

April 26: Sunday of Saint Thomas

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested 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 and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 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 believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the 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.



Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

—*Apolitikion of PASCHA, Plagal 1st Tone*

From the Fathers...on Faith

The reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

–*Saint Augustine*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 27

Acts 3:19-26 • John 2:1-11

Tuesday, April 28

Acts 4:1-10 • John 3:16-21

Wednesday, April 29

Acts 4:13-22 • John 5:17-24

Thursday, April 30: James the Apostle

Acts 12:1-11 • Luke 9:1-6

Friday, May 1

Acts 5:1-11 • John 5:30 – 6:2

Saturday, May 2

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Matthew 5:14-19

Sunday, May 3: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Acts 6:1-7 • Mark 15:43 – 16:8

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