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## THOMAS SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA

**Epistle Reading**  
Acts 5:12-20

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!  
Hristos voskrece! Voistinu voskrece!  
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!  
Christos tenesa! A'wo tenesa!  
El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

**Gospel Reading**  
John 20:19-31

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Troparion:** 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:** Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You did come to Your apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: “You are my Lord and my God!”

### Welcome Back to our St. Luke Church Chapel

It has been nearly two years since we celebrated our Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Chapel. Due to Covid-19 precautions, we had been worshipping in the parish hall to allow for proper social distancing. We thank parishioners and guests for their past compliance with distancing, signing in for contact tracing, wearing masks, and staying home when sick. We return to our beautiful Chapel with gratitude and prayers for our Lord's future protection.

### “How the Pandemic Has Reshaped American Orthodox Christian Churches”

A Covid impact survey of 400 Orthodox clergy was conducted earlier this year. Now a second stage is being launched to study parishioners' experiences during the pandemic and their reflection on church life during the past two years. It takes 15-20 minutes and is strictly anonymous. <https://orthodoxreality.org/coronavirus-and-american-orthodox-parishes>

After Your rising, O Lord, though the doors were shut, You came to your assembled Disciples, and granted them peace. Even Thomas believed, seeing Your hands and side; and he confessed You as Lord and God, Who save those who hope in You, O Lover of man!  
~From Vespers



**Welcome** to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. You are invited join us for Coffee Hour afterwards. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and our parishioners. We look forward to seeing you again for worship and fellowship.

### St. Luke Faith in Action – Food for the Needy – Today

Thank you for contributing to our First-Sunday-of-the-Month charity program. Mark & Sue Mamula will deliver food and financial donations to the SERVE Food Bank in Manassas.

### Sisterhood Meeting - Today

All women of the parish are invited to attend a brief meeting today after Coffee Hour to discuss the Sisterhood Slava. See JoAnne de la Riva or Helene Watts for details.

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, May 4 at 7PM on Zoom

This week, we resume our discussion on *The Gospel of St. Luke – Good News for the Poor* by Fr. Lawrence Farley. Fr. John will email the review, chapter highlights and Zoom link.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, May 7

All men of the parish are welcomed at the monthly Prayer Breakfast next Saturday at 9AM for faith discussions and fellowship.

### Mother's Day Memorial Prayers - Sunday, May 8

Next Sunday, we will pray for our departed mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and others. Add names to the Mother's Day Prayer List at the candle table.

### Saturday Great Vespers – Schedule Change – Saturday, May 14

First-Saturday-of-the-Month Vespers will not be held this week. It is scheduled for May 14 at 5PM. All are invited to attend the prayerful service as preparation for Sunday's Liturgy.

### YES Initiative - A Service Opportunity for Young Adults – Saturday, May 14, 10AM-4PM

Orthodox young adults, 20 yrs. and older, looking for a way to learn more about service and how to address regional poverty may go to St. Sophia Cathedral in DC on May 14. Registration: [www.yesnorthamerica.org](http://www.yesnorthamerica.org), Info: Joseph Galiano [jkgaliano@gmail.com](mailto:jkgaliano@gmail.com).

### God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Val and Wynne Maksimovic on their wedding anniversary tomorrow, and also Milića Whitestone, Rick Costello and Jan Zicha on their birthdays this week. Mnogaja ljeta!