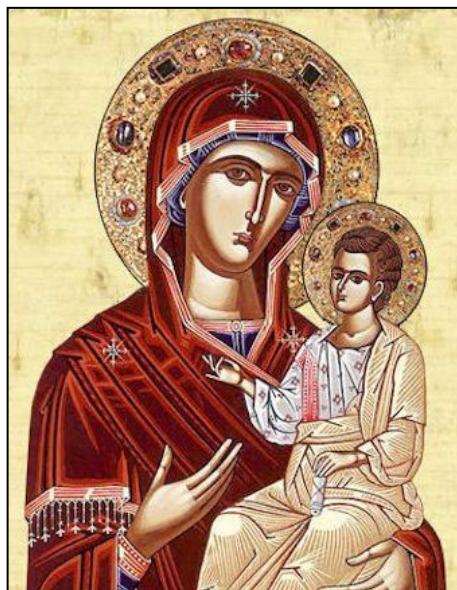


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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 117.24,29.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from 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

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.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday in the Grave Mode

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

The Lord stoops to the level even of our feeble understanding. He works a miracle of His invisible power in order to satisfy the doubts of unbelieving minds.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

On the Trinity, 1.20. Taken from: Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Vol: John. Intervarsity Press, 2007, p. 369.

For great is the dignity of the priests. ... And hold them very exceedingly in honor; for you indeed care about your own affairs, and if you order them well, you give no account for others; ...

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 86, 4th Century

The spread of the faith of Christ on earth would have been impossible if every person required the same kind of proof for his faith as Thomas did, such as never-ending miracles. Therefore, the Lord blesses those who reach faith with only trust in the witness of the Word, trust in the teaching of Christ. This is the best path to faith.

Archbishop Averky (Taushev)

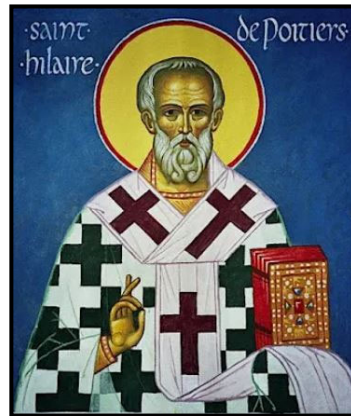
The Four Gospels: Commentary on the Holy Scriptures of the New Testament | by Archbishop Averky (Taushev) p.251

NEW STREAMING SERVICE

We are streaming our church services on YouTube at the following channel:

www.youtube.com/@goclexlive

Contact George Arimes or Delores Minor if you have any questions. This will allow you to see live and/or past services. We will be happy to assist in getting you connected in your home by TV, computer or phone.



SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

THOMAS SUNDAY

The Orthodox Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.



This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 4/22/26

6:00 PM – Vespers & Confession

Sunday, 4/26/26

9:00 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM – Agape Fellowship

SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Join us for the Spring General Assembly on Sunday, April 26th following Liturgy in the social hall. Agenda includes reviewing the Treasurer's report, reviewing stewardship (donations), and updating the congregation on strategic plans or upcoming projects. Members (stewards) in good standing review, discuss, and vote on parish business.

BAKE SALE ITEMS FOR SALE

Don't miss an opportunity to buy remaining bake items. Next bake sale not until December!!

✝ Small & Large Pastitsio ✝ Spanakopita & Cheese Pies ✝ Assorted Pastries

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

Saint Nicholas summer camp registration is open! This camp is run by the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Detroit, and caters to parishes in the southern part of the Diocese in Kentucky, Tennessee, and southern Ohio. Our chapter offers a \$100.00 per child scholarship to camp each year. Camp will run 6/14-6/19. Father William is on staff every year. Adults can attend as chaperones. Camp is for children 8-18 years old (starting 3rd grade or current seniors in high school). Access the camp website at stnicholascamp.org. Camp is in Leitchfield, KY and it is not a far drive. Please see Kristin with any questions.