy Pentecost June 16<sup>th</sup>

Ss. Peter and Paul Fast June 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>