

April 16, 2023

**The New Sunday
2nd week of the
Holy Resurrection**

***“Reach out your hand and put it in my
side. Do not doubt but believe.”*** (Jn 20:27)

Divine Liturgy
Sunday at 4:30 pm
St Andrew Church
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From our Pastor...

As we consider the example of "doubting Thomas" this Sunday, we are reminded that doubt is a human trait. It is the fruit of our intellect that should spur us to ask deeper questions and seek the truth.

Doubt becomes cynical and futile when used merely as a tool to escape an honest intellectual quest that can reach tangible conclusions.

Let doubt be a highway that leads us to the truth, or as St Augustine might say, an expression of "*fides quaerens intellectum*," *faith that seeks understanding*.

Fr. Jacques



Announcement

Due to exceptional circumstances, we will not be hosting our weekly coffee hour after Mass this Sunday.

Saint of the week: Thomas the Apostle

His condition for believing in the resurrection - to personally examine Christ's wounds - earned him the title "doubting Thomas." Yet, he also made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" (Jn 20:28)

Tradition says that after Pentecost, this saint evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population that refer to themselves as "Christians of St. Thomas."

Their tradition holds that he built seven churches, and was martyred during prayer after being speared to death at Calamina (near Madras in India). His body was buried in Mylapore, on the east coast of India. St. Thomas' remains were ultimately transported to Ortona, Italy, where they reside today.

His feast day is on July 3rd and he is the patron saint of architects and craftsmen.

May his prayers be with us, amen !

First Reading: 2Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Gospel: John 20:26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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