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

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**Thomas Sunday April 27th, 2014**

HOLY BREAD: Protinica Gordana Petrović R**EADER: Adam Meador**

**Coffee Sponsor: KSS**

COLLECTION & USHERS:Thomas Frazer

ALTAR HELPERS: Thomas Frazer, Veljko Uverici,Adam Meador

**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 shewed 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 soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever 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.

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 **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS-HEALTH OF:** Zora Droca, Spaso Droca, Heather Komnenović,Stacy,Irma Riordan, Daniel Pană, Jill Dragon Sandy, Cedomir Djokovic, Miroslav Helbich,Joe Mishurda,Charlotte Kovacevic,Milenko Andreic,

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**CHURCH NEEDS SPONSORS FOR LUNCH , CAKE AND COFFEE FOR MAY**

We are asking all who are willing to please be a good steward and volunteer your **time and treasure** to be a **sponsor for coffee hour or lunch.**

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***MEMORIALS/POMENS****:*

*1. In memory of my beloved parents +Todor Sr.,and +Iconie, and beloved wife +Florence Stoini.Offered by Tad Jr.Stoini.*

*2. In memory of +Jennie Pjanic and Jack Richmond. Offered by Teddy & Sam Stoini, Fee,Conie,Vera and Mona*

*3. In memory of +Miles and +Semabrent and+Peter Maisano,offered by Joshua and Patricia Savage.*

**HOMILY About the personal experience of all the apostles**

"What we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands---We proclaim now to you" (1 St. John 1:1).

Behold, such is the apostolic preaching! The apostles do not speak as worldly sages, nor like philosophers and even less as theoreticians who make suppositions about something in order to discover something. The apostles speak about things which they have not sought but which unexpectedly surrounded them; about the fact which they did not discover but, so to speak, unexpectedly found them and seized them. They did not occupy themselves with spiritual researches nor have they studied psychology, neither did they, much less, occupy themselves with spiritism. Their occupation was fishing - one totally experiential physical occupation. While they were fishing, the God-Man [Jesus] appeared to them and cautiously and slowly introduced them to a new vocation in the service of Himself. At first, they did not believe Him but they, still more cautiously and slowly with fear and hesitation and much wavering, came toward Him and recognized Him. Until the apostles saw Him many times with their own eyes and until they discussed Him many times among themselves and, until they felt Him with their own hands, their experienced fact is supernatural but their method of recognizing this fact is thoroughly sensory and positively learned. Not even one contemporary scholar would be able to use a more positive method to know Christ. The apostles saw not only one miracle but numerous miracles. They heard not only one lesson but many lessons which could not be contained in numerous books. They saw the resurrected Lord for forty days; they walked with Him, they conversed with Him, they ate with Him, and they touched Him. In a word: they personally and first handedly had thousands of wondrous facts by which they learned and confirmed one great fact, i.e., that Christ is the God-Man, the Son of the Living God, the Man-loving Savior of mankind and the All-Powerful Judge of the living and the dead.O resurrected Lord confirm us in the faith and ardor of Your Holy Apostles.

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**ELIANA MEADOR!!!**

**Eliana Meador graduated from the University of Cincinnati on Friday April 25th. She earned a Masters in Communication and she is ready to begin her MBA program in august.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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Stewardship Reflection

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

The Sunday of St. Thomas

A reflection from a parishioner...

 The Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.  He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

  Within the Orthodox faith, emphasis is placed on our Salvation and how we prepare. Do we bear fruit or are we considered as dead branches? Each and every day, we must focus on producing fruit from all that God provides. Through Stewardship, we can identify several opportunities for the beneficial use of our Tim, Talents and Treasures.

  We bear fruit for Jesus Christ when we follow His example and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Him, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our financial stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ