

# Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**April 15, 2018**

**Sunday of Thomas the Apostle**

Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; Hieromartyr Leonidas,  
Bishop of Athens

**Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday (Tone 7):** While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

**Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8):** O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst raise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

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## ✠ LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ✠

Saturday: 5:45 pm - 9th Hour // 6:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday: 9:00 am - Orthros // 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

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**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:** Our Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and are properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

## COMING UP

Tues, Apr 17 Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Tue, May 1 Divine Liturgy, 6:00 pm  
(Feast of Mid-Pentecost)

## *Epistle Reading*

**Acts of the Sainly and Pure 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*

**The Holy Gospel according to St. 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.