

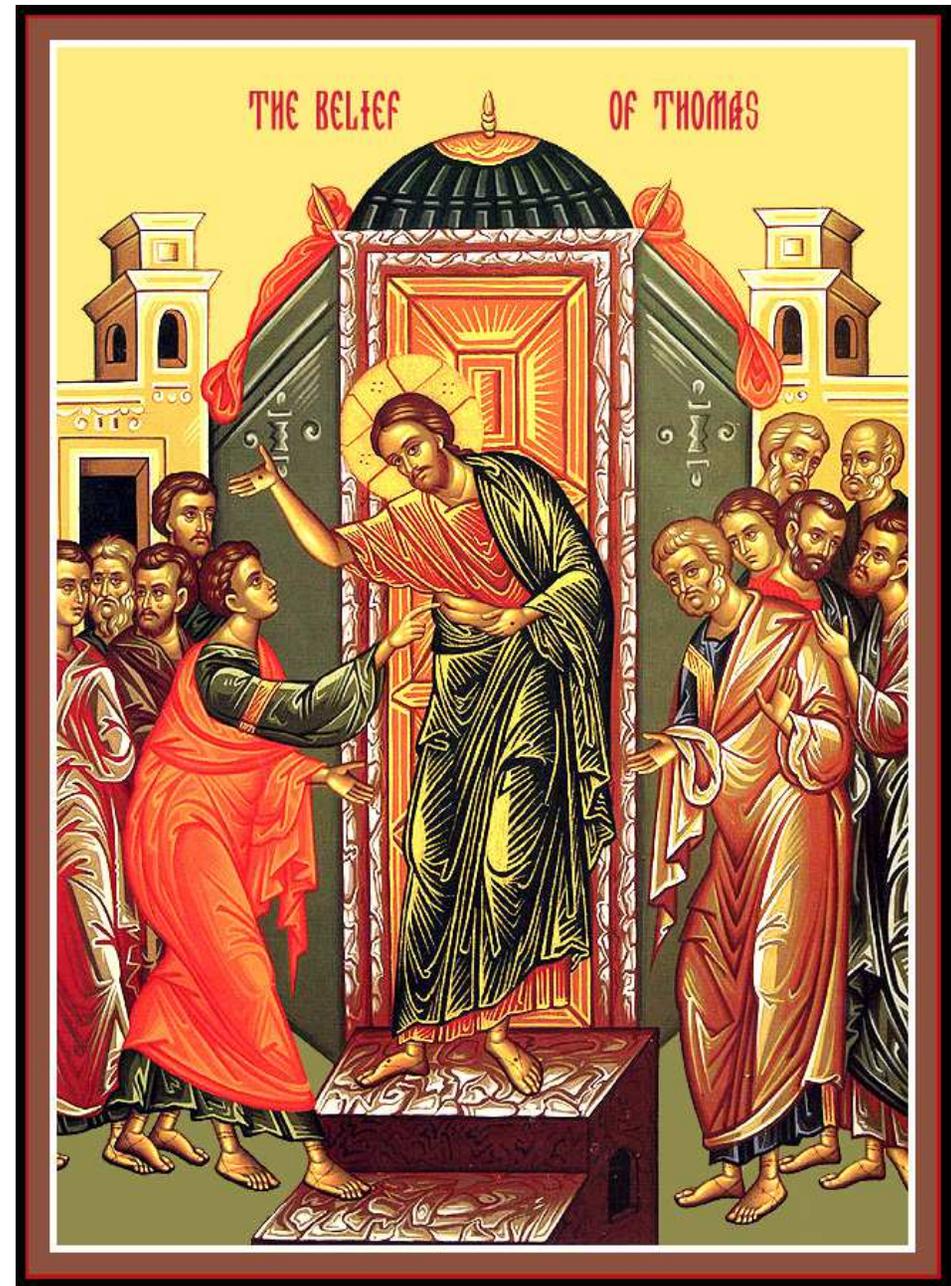
**HIEROMARTYR BASIL,
BISHOP OF AMASEA**

*By choosing the apostles' way of life,
you succeeded to their throne.
Inspired by God, you found the way to
divine contemplation through the practice
of virtue, and after teaching the word of truth
without error, you defended the faith to the
very shedding of your blood.
O holy father, Basil, entreat the Lord
to save our souls.*

Troparion, Tone IV

The Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea, lived at the beginning of the fourth century in the Pontine city of Amasea. He encouraged and comforted the Christians suffering persecution by the pagans. During this time the Eastern part of the Roman Empire was ruled by Licinius (311-324), the brother-in-law of the holy emperor Constantine. Licinius deceitfully signed St. Constantine's Edict of Milan (313), which granted religious toleration to Christians, but he hated them and continued to persecute them.

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ANTIPASCHA **SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

St. Thomas Sunday
Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea;
Righteous Virgin Glaphyra; St. Joannicius of Devich in Serbia;
St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

“As we glory in this feast with all the world, O Lord, we join Your disciples and the myrrhbearing women in praising Your rising from the dead. With them, we entreat You, O only Lover of mankind: give Your people Your great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“Today, the air is filled with the fragrance of spring, and all creation rejoices at its renewal. As locked doors could not prevent Christ’s presence, neither did unbelief deprive Thomas of faith, so that he exclaimed: You are my Lord and my God.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 5:12-20

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Today, April 26	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 2	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sunday, May 3	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 27	Acts 3:19-26	John 2:1-11
Tuesday, April 28	Acts 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
Wednesday, April 29	Acts 4:13-22	John 5:17-24
Thursday, April 30	Acts 4:23-31	John 5:24-30
(St. James)	Acts 12:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Friday, May 1	Acts 5:1-11	John 5:30-6:2
Saturday, May 2	Acts 5:21-33	John 6:14-27

WITH SYMPATHY:

Two of our parishioners lost their mothers this past week. Ted Bellack's mother Helen passed away on April 18. Bruce Billow's mother Lois passed away on April 17. Sympathies to surviving families and prayers that our Lord, who rose from the dead for us, will give rest with the saints to His servants Helen and Lois, making their memories to be eternal.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

We ask that you continue your financial support of the parish. The best way would be to mail in your contributions, using your regular donation envelopes.

GOD'S BLESSINGS:

And many thanks to Dn. Anthony for keeping us (and continuing to keep us!) "online" for those beautiful Lenten and Holy Week services; and to our "choir" Matushka Carol and seminarian Aaron Rutz.

VIGIL CANDLES:

During the pandemic, while parishioners are unable to come to church, the 7-day Vigil Candles can be lit for your health or in memory of departed loved ones. Send your names and donations to the church, and Fr. Protodeacon Anthony will light your candles in the vestibule. Vigil candles are \$5 a piece.

WHAT ARE YOU, MY GOD?

What are you, my God? What are you, but the Lord God Himself? You are the highest, the most righteous and the most powerful being. You are the most merciful, and yet the most just. You are the most mysterious, and yet the most present. You are the most beautiful, and yet the strongest. You are stable, yet incomprehensible. You are unchanging, yet changing all things. You are never new and never old, yet You are constantly renewing all things. You are always working, yet always at rest. You create great riches on earth, yet You need nothing Yourself. You support, nourish and protect all.

You love, and yet You are without passion. You are jealous, and yet have no fear. You recoil at our sin, and yet You do not grieve. You are angry, yet remain serene. You alter your plans in response to our actions, yet Your law and purpose remain firm. You take us as You find, yet never lose. You have no needs, yet You rejoice in all goodness. You have no envy, yet You requires us to multiply the talents You have bestowed. You pay debts, yet owe nothing; You forgive debts, yet lose nothing.

What shall I say, O my God my life, my holy joy? What can any man say when he speaks of You? Silence offers the greatest eloquence, yet woe to him who does not sing Your praise.

St. Augustine of Hippo

REMEMBER THIS ONE?

Circle 16 books of the Bible as they appear in the paragraph below.

Watch out — this could be tricky!

The answers will appear in next week's Trinitarian.

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others will require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there is loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of the books of the Bible in this story.

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ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE

METROPOLITAN TIKHON

PASCHA – 2020

To the Venerable Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,
Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Today we celebrate the feast of feasts, the radiant joyful feast of the Lord's Resurrection. He became a man like us, and was crucified, suffered, and was buried for us. And today, after three days in the tomb, He rises from the dead, offering us the promise of Resurrection unto eternal life.

Our life in the Resurrection begins even now. Although we still live in the flesh, we should not live according to the flesh, only thinking of our own bodily needs and desires. Jesus Christ's Resurrection calls us, regardless of our situation in life, to live spiritually mature lives even now. The essence of such a spiritual life is to lay down one's life for others, in imitation of Christ who died for the benefit of all. This is the calling of the new life that Christ's Resurrection gives us: "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4)."

This year, our Paschal celebration comes in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, and not one of us is experiencing the full celebration of the services. A few are present at the limited services, while the majority are praying along at home. Yet all of us, wherever we find ourselves, can live according to the Resurrection by putting others' needs before our own. In the Old Covenant, in the same breath in which God urged His people to "keep His Sabbaths," He also urged them to remember the poor and the sojourner, and leave portions of their grain and grapes to them (Leviticus 19:3-10). May we too, in keeping the Lord's Pascha, the First of Sabbaths, remember the poor and needy, the sick and suffering before ourselves, particularly at this time of the economic turmoil caused by the Coronavirus. As many of us are unable to commune of the heavenly Bread of Christ's Body at this time as is customary, let us at least focus on ensuring that our brothers and sisters around us have enough common bread: food and other basic needs. In so doing, we will follow Christ's example, who made sure that the thousands had enough food to eat, and who worked to heal the diseased and the sick.

My beloved children in Christ, the manner in which we celebrate Pascha this year, whether in our homes or in limited services, should suggest to no one that our Lord's Pascha has been canceled or in any way diminished. Giving thanks to Christ for the mystery of His salvation, let us all boldly cry out in full knowledge and assurance, "Christ is Risen!" Let us respond, indeed, by courageously walking in the "newness of life" that Christ gives us today.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a cross symbol followed by stylized cursive letters, likely representing the name Tikhon.

+ Tikhon – Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada