***St. George Serbian Orthodox Church***

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**Thomas Sunday May 12th, 2013**

**HOLY BREAD:** Protinitza Gordana Petrovic **READER:** Adam Meador

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**ALTAR HELPERS:** Zoran Zivadinovic

**WELCOME!** Wewould like to welcome our visitors with us today. We invite you to follow the Divine Liturgy, which begins on page 28 of the Blue Service Books. **WE REGRET THAT THE DIVISION OF CHIRISTIANITY DOES NOT PERMIT US TO OFFER COMMUNION TO NON-ORTHODOX OR THOSE OF THE CHURCH WHO ARE UNPREPARED.** However, please come forward at the end of the Divine Liturgy to venerate the Cross and receive the Antidoron - blessed bread - as a token of love and fellowship. **PLEASE RESPECT THE HOLY LITURGY BY ARRIVING TO CHURCH ON TIME AND PARTAKING IN THE LITURGY TOGETHER WITH THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION.** The prosperity of our Church is in your hands! Please remember to leave your contact information by signing the guest book before you leave the Church.

**EPISTLE: (**Acts 5:12-20**)**And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

**GOSPEL: (**John 20:19-31 **)** Then 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, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose so ever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose so ever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, 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. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**HEALTH OF:** Geneva Jokich, Jennie Pjanich, Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenovic, Ninko Stakic, Ranko Tepsic,Stacy, Irma Riordan,

 **DEPARTED:** +Stanisa Bojic, +Ruzica Jovanovic; Ionel Dumitru

**PRAY FOR THE CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

**Pastoral Visitations:** Ranko Tepsic;

SUNDAY May 12 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.  **St.Basil of Ostrog-**

SUNDAY May 19 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

FRIDAY May 24 Divine Liturgy 8:00 AM-

SUNDAY May 26 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

SUNDAY June 02 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

MONDAY June 03 **Sts.Constantine and Helen**

 Divine Liturgy at 08:00.a.m.

SUNDAY June 09 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

THURSDAY June 13 **The Ascension of Jesus Christ**

 Divine Liturgy at 08:00.a.m.

SUNDAY June 16 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

SUNDAY June 23 **PENTECOST**

 Divine Liturgy at 10:30.a.m.

**SAINT BASIL OF OSTROG**

Basil was born in Popova, a village in Hercegovina of simple and God-fearing parents. From his youth, he was filled with love for the Church of God and when he reached maturity, he entered to the Monastery of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Birth-giver of God in Trebinje and there received the monastic tonsure. As a monk, he quickly became renown because of his genuine and rare ascetical life. Saint Basil took upon himself mortification upon mortification each one heavier and more difficult than the last. Later, against his will, he was elected and consecrated bishop of Zahumlje and Skenderia. As a hierarch, he first lived in the Monastery Tvrdosh and from there, as a good shepherd, strengthened his flock in the Orthodox Faith, protecting them from the cruelty of the Turks and the cunning ways of the Latins. When Basil was exceedingly pressed by his enemies and, when Tvrdosh was destroyed by the Turks, he moved to Ostrog, where he lived an austere ascetical life, protecting his flock by his ceaseless and fervent prayer.(\*) He died peacefully in the Lord in the sixteenth century, leaving behind his incorruptible relics; incorruptible and miracle-working to the present day. The miracles at the grave of St. Basil are without number. Christians and Muslims alike come before his relics and [find](http://www.westsrbdio.org/prolog/my.html?month=April&day=29&Go.x=13&Go.y=16) healing of their most grave illnesses and afflictions. A great people's assembly (pilgrimage) occurs there annually on the Feast of Pentecost.

(\*) A new church was built upon the ruins of the old Tvrdosh Monastery in our day by Nikola Runjevac from the village of Poljica near Trebinje. A wonderful and glorious monumental church (Zaduzbina) before God and before His people.

***HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!***

***St. George Serbian Orthodox Church***

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**May 12, 2013**

**Stewardship Reflection**

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

The Sunday of St. Thomas

May 12, 2013

A reflection from a parishioner...

As I watched a DVD with my daughter that depicted the life of Christ we discussed how we always read Scriptures, but sometimes, it has a greater impact when we actually see what happens. The series depicted Christ's life and what we discussed was how Thomas, one of His disciples, always doubted everything. My thoughts immediately turned to Stewardship, and how we, as Orthodox faithful, doubt Stewardship as well. In the context of Holy Week, the Passion Gospels, Christ's crucifixion, His death and Resurrection.... all that Christ was put through, for our personal Salvation, all that Christ experienced, for our personal Salvation, the pain and suffering, for our personal Salvation. It brings tears to my eyes to think all that Christ did for me, my family, my opportunities and yet, I easily pay my monthly bills without a second thought but will question providing my Church, with Time, Talents and Treasures. Christ Is Risen! Let this be a reminder for us.

**Fill out the "STEWARDSHIP" form for 2013. Please give your time and talents!**