

The Weekly Messenger – May 12, 2024
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This Week Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Next Week Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!

Upcoming Events:

May 12th St Thomas Sunday (Mother's Day) 2-year Memorial Steven Cosmo

Monday, May 13th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:30 pm

May 19th Myrrh-bearing Women 1-year Memorial Robert Dardaris

Saturday, May 25th 10:30 am Baptism of Zigmunt Cosmo Krygier

Monday, May 27th 10:00 am Memorial at Fernwood Cemetery

June 2nd Semi-annual Paish Meeting (originally scheduled for March 17th) during coffee hr

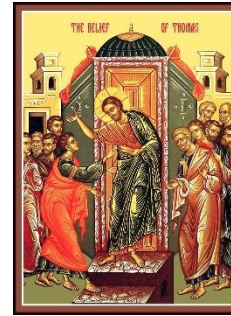
Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin, Chancellor Emeritus of the Albanian Archdiocese, Priftëresha Olga, the victims in Gaza and Israel, the victims in Ukraine, Our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Virginia, Steven Cosmo (2 yrs.), Peter Melnik (4 yrs.), Elida Xhoxhi (7 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Gaza and Israel, the people in Ukraine, Our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Newly married Jason Xhoxhi & Eleanor Kauffman, Newly Illuminated Anita Ana Le Fevre, her sponsors: Janice Leyden and David Brook, Reader Chris Manosis, Rosalyn Rawls, Virginia Rubis, Teri Douris, Ellen Mondlak, Gerald Mondlak, Eugene, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Virginia Daka, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living, please email info@stjcaoc.org*

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications: The application is posted on our website <https://stjcaoc.org/nick-naum-scholarship/> The applications must be submitted by Wednesday, June 12, 2024 via email to <mailto:chairperson@stjcaoc.org> Do not send the application via regular mail (USPS). Recipients will be notified by Sunday, June 30, 2024. The date for the presentation of the scholarship will be announced. The following are members of the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi.



Wishing a Very Happy Mother's Day and Many Years to our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and all of the important women in our lives.



Saint Thomas Sunday: Antipascha Every day during the week of Easter, called Bright Week by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (Jn 20.26). The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. It is therefore

called the Antipascha, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Savior wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus, he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is 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.



Thank you to Tom Moore for the new grates in the parking lot. Tom is always fixing something at church and his help is greatly appreciated.

We need Coffee Hour Sponsors June, July and August. Please sponsor a coffee with your family or friends: sign-up on the sheet or click this link [CoffeeHourSignup](#)

May 12th Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of Steven

May 19th Dardaris Family in memory of Bob

June 2nd No Sponsor

June 16th No Sponsor

May 26th Hot Dog Sale

June 9th No Sponsor

June 23rd Friends of Deacon Steve Stefani

Monthly Giving for May: Your Pascha Donation