



St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Orthros: 9:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

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Sunday, May 5, 2019

Thomas Sunday

Commemorating: Irene of Thessaloniki, Neophytos, Gaius, & Caianus

Epistle Reading: Acts of the 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."

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to 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.

Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Οὐσὺς ὀψίας τῆ ἡμέρας ἐκείνη τῆ μιᾶ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ. Ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον· ἃν τινῶν ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἃν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δὲ εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς. Ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐάν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσίν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτὼ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· Φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου,

καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη Θωμᾶς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἐωρακάς με, πεπιστεύκας· μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστι γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

Thank You to the Following Stewards of St. John's Parish:

Parish Council Member on Duty: Ligia Bolet

Prosforon brought by: Jane Radomsky

Coffee Hour by: Marianna Holloway, Lorraine Birbilis and Kathryn Keirnan

Today's Second Tray will benefit the Building Fund

Schedule of Services and Community Events

Sunday, May 5th:

- Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Sunday School following Divine Liturgy
- Greek School 12:30 pm

Tuesday, May 7th:

- Festival Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 8th:

- Church Office Closed
- AHEPA Meeting – 5:30 pm

Thursday, May 9th:

- Philoptochos Meeting – 1:00 pm

Community News and Events

PHILOPTOCHOS MAY PROJECT: The Philoptochos will be collecting items for the Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties. The following items are needed: Cereal, pasta & sauce, children snacks, peanut butter & jelly, paper products, toiletries, diapers, and gift cards (Walmart or Target).

GOYA CAR WASH: Sunday, May 19th following Liturgy, GOYA will be having a car wash. \$5.00 per car and you can remove all traces of spring pollen!. Come out and support our youth!

2019 CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT: This year's tournament will be on Tuesday June 11th~8:00 am at the Arrowhead Country Club. This golf tournament is the second largest fundraiser for our church!!! Your support is very important to the success of this event! Parishioners & golfers can help by signing up friends and associates for golf and selling hole sponsorships (\$100). Volunteers are needed before and the day of the event. Call Jimmy Lambrinos (443-238-5618) or Jimmy Arakas (843-450-3665) with any questions. Registration forms are at the Pangari/website.

CHARLESTON GREEK FESTIVAL: Charleston's 49th Annual Greek Festival is May 10th-12th. Free Admission tickets are available in our church office.

ICONS: Icons are available for sale in the Narthex display cabinet. Contact a Philoptochos member if interested.

YOUTH GREEK DANCING: Instruction for Greek dancing will be on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Katherine Wright will be the instructor. For more information, please contact Katherine Wright at 843-267-9857.

GREEK FESTIVAL REMINDER: Dates for festival this year are October 17 thru 20. Our next meeting will be May 7th at 7:00 pm in the coffee room. All are welcome to attend and give us your ideas. We need everyone's help!

ST. JOHN'S RELIGIOUS BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP: A variety of books, icons, instructional guides, Orthodox literature, worship greeting cards, bracelets, olive oil soap, "A Voyage in Greek Cooking", St. John's parish cookbook is available. Contact Loretta Siotka at 843-399-8955. (Moved to the Library in Community Center)

STEWARDSHIP: Please return stewardship form as soon as possible. Additional forms are available at the pangari.