



# Church Bulletin

## Holy Trinity Cathedral



Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Thomas Sunday

### *This Morning's Readings* *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."

### *The Gospel according to John 20:19-21*

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.

## *This Evening's Hymns*

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

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

After the tomb had been sealed, You who are the life, O Christ, did rise from the grave, and while the doors were closed, You the Resurrection of all did stand among Your disciples, and through them, renewed a spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

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.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξι Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

### **STEWARDSHIP AND THE PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Please note that in order to participate or vote in the upcoming Parish Assembly meeting on Sunday, May 6th, parishioners must be a "steward in good standing" which means that you must have filled out a 2018 pledge card and have made a payment toward your pledge prior to the meeting.

If you are uncertain if you have filled out your 2018 card and/or made a payment, please call Diana at the church office. 602-264-7863.

## *Announcements*

### **APRIL EPISTLE READING SCHEDULE**

**April 15th - Anna Ehrick, April 22nd - Mary Pardhe, April 29th - Harris Manelis**

### **ALL YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

7th Annual Arizona Walk for Missions: Join us or make a donation! Come show your support for the AZ Walk for Missions on Saturday April 21, 2018, starting at 8:00am at the Kiwanis Park in Tempe. Benefits Orthodox Cristian Mission Center (OCMC) .

### **PHILOTOCHOS AGAPE BALL**

It's time again for the AGAPE BALL which funds the Kids 'n Cancer Camp. We really hope you saved the date for this very special function. It is our opportunity to give of ourselves to help these unfortunate children and their families enjoy an all-expense paid fun camp experience. It is an opportunity for these families undergoing these difficult times to meet and enjoy the company of other families facing these challenging health issues. We will be happy to take your reservations by phone and you may pick up your tickets on SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH, following Divine Liturgy. PLEASE GIVE YOUR HEART TO A CHILD WHO IS UNDERGOING DIFFICULT TIMES.

### **HTA A TOAST TO THE FUTURE**

**A Toast to the Future, Saturday, April 28 from 6:30pm to 10pm.** Please join us as we celebrate the gift of giving by celebrating Orthodox education and helping long-time HT parishioners and HTA family, the Haugens'! This is a great way to support one of our families and have a lovely evening sharing and making memories with friends and family. Award winning wines from Abiouness Winery will be featured, served with specialty dishes from Yianni's Catering, and sounds from the season will entertain you by the Jacob Lauxman Jazz Quartet. All is included with your \$50 donation! Raffle tickets: \$20 each or 6 for \$100. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, please visit our table during coffee hour, contact the school office at 602-248-3881 or email [julipritsos@holytrintyacademyphx.org](mailto:julipritsos@holytrintyacademyphx.org).

### **GREEK DANCE**

Greek Dance is back! Registration is currently open through May! Today is the first Spring dance practice. Please contact Niko Panagiotakopoulos at [npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com) for a registration form!

### **ALL-SAINTS CAMP FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Next Sunday April 22nd, following Divine Liturgy, Ed McNamara from Assumption will have a registration table during Coffee Hour in the Speros Community Center. Please see enclosed flyer for details. Questions? Call Ed at 602-502-8599 or the Assumption Church office (480) 991-3009. Please plan to provide check payment at time of registration.

## *This Weekend at Holy Trinity Cathedral*

Today 4/15 <b>THOMAS SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00am -- Matins</b> <b>9:30am -- Liturgy</b>	12:15pm - Dance Practice
Wednesday 4/18		5:00-7:00pm - Greek School 6:30pm - HTA Board Meeting 7:00-8:30pm - Choir Practice
Friday 4/20		5:00pm - Agape Ball Set-up
Saturday 4/21		6:30pm - Philoptochos Agape Ball
Sunday 4/22 <b>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN</b>	<b>8:00am -- Matins</b> <b>9:30am -- Liturgy</b>	12:15pm - Dance Practice 1:00pm - 5:00pm - SW District Oratorical Festival (Cathedral)

### **Welcome!**

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church is reserved for those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Gifts by having arrived at a respectful time in the service, and having recently confessed and kept the appointed fasts. If you are not prepared to receive the Holy Gifts we invite you to instead receive the blessed bread from Fr. Apostolos at the conclusion of the liturgy.

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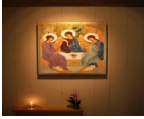
#### **Parish Council Officers:**

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## Ορεκτικό *An appetizer before the main course*

### Having Seen the Resurrection of Christ

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

There is a prayer offered at every Divine Liturgy by the priest before the Great Entrance and after receiving Holy Communion which says;

*"Having seen the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Your cross do we adore O Christ and your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify for you are our God, we know no other than You and we call upon Your holy name. O come, all ye faithful, let us venerate Christ's holy Resurrection. For behold, through the cross joy has come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, we hymn His Resurrection for having endured crucifixion, He hath destroyed death by death."*

This small prayer offered silently by the priest underscores for us our responsibility to live in the Light of the Resurrection we have just witnessed. And beyond even this, we have a responsibility to share the Paschal joy of this Resurrection season with those around us.

Sad to say, however, it is too easy for us to slip back, or to "backslide," into the less spiritually active mode of life we may mistakenly take to be "normal." After the rigor of Great Lent and Holy Week, we may feel relieved to have done our religious duty for the year, to have satisfied some vague religious requirement sufficiently to take the summer months off.

But as this prayer teaches us, to witness the earth-shattering event of the Resurrection of Christ after His voluntary and Life-Giving passion, death, and burial demands from us a response. For those who have entered deeply into the sacramental reality of these events, there can be no thought of returning to a "normal" life which relegates Jesus Christ to the margins.

Jesus Christ's victory over death as the terminal point of existence sets us free to live our lives unbounded by fear. Knowing that "the last enemy" St. Paul wrote about, that is death, has already been dispatched by the Lord of Glory liberates us to march boldly into our daily lives secure in the salvation Jesus won for us. The Resurrection changes everything!

Our responsibility to the Resurrection overturns the apathy and neglect for our souls we might otherwise be tempted to assume. For those who have seen the Resurrection and who have embrace the Resurrected One, the "new normal" is to live every moment fully aware of "newness of life" Jesus' mastery over death makes available for all who believe in Him.

May this Paschal joy radiate from us to all we encounter as we sing the festal hymn from now til the eve of the Ascension *"Christ is Risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death and to those in the tombs He has granted life."*

*Xristos Anesti!*

*Fr. Apostolos*