

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY  
(Pokrov)

April 16, 2023

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Cantor  
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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am  
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before  
the divine liturgy or  
by appointment

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**Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!**

Feltamadt Krisztus! Valoban Feltamadt!  
Христóсь воскрес! – Воістинѧ воскрес!  
Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!  
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Christos vstal z mrtvych! Vpravde vstal z mrtvych!  
Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

Because of my health issues I will be cantoring from the pews in the church. Eventually I would like to set up a station in the back with a music stand.

Meanwhile I will I'll be sitting with my wife (to her great delight).

When I get tired I am going to sit. So I may not be standing or sitting at the appropriate times. Don't follow my example.

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

**Thomas Sunday**

*Second Pascal Sunday*

**Feastal Tone**

**Menologion**

The holy martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chiona at Thessalonica in Macedonia. These women were virgins who, when in the persecution of Diocletian the emperor refused to eat food offered to idols, were condemned by Dulcetius the governor and handed over to the fire. (c.304)

**Propers**  
175-177

Fasts & Feasts

**April**

April 23 Third Sunday of Pascha (Myrrh-Bearing Women)

April 30 Fourth Sunday of Pascha (Healing of the Paralytic)

**May**

May 3 Mid-Pentecost, Feast of SS Cyril & Methodius

May 7 Fifth Sunday of Pascha (Samaritan Women at the Well)

May 14 Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Man Born Blind)

May 18 Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

May 21 Seventh Sunday of Pascha (Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council)

May 27 Fifth All-Souls Saturday

May 28 Pentecost - Descent of the Holy Spirit

May 29 Pentecost Monday: Feast of the Holy Trinity, Memorial Day (USA)

By showing us that it is incorruptible, he would urge us on toward our reward, and by offering it as touchable he would dispose us toward faith. He manifested himself as both incorruptible and touchable to show us that his body after his resurrection was of the same nature as ours but of a different sort of glory. – St. Gregory the Great, Incorruptible but Touchable.

### Are you a Doubting Thomas?

Christ is Risen! If your life is consumed with doubts and worries, you might be a Doubting Thomas. After all, Christ is Risen! Faith is a virtue; our doubts about life can indicate we have sinned against this virtue. When we really trust that Christ is risen, we trust his words that “all authority” was given to him, which means that he is providentially in our lives, working towards our good. Do we believe that even our worst circumstances are being worked out for our salvation and for the preaching of the Gospel throughout the world? If we are not even thinking about these things it is another indicator that we have moved on, so to speak, from the good news. When we prioritize our lives in this direction, our path becomes simpler and more meaningful, so that we bolster the virtue of Faith given to us at baptism.

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.

### From the Fathers of the Church Theodoret of Cyrus

And so the reason why the Lord stood in the midst of the disciples, even though the doors were closed, after the passion but not before it, was that you might know that your body was sown as a physical body but raised as a spiritual body.” But in order that you might not think that what rises is something different, when Thomas did not believe in the resurrection, he shows him the marks of the nails. He shows him the scars of the wounds” He who healed everybody even before the resurrection could have healed him- self—especially after the resurrection, could he not? Yes, but through the marks of the nails that he shows he teaches that it is this [body], while through the closed doors by which he enters, he reveals that it is not such a [body as it was]. It was this [body], in order that he might fulfill the goal of the divine plan by raising that which had died, but it was such a body [as it was], in order that it might not lapse into corruption again and not be subject to death again.

### St Cyril of Alexandria says,

When Christ greeted his holy disciples with the words “peace be with you,” by peace he meant himself, for Christ’s presence always brings tranquillity of soul. ... The peace of Christ which passes all understanding is in fact the Spirit of Christ, who fills those who share in him with every blessing.

But he does not only give us his peace. He sends us out in service. Indeed, the purpose of the Christian life, of growing into union with God by the indwelling Holy Spirit, is so that we can serve the will and the purpose of God in the world, and make Christ present among those who need his healing presence themselves.