



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
ANTIPASCHA**

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ST. THOMAS SUNDAY**

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Prophet Jeremiah. Ven. Paphnutius, Abbot of Boróvsk. New Martyrs Euthymius, Ignatius, and Acacius, of Mt. Athos. Hieromartyr Makáry (Macarius), Metropolitan of Kiev. Martyr Bata the Persian. Rt. Blv. Tamára, Queen of Georgia. Ven. Nicephoros of Chios.

EPISTLE: Acts 5:12-20

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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Thursday, May 5	Vespers 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 7	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5 PM
Sunday, May 8	<i>Sunday of Myrrhbearing Women</i> Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Blessing of the Graves: Today and in the following weeks it is a custom in the Orthodox Church to bless the graves of our departed loved ones. This Sunday Fr. Victor will be blessing graves at Oakland Cemetery starting at 1 PM. If you would like to schedule a grave blessing at other cemeteries please call Fr. Victor to schedule the blessing.

Help Requested at the Coffee Hour on Mother's Day: this is a special appeal to the men of our parish to help with serving the Coffee Hour next Sunday on Mother's Day. The ladies of our Sisterhood take care of the Coffee Hour that we all enjoy every Sunday and it would be a very nice gesture from the men of our parish if they helped out on this one Sunday a year in recognition of all the hard work that the ladies of our parish provide. Please talk to Fr. Victor if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

Graduate Recognition: we are still collecting the names of our parishioners that are graduating this year. If you know of anyone who will be completing their education (High School, College or University), please give the names and institution information to Fr. Victor.

Thank you: We want to thank all those who helped to prepare for the celebration of the services of Holy Week and Pascha. We would like to specially recognize Joseph O'Brick for providing white table covers for the Church Hall to be used during this season. Also we want to thank Diane Bender for organizing egg hunt for the children this past Bright Monday. Today we will have another egg hunt, so we would like to ask the parents to stay after Sunday School class for this activity.

MEMORIAL DAY BUS TRIP TO ST. TIKHON'S - As a service to our parishioners, St. Stephen's may once again charter a bus for the trip to St. Tikhon's Monastery for the annual pilgrimage this year. The date of the pilgrimage is MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY MAY 30. The bus will only be chartered if we have a certain minimum number of persons signed up. We hope we will be able to keep the cost at around \$30 per person. If you are interested, please put your name and phone number on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs or talk to Fr. Victor.