



WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!

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Today is the day of the Apostle Thomas. Ten of the Apostles were together when our Lord having defeated death came to them saying "Peace be unto you". The Christ then charged them with preaching the Word of Truth to the World. Our Lord asked His disciples to bring His Good News to all. He sent them out to Baptize all nations in the name of the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit.

One of the Apostles, Thomas was not present when the Lord revealed Himself to the others, and when the others told Him of what had transpired the pain of loss and complete disbelief filled him. "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." Thomas did not believe his Brothers.

Some time passed and again the apostles came together to pray. And once again they heard the familiar voice; again they saw Him and were filled with joy, hope, light and sense of purpose. "Peace be unto you!" And Thomas was struck with the realization that Christ is indeed Risen. "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas only had one answer for the Christ. "MY LORD AND MY GOD" The Christ answered "Because you have seen me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

Who are these blessed ones who did not see, and yet believe? Brothers and sisters, we have not seen, yet we believe! We were not there when Jesus preached; we were not there when He performed miracles; we were not at the Last Supper, we were not at the crucifixion and we did not see Him Risen, yet we believe!

We did not see Him with our human eyes, but we see Him with our spirit, we see him with our heart and our soul. He is here now, alive, and we do not need to touch Him to know that this is true.

How many unfortunates saw Him when He lived and did not believe? How many witnessed His miracles and yet denied Him. They did not answer His call. But we did! We come to Him and like the Apostle

Thomas confess Him to be OUR LORD AND OUR GOD. Remember the prayer we say before we partake of the Eucharist? I believe O Lord and I confess that you are TRULY the Christ, the Son of the living God. We confess the Eucharist to be His Body and His Blood.

When the Chalice is brought out to us, it is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is brought to us. It is Him! He is alive, filled with love for each and every one of us. He is here right now! He is RISEN and we together with the Apostle Thomas fall down before Him and say Lord, you are here before me! You are MY LORD AND MY GOD!

PARISH NEWS

The UOL wants to thank all that attended last night's performance of Bullets in the Bathtub! Who knew it would end that way!!

Our annual Easter Dinner, Sviachene, will be held next Sunday May 15 after Divine Liturgy. All are invited. Adults \$12, children 12-18 \$6, 11 years and under, free.

The next scrip order is May 15th - please put your order in soon!

Grave blessings will take place on the following days:

St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackstone
Tomorrow, St. Thomas Sunday May 8th
after coffee hour

St. John's Cemetery, Valley Falls
Saturday May 14th 11AM

St. Stephen's Cemetery, Manville, RI
Saturday May 14th, 1:30PM

Please write the names of your loved ones on the Cemetery/Pastor's donation envelope and give to Fr. Boris at the cemetery or in advance of his visit if you cannot make it to the cemetery.

The UOL flea markets are quickly approaching (the first is May 21st) and we have many items to set up and price. Please offer a few hours if you can!! See Cindy or Eleanor for details. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8th

Tone 2

St. Thomas Sunday

9AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 14th

6PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 15th

Tone 3

9AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 21st

6PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 22nd

Tone 4

9AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 28th

6PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 29th

Tone 4

9AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 4th

6PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 5th

Tone 5

8:15AM Service of Repentance

9AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 11th

6PM Great Vespers

*While only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting and prayer may come to communion today, **God calls all to Communion with Him through Holy Orthodoxy.** If you would like to become Orthodox, see me!*
