

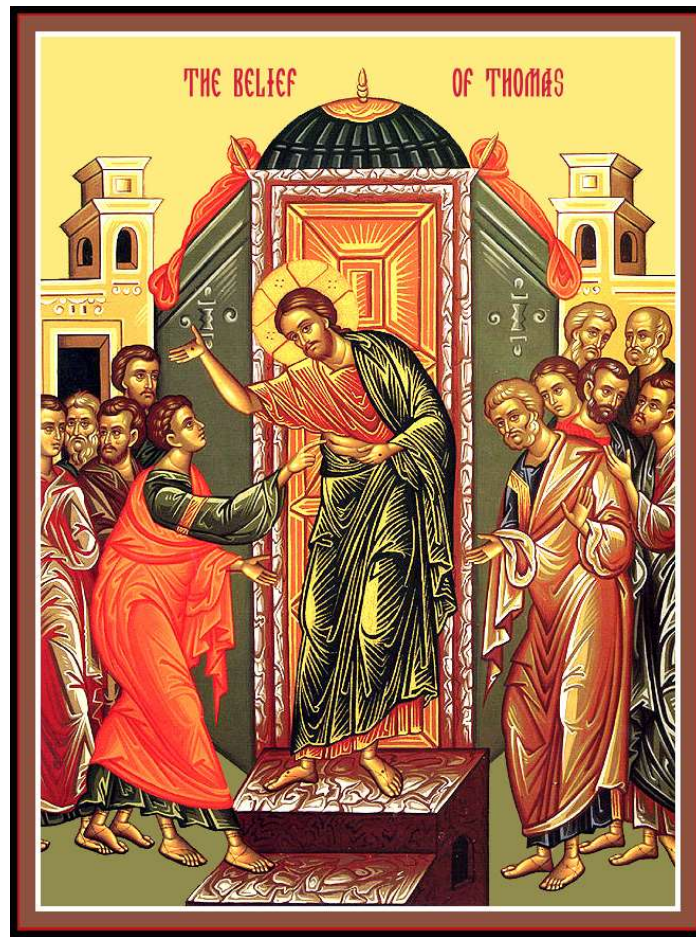
# St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander of Toledo: Rector  
Priest in Charge: Rev. Arkady Migunov

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**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1.  
St. Thomas Sunday**



## Welcome Visitors

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service.

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### Today's Hymns

#### **Tone 7      Troparion (Pentecostarion)**

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!  
Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.  
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//  
by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!  
  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### **Tone 8      Kontakion (Pentecostarion)**

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,  
when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors.//  
He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

### Today's Readings

#### **First Epistle: Acts 5:12-20**

Brethren, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

#### **First Gospel: John 20:19-31**

At that time, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, 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. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

## *This Week's Services*

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**Sunday** May 12 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy  
*ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday*  
**Acts 5:12-20, John 20:19-31**

**Monday** May 13  
*Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison*  
**Acts 3:19-26, John 2:1-11**

**Tuesday** May 14  
*Day of Rejoicing — (Rádonitsa). Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios*  
**Acts 4:1-10, John 3:16-21**

**Wednesday** May 15 6:30 PM - Vespers  
*Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism*  
**Acts 4:13-22, John 5:17-24**

**Thursday** May 16  
*Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great*  
**Acts 4:23-31, John 5:24-30**

**Friday** May 17  
*Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia*  
**Acts 5:1-11, John 5:30-6:2**

**Saturday** May 18 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Choir Workshop w/Vespers starting at 4  
*Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra, and those with him*  
**Acts 5:21-33, John 6:14-27**

**Sunday** May 19 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM- Coffee Hour w/ Fr. Justin's talk  
*3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women*  
**Acts 6:1-7, Mark 15:43-16:8**

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### *Antipascha: Saint Thomas Sunday*

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.

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## News & Events

### Upcoming Modern Mission Retreat:

Join us next weekend, **May 18-19** – Holy Myrrhbearing Women Weekend, for a modern mission retreat to discuss building the body of Christ here and now! Our guest speaker is Fr. Justin Patterson along with his wife Tamara. Fr. Justin is a pastor at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Nicholasville, KY. He is a missionary, husband, and father of two boys. He is also a member of the OCA Metropolitan Council.

### Program:

**Saturday, May 18:**

**2pm-4pm** - Choir Workshop with Tamara Patterson

**4pm** – Great Vespers with **Catechumens** fellowship to follow.

**Sunday, May 19:**

**9:30am** – Divine Liturgy

**11:30am** – Coffee hour with Fr. Justin's talk

**Everyone is welcome!!**

### Lists of Living and Departed:

Please continue to send updated lists of your departed loved ones as well as any living family or friends that you would like remembered in prayer. Please indicate on the lists if they are Orthodox or Non-Orthodox. **Mary Gresko** is in charge of compiling this list for Fr. in a standardized Word document. Please email your information to her at [mjgtweety@aol.com](mailto:mjgtweety@aol.com). She will be collecting information over the next several weeks!

### Holy Trinity Food Pantry:

The next Food Pantry at Holy Trinity will be on **Tuesday, May 28**. They are asking people to show up at 8:30am to help set up. Please let Viviane know if you are interested or have any questions! Also, please continue to bring items for us to take to the pantry. Here are the items that are most needed: Canned goods, peanut butter & jelly, Mac n Cheese, tuna or other canned meat, saltine crackers, hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, combined shampoo and body wash, and toothpaste. They have plenty of pasta at this time!

### Website Donations:

We are able to accept donations through our website [stelizabethmartyr.org](http://stelizabethmartyr.org).

## We are praying for:

The health and well-being of the servants of God Archbishop Alexander, Panka, Sophie, Alexander, Donna, Cy, Dan, Tanya, Popadia Janet, Joanne, and George.

### The Catechumens:

Mark, Karson, Morgan, Caleb, Tiara, Isla & Hannah

## Celebrations

### Last week

#### Birthdays:

Daniel Barton – May 11

#### Names Days:

Vanya Prytup – May 8

Simon Shaffer – May 10

Cyril Yonov – May 11

#### Anniversaries:

Archbishop Alexander's

Consecration – May 5

### This coming week:

#### Birthdays:

Vladimir Edelman – May 13

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