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Bulletin for the Week of May 12-19

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA —
Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. St. Epiphanius,
Bishop of Cyprus (403). St. Germanus (Her-
man), Patriarch of Constantinople (740). Glorifi-
cation of Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes),
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1913). Ven.
Dionisii, Archimandrite of St. Sergius' Monas-
tery (1633). St. Sabinus, Archbishop of Cyprus,
and St. Polybius, Bishop in Cyprus (5th c.). Mar-
tyr John of Vlachia (Romania—1662).

Greeter: Gundrum

**Please welcome our guests Michael and
Carlyn Pak, who are visiting from St. Tik-
hon's Seminary and are about to be sent
out as missionaries in Mexico with OCMC.**

You can support them by clicking [here](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Vespers, 6:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 17

No akathist or confessions this day

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Catechumen Class, 3:30 pm

Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Liturgy, 9:00 am

Blessing of graves see sign up sheet

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA, Myrrhbear-
ing Women. Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of
Prussa, and his companions: Presbyters Acacius,
Menander, and Polyenus (2nd-3rd c.).

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

**TODAY'S
EPISTLE
Acts
5:12-20**

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."

**TODAY'S
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.

For Your Reflection

The Slavs, like many ancient peoples, had a tradition of visiting family members' graves during the spring-time and feasting together with them. After their conversion to Christianity, this custom transferred into the Russian Orthodox Church as the festival of Radonitsa, the name of which comes from the Slavic word *radost*, meaning "joy." In Kievan Rus' the local name is 'Krasnaya Gorka and has the same meaning.

It may seem strange call a memorial for the departed "joyful," but the Christian belief that lies behind this joy is the remembrance of Christ's Resurrection and the joy and hope it brings to all.

An Ancient Practice

The practice of greeting the dead with the Resurrection is not merely a "baptism" of pagan practices, but has antecedents in the ancient Church. S. V. Bulgakov records the following:

The commemoration of the departed after Pascha was also done in extreme antiquity. St. Ambrose of Milan (340 – 397) says in one of his sermons: "It is truly meet and right, brethren, that after the celebration of Pascha, which we have celebrated, to share our joy with the holy martyrs and by them as participants in the suffering of the Lord, to announce the glory of the resurrection of the Lord." Although these words of St. Ambrose relate to martyrs, they may be an indication of our custom to commemorate the departed after Pascha on Monday or Tuesday of Thomas Week because the beginning of the solemn commemorations in the faith of those who died is established in the New Testament Church as a pious custom to the memory of the martyrs, [both] among the martyrs buried in antiquity and the others who have died.[1] St. John Chrysostom (349 - 407) also bears testimony that in his day they celebrated a joyful commemoration of the departed on Tuesday of Saint Thomas Week in his Homily on the Cemetery and the Cross.

We will be blessing graves in Las Vegas on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women after Divine Liturgy. May 21, I will be blessing graves in Boulder City starting at 12pm.

Please sign up in the Parish hall so I know who is coming.

Christ is Risen!

On Humility

To be humble means to consider ourselves deserving, for our sins, of every humiliation, injury, persecution, and even blows; and to be meek means patiently to endure injustice, abuse, et cetera, and to pray for our enemies.

If you wish to be truly humble, then consider yourself lower than all, worthy of being trampled on by all; for you yourself daily, hourly trample upon the law of the Lord, and therefore upon the Lord Himself.

When any one, out of kindness, praises you to others, and they transmit these praises to you, do not consider them as a just tribute of esteem really due to you, but ascribe them solely to the kindness of heart of the person who thus spoke of you, and pray to God for him, that God may strengthen him in his kindness of heart and in every virtue; but acknowledge yourself to be the greatest of sinners, not out of humility, but truthfully, actually, knowing as you do your evil deeds.

A deep feeling of spiritual poverty, a lamentation at the existence of evil, a thirst after salvation, are to be found in every straightforward and humble soul.

-St. John of Kronstadt, on Humility

A Special Thanks to all of you who came to support both Litza Osborn and Trudy Brophy at the funerals this week. They were both moved and deeply appreciative of the parish's love and support. We will miss both Steven and James. May their memories be eternal. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Opportunity to Serve

Volunteer at Catholic Charities

Thursday May 23, 9:30 am
Speak with Rae if you are interested

For the sick and suffering

Archbishop Benjamin Victoria (Potter)	Maria (Kuolt)
Marteen (Moore)	Sarah (Pertz)
Kris (Stambaugh)	Child Monika
Anita (Maresca)	Etta (Sundberg)
Cody (Wells)	Al (Geralt)
Vram (Sarafian)	Child Nathaniel

Please pray for our Catechumens

Cody; Mackenzie & Daniel and sons Jesse, Nico, Erik; Adam & Maggie and daughters Freya and Priscilla; Nathan & Erika; Justin & Sarah and children Brayden and Alice; Emily; Laurie; Kamuela; Julie; Jules; Cody; Jason; Mary; Silver; Mason & Carol; Keith; Perry; Patrick; Lauren; Gregory; Alex; Tyler, Jessica and son Charlie.