



# THE PROTOMARTYR



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**April 11, 2009**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
St. Thomas Sunday**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
Tone 1**

**ANTIPASCHA. 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday.** Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum, disciple of St. John the Theologian (92). Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk (1442), and his fellow ascetic, James. St. Varsonúfii (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1576). Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Ven. Pharmuthius, Anchorite, of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Callinicus of Cernica, Bishop of Rimnicului in Romania (1868). The Appearance of the "FOOTPRINT" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos at Pochayev.

**EPISTLE:** Acts 5:12-20

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

**Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:**

Tuesday, April 13	<b>Vespers 7:00 PM</b> <b>Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM</b>
Thursday, April 15	<b>Vespers 7 PM</b> <b>Bible Study 7:30 PM</b>
Saturday, April 17	<b>Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM</b>  <b>Great Vespers 5 PM</b> <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday, April 18	<b><i>Sunday of Myrrhbearing Women</i></b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10 AM</b>

**Blessing of the Graves:** At this time after the feast of Pascha it is a custom in the Orthodox Church to bless the graves of departed members of our families. Today after the services Fr. Victor will be blessing graves at Oakland Cemetery starting at 1 PM. Please contact Fr. Victor to make arrangements for the blessing of the graves of your loved ones at other cemeteries.

**Perogie Making:** The next perogie project will be held on Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15. Help is needed for both days but especially on Thursday. For additional details see Raya or Olga.

**April Charity Collection:** this month's collection will be taken next week and is dedicated to our \$1000 yearly pledge towards the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewarts (FOS). This charitable organization of OCA raises funds for various outreach projects that help bring the light of Christ to the people of our country. Thank you for your support

**Easter egg hunt:** We want to thank Diane Bender who organized our Easter Egg Hunt on Bright Monday and all the parents who brought their children to participate. Today after the service, at 12:30 PM, we will have another Easter egg hunt for all our Sunday School children. The egg hunt will take place outside in the back of the church.

**Pascha Lilies:** we thank all those who contributed in decorating our Church with beautiful lilies for our Holy Week and Pascha services. Those who sponsored the plants can pick them up today after the services.

**Senior and Junior St. Stephen's OCF Members:** The Colonial District Bowling Tournament will be held on May 1, sponsored by the Trenton "R" Club. Bowling will take place at Bristol Lanes in Cryoydon, followed by a dinner at the Trenton church hall and vespers. For details, please see Larry Skvir today or next Sunday at the latest so the Trenton chapter can plan for the number of people who will attend. This is a good opportunity to have an afternoon of fun and fellowship with FOCA members from other chapters. Let's get together for some fun.

**Russian Festival for the benefit of St. Tikhon's Seminary:** will take place on Sunday, April 25 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA. The event will start at 3:30 PM and will feature traditional Russian Cuisine, the Kauriga Balalaika Orchestra (concert at 6 PM), door prizes etc. All the profits from this event will go towards the support of St. Tikhon's Seminary. Please see the bulletin board for more information on this event. For reservations call Sarah Jubinski at 610-691-8777.