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APRIL 23, 2023  
**ST. 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!  
Masih barkhaste ast! Be rasti barkhaste ast!

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

**Troparion** (Pascha)

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

**Troparion** (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!

**Kontakion** (Pentecostarion)

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

**Memory Eternal**

We offer prayers for Altar Server Christopher on the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary today of his falling asleep in the Lord, for Sophie and for Alexia Koliass' father Charles on their anniversaries. Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose to the souls of Thy departed servants. Vechnaja pamjat +

**Second Week of Pascha**

We now resume fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. The joy of the feast continues on.

**Welcome** to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan. We look forward to seeing you again for worship and fellowship.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Resumes on Wednesday, April 26 on Zoom at 7PM**

The Orthodoxy 201 discussion group will meet this week on Zoom featuring a new book: "The Gospel of John: Beholding the Glory" (Orthodox Bible Study Companion) by Fr. Lawrence Farley. The Zoom link will be sent out by email. Fr. John has three extra copies of the book 'while supplies last'. They may also be ordered from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

**Great Vespers – Saturday, April 29 at 5PM**

Schedule Change: Instead of May 6, our monthly Vespers will be next Saturday, April 29.

**Arienne's Mission: An Orthodox-Centric Discussion on Fentanyl - Thursday, May 4 at 7PM**

There will be a presentation and discussion about Fentanyl awareness for pre-teens, teens and their families on May 4 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Thalia Dimopoulos, M.A. U. Penn School of Medicine, will facilitate.

**FOCUS DC Quarterly Meeting – Thursday, May 11 at 8:30PM**

FOCUS North America has established a local chapter with representatives from DC area Orthodox parishes. An online meeting on May 11 convenes to collaborate on outreach and youth ministries. Louise Romanchak and Donna Karabin invite all interested to attend.

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Banquet – Saturday, May 13 at 5PM**

OCMC is hosting a celebration in support of its ministries on Saturday, May 13 at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church at 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041. Vespers begins at 5PM and the dinner at 6:30PM. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America will give the main address, Personal, parish or business sponsorships are welcomed. Dinner tickets are available for a donation of \$125: [www.ocmc.org/DC-Banquet](http://www.ocmc.org/DC-Banquet)

**2023 Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery – Friday-Monday, May 26-29**

The annual [St. Tikhon's Pilgrimage](http://www.sttikhon.org) will take place over Memorial Day weekend at the monastery and seminary in Waymart, PA. The Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon will be there. Plan on the whole weekend or one or two days. Nearby lodging is filling up fast. Consider [Hotel Anthracite](http://www.hotelanthracite.com) in Carbondale, PA.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

May the Lord bless Mimi Bidy, Carolyn Connor and Jonathan Zaki (7 yrs. old) on their birthdays. God bless Roland on his 67<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is a friend of the parish whom we often help. Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!