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Icon of Saint Thomas and the Lord

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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of MICHAEL Lessard (req. by Tyler and Katerina Lessard)

Hymns

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tombs.

Christos anesti ek nekron thanato thanaton patissas; kai tis en tis mnimassis zoin charisamenos. (Greek)

Al Meseehu qam im bainil amwat wa wati al mawt a bil mawat; Wa wahhab el hayat li ladeena fil kubur. (Arabic)

Troparion of St. Thomas: While the tomb was sealed You shone forth from it, O Christ our Life, and while the doors remained closed, You stood among your Disciples, O Resurrection of all, and

through them You restored a new spirit in us according to your great Mercy.

Kontakion: Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying “Rejoice!” You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

Hirmos: O shining light, Mother of God, honorable without compare; you are higher in dignity than any other human being. We magnify you with hymns.

Kinonikon: Exalt the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion! Alleluia!

Prokimenon: Great is our Lord, and great is his power, and to his wisdom there is no limit.

Stichon: Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 5: 12-20

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$25.00; donations=\$500.00; ordinary collections=\$638.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Gerid Spankowski and Kathy Tomaz. For those who have died: Michael Lessard (uncle of Tyler Lessard). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Saturday *Leave-taking of St. Thomas*
Sunday *Sunday of the Ointment Bearing Women*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Paschal Greeting

The Paschal greeting is a custom among Eastern Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is risen!" The response is "He is truly risen!" This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until Ascension, the period known as Paschaltide:

English	Christ is risen! He is truly risen!
Greek	Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Arabic	Al-Maseehu Qam! Haqqan Qam!
Church Slavonic	Hristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

Incorruptible but Touchable

The Lord's body that made its entrance to the disciples through closed doors was the same as that which issued before the eyes of people from the Virgin's closed womb at His birth.

Is it surprising that He who was now going to live forever made His entrance through closed doors after His resurrection, who on His coming in order to die made His appearance from the unopened womb of a virgin?

But because the faith of those who beheld it wavered concerning the body they could see, He showed them at once His hands

and His side, offering them the body that He brought in through the closed doors to touch.

By this action He revealed two wonderful and, according to human reason, quite contradictory things. He showed them that after His resurrection His body was both incorruptible and yet could be touched ...

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.

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He manifested Himself as both incorrupt- same nature as ours but of a different sort
ible and touchable to show us that His of glory.
body after His resurrection was of the

St. Gregory the Great

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