

**SUNDAY 26 APRIL**  
**Hieromartyr Basil of Amásia C4**  
**§ Apostle Thomas**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pascha**

**VESPERS**

**Lord I have cried**

Tone 1

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;  
O Lord, listen to me.

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;  
Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.  
O Lord, listen to me.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer prosper before you like incense,  
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you.

O almighty *Lord*, Jesus, our God, when the doors were shut and the disciples were assembled, you suddenly entered. You stood in their midst, gave them peace and filled them with the Holy Spirit. You ordered them to remain and on no account to leave Jerusalem until they had been clothed with power from above. Therefore we cry to you, "Glory to you, our Illumination, Resurrection and Peace!"

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;  
my soul has waited for your word,  
my soul has hoped in the Lord.  
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

O Lord, eight days after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples in the place where they had gathered. When you had said to them, "Peace be with you, you showed your hands and spotless side to the unbelieving disciple. He was convinced and cried to you, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord  
from morning watch until night,  
from morning watch.

O Christ, Thomas, called the Twin, was not with them when you entered *at the time* when the doors were shut, therefore he did not believe what was told him for the confirmation of faith from unbelief. O Good *Lord*, you did not refuse to show him your spotless side, and the wounds in your hands and your feet. When he had touched and seen, he acknowledged you as not simply God, yet not merely man. He cried to you, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord  
and abundant redemption with him.  
He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

O Saviour, since the disciples hesitated, you came on the eighth day *to the place* where they were gathered together. You gave them peace and cried to Thomas, "O Apostle, come here and probe the palms in which they fixed the nails." O beautiful unbelief of Thomas which led the hearts of the faithful to knowledge! He cried out with fear, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

Tone 2

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;  
every people, acclaim him!

O Lord, after your resurrection, when the disciples were gathered together and the doors were shut, you stood in their midst and gave them peace. O Lover of mankind, Thomas was also convinced by the sight of your hands and side and he acknowledged you as the Lord and God who saves those who place their hope in you.

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us  
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

When the doors were shut, Jesus came to the disciples and gave them boldness and peace. Then he said to Thomas, "Why do you not believe me, for I have risen from the dead? Reach your hand here, thrust it into my side and see. Everyone has learnt about my passion

and resurrection through your unbelief and will cry, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

Glory: Both now: Tone 6

O Christ, when the doors were shut, you came to your disciples. By design Thomas was not then with them, for he said, "I will not believe unless I also see the Master, see the side from which the blood, the water and baptism flowed, see the wound through which the deep wound in man was healed, and see that he was not like some spirit, but flesh and bones." Glory to you, O Lord, who trampled on death and satisfied Thomas!"

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

**Phos Ilarón**

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory  
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,  
when we come to the setting of the sun  
and see the light of evening,  
we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you  
with voices of praise,  
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.  
Therefore the world glorifies you.

P/D: The Evening Prokeimenon

**Prokeimenon Ps 92 Tone 6**

P/D: The Evening Prokeimenon

R: The Lord reigns

*and* is clothed with beauty.

S1: The Lord is covered

and surrounded with power.

S2: He founded the world

which will not be moved.

**Ektení**

**Prayer**

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

**Plirotiká**

**Prayer**

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*.

**Apósticha**

Tone 4

O amazing wonder! Unbelief has become firm faith, for Thomas said, "Unless I see, I will not believe." When he had probed the side, he acknowledged the Son of God as God incarnate; he recognised that he had suffered in the flesh. He proclaimed the risen God and cried with the lamp of his voice, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

S1: O Jerusalem, praise the Lord;

O Zion praise your God. Ps 147

O amazing wonder! The grass which touched the fire is safe, for when Thomas put his hand into the fiery side of Jesus, who is Christ and God, he was not consumed by touching him. He changed the

doubt of his soul into true faith with fervour. He cried out from the depths of his soul, "You are my Master and my God; glory to you, for you have been raised from the dead!"

S2: For he has strengthened the bars of your gates. O amazing wonder! John leant on the breast of the Word, but Thomas was found worthy to handle his side. The former drew with fear the depth of Theology and dispensation, while the latter was found worthy to initiate us, for he clearly provided proofs of your resurrection as he cried out, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

Glory: Both now: Tone 6

O Lover of mankind, great and immeasurable is the abundance of your mercies. You endured being struck by the Jews, probed by the Apostle and deeply investigated by those who rejected you. How did you become incarnate? How were you who are sinless crucified? Make us understand, as you did Thomas who cried to you, "Glory to you, my Lord and my God!"

### Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word,  
<sup>2</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before all peoples,  
<sup>3</sup> a light of revelation for *the* nations and *the* glory of your people Israel.

### Triságion Prayers

#### Apolytikion

Tone 7

O Christ *our* God, while the tomb was sealed, you dawned as Life from the tomb. While the doors were shut you came to your Disciples as the Resurrection of all and through them renewed an upright spirit for us in accordance with your great mercy. X3

#### Dismissal

#### ORTHROS

#### God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*  
S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
S2: All the nations surrounded me,  
but I resisted them in the name of the Lord.  
S3: This *is* the Lord's doing  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

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#### Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

#### Kathisma 1

Tone 1

O good *Lord*, when the disciples were gathered in Zion, in an upper chamber for fear of the Jews, you came in to them although the doors were closed. You stood in their midst, filled them with joy and showed them the wounds in your hands and your most pure side. You said to the doubting disciple, "Stretch out your hand, touch and know that I am he who suffered for your sake." X2

#### Kathisma 2

Tone 1

When the Lord rose from the tomb and appeared ineffably to the disciples, he said, "O Thomas, why do you not believe in my

resurrection now that you have seen my side and the imprint of the nails?" Didymus was convinced and cried out to the Creator, saying, "You are truly my Lord and my God!" X2

*Polyeleos*

#### Kathisma 3

Tone 1

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#### Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

#### Anaváthmi Ps 128 Tone 4

<sup>1</sup> Many passions have fought against me from my youth,  
but help me and save me, O my Saviour. X2  
<sup>2</sup> Those who hate Zion will be shamed by the Lord;  
they will be withered like grass by the fire. X2  
Glory:  
<sup>3</sup> Every soul lives through the Holy Spirit, is exalted in purity  
and illuminated by the Triune Unity in a sacred mystery.  
Both now:  
<sup>4</sup> The streams of grace pour out through the Holy Spirit;  
they water all creation and produce life.

#### Prokeímenon Ps 147 Tone 4

R: O Jerusalem, praise the Lord;  
O Zion praise your God.  
S: For he has strengthened the bars of your gates.

#### Small Litany

For you are the King of Peace and Saviour of our souls, and we send up glory to you, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

#### Kontákion

*Read without note.*

Tone 8

O Christ *our* God, Thomas touched your life-giving side with an eager hand when you came to your apostles through closed doors. He cried out to all, "You are my Lord and my God!"

#### Íkos

Which disciple was preserved unharmed when he drew near to touch the fire of the wound of the Lord? Who was given the courage to touch the flesh of the one whom no one can touch? You shook what was on high and what was below by your sufferings, and, if it were not for the strength which was given to his right hand, he could not have touched you. Thomas was given this grace and when he touched you, O Christ God, he cried out, "You are my Lord and my God."

#### Synaxáριον

Today we remember the holy hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amásia who lived in the Fourth Century. Because he never sacrificed to the Emperor or to the idols of Zefs, Basil was sacrificed on the Twenty Sixth.

Together with him we remember:  
The Just Virgin Glaphyra C4  
Holy Yoannicius of Serbia C13  
Bishop Stephen of Perm C14

#### Ypómнима

Today on the second Sunday after Pascha we celebrate the new things of Christ's resurrection. We also remember the holy apostle Thomas. When the Saviour appeared through closed doors, Thomas was convinced about the resurrection and confessed, "My Lord and my God!" O Christ our God have mercy on us through his prayers.

## Katavasias

### Tone 1

1: It is the day of Resurrection; O people, let us be radiant. It is Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord, for Christ our God has made us pass from death to life and from earth to heaven. We sing the triumphal song. "Christ is risen from the tomb."

3: Come and drink a new drink, not one miraculously produced from a barren rock, but from the Spring of incorruption which pours out from the tomb of Christ in whom we are made firm

4: Let the Prophet Habakkuk, who was inspired by God, stand with us in the divine guard. Let him point out the radiant Angel, who announces with resounding voice, "To-day there is salvation for the world, for Christ has risen as the almighty *Lord*."

5: Let us rise before the dawn and offer praise to the Master instead of myrrh. We shall see Christ, the Sun of justice, who makes life dawn for everyone.

6: O Christ, you descended into the deepest parts of the earth and shattered the eternal shackles of those that those who were chained. On the third day you rose from the tomb like Jonah from the whale.

7: The one who set free the children from the furnace, becomes man and suffers as a mortal. The one who is the only blessed and most glorious God of our fathers clothes the mortal through suffering with the splendour of incorruption.

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord. This is the chosen and holy day, the first of Sabbaths, the Queen and Lady, the Feast of Feasts, and the Festival of Festivals, on which we bless Christ for ever.

## Gospel Dialogue

P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*

P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*.

R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*

Praise God in his saints;

praise him in the firmament of his power. Ps 50

P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*

P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

P/D: Let us attend

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

## Eothinón Gospel 1

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (28:16-20)

At that time the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." Amen.

## Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy  
and wipe out my offence through your great pity.

<sup>4</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act  
and cleanse me from my sin,

<sup>5</sup> for I know my lawlessness  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>6</sup> I have sinned against you alone  
and done what is evil before you

<sup>6b</sup> so that you might be right in your words  
and overcome when you are judged,

<sup>7</sup> for see, I was conceived in lawlessness  
and my mother desired me in sin,

<sup>8</sup> for see, you have loved truth  
and shown me the mysteries and secrets of your wisdom.

<sup>9</sup> You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

<sup>10</sup> You will make me hear about joy and gladness;  
humbled bones will rejoice.

<sup>11</sup> Turn your face from my sins  
and wipe out all my lawlessness.

<sup>12</sup> O God, create a pure heart within me  
and renew an upright spirit within me.

<sup>13</sup> Do not banish me from your presence  
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>14</sup> Restore your saving joy to me  
and strengthen me with your directing Spirit.

<sup>15</sup> I will teach the lawless your ways  
and the ungodly will return to you.

<sup>16</sup> O God, God of my salvation, free me from bloodshed,  
*then* my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

<sup>17</sup> O Lord, you will open my lips  
and my mouth will announce your praise,

<sup>18</sup> for if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;  
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

<sup>19</sup> Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;  
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.

<sup>20</sup> O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure  
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built,

<sup>21</sup> then you will be pleased with a just sacrifice,  
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;  
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 6

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences  
through the prayers of the apostles.

Both now:

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences  
through the prayers of the Theotokos.

Have mercy:

Jesus has risen from the tomb as he foretold  
and grants us eternal life and great mercy.

## Intercession

### Short Form

P/D: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven, through the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy, all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, Ioachim and Anna, of the holy apostle Thomas, of the Hieromartyr Basil, and of all the saints. We ask you, only merciful Lord, "Listen to us sinners as we pray to you, and have mercy on us."

*Lord have mercy. X12*

Through the mercy, compassion and love for the human race of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*.

*The Magnificat is not sung.*

## Ode 9

Tone 1

Let us praise the Theotokos in songs, for she is the bright candle, the most wonderful glory and is higher than all creation.

O radiant Christ, we praise in songs your most brilliant day on which, in an illuminating grace, you appeared to your disciples.

We praise you in songs, for we touch you with our frail hands and are not consumed by your divine being.

O Christ, we praise you in songs, for you have risen without being seen, yet we have believed with a sincere love.

9: The Angel cried to her who is full of grace, "Rejoice, O pure Virgin, rejoice!" And again I say, "Rejoice!" for your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has dawned on you. O Zion, dance now and rejoice and you, O pure Theotokos, also rejoice at the resurrection of him whom you bore.

### Holy is the Lord

Holy is the Lord our God. X3  
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool.  
for he is holy.

### Exaposteilária

Tone 1

O Thomas, do not be faithless to me; I was wounded for your sake. Probe my wounds with your hand; be of one mind with my disciples and proclaim that I am a living God. X2

Today the fragrance of Spring spreads forth; the new creation will rejoice. Today the locks will be taken from the doors by the faithlessness of the beloved Thomas as he cries out, "My Lord and my God!"

### Praises

Tone 1

Let everything with breath  
praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his powers.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

S6: Praise him for his mighty *deeds*;  
praise him for the abundance of his majesty.

S5: Praise him with the trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp.

O life-giver Christ, after your fearful resurrection, you did not break the seals of the tomb. In the same way you appeared to your glorious apostles although the doors were locked. You filled them with the joy of your Holy Spirit in your boundless mercy. X2

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;  
praise him with strings and flute.

O Christ, Thomas the twin was not present when you appeared in the midst of your disciples. He would not believe that you were risen. He cried out to those who had seen you, "Unless I thrust my hand into his side and unless I place my finger in the marks of the nails, I will not believe that he is risen."

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;  
praise him with joyful cymbals.

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Christ said to Thomas, "Probe as you wish; thrust in your hand. You will recognise me, for I still have a material body. Doubt no more, but believe like the others." Then Thomas cried out, "You are my Lord and my God, glory to your resurrection!"

Glory: Both now: Tone 6

O Jesus, our King, O Word, the only Son of the Father, eight days after your resurrection, although the doors were shut, you appeared to your disciples. Granting them peace, you showed your wounds to the doubting disciple, saying, "Reach out and touch my hands and my feet; probe my side, the fountain of incorruption." His faith was confirmed and he cried out saying, "My Lord and my God", glory to you!"

### Great Doxology

- Glory to you who have shown us the light!  
glory to God in the highest!  
Peace on earth and goodwill to men!
- <sup>2</sup> We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,
- <sup>3</sup> O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,  
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
and you, O Holy Spirit!
- <sup>4</sup> O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us,  
for you take away the sin of the world.
- <sup>5</sup> Receive our prayer,  
for you sit on the right of the Father,  
and have mercy on us.
- <sup>6</sup> For only you are holy, only you are Lord,  
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless you every day  
and praise your name for ever  
and to the ages of ages. Ps 144.2
- <sup>8</sup> O Lord, allow us this day  
to be kept from sin.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!  
Praised and glorified is your name for ever. Amen Dan 3
- <sup>10</sup> O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,  
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.22
- <sup>16</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord!  
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118.12
- <sup>12</sup> O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from generation to generation. Ps 89.1
- I said, "Lord, have mercy on me;  
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40.5
- <sup>14</sup> O Lord, I have fled to you;  
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142:10
- <sup>15</sup> For with you is the source of life  
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35.10
- <sup>16</sup> Extend your mercy  
to those who know you. Ps 35.11

### Triságion

### Apolytikion

Tone 7

O Christ *our* God, while the tomb was sealed, you dawned as Life from the tomb. While the doors were shut you came to your Disciples as the Resurrection of all and through them renewed an upright spirit for us in accordance with your great mercy.

### LITURGY

#### Antiphon 1 Ps 65 Tone 2

S1: All the earth, shout with joy to the Lord.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us.

S2: Make music to his name *and* give glory in his praise.

S3: Say to God, "How fearful are your works!"

S4: Let all the earth worship you and make music to you.

S5: Glory: Both now:

#### Antiphon 2 Ps 66 Own Tone

S1: May God pity us and bless us;  
may he make his face shine on us and be merciful to us.

R: Save us, O Son of God.  
You arose from the dead.  
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

S2: May we know your way on earth,  
your salvation among all the nations.

S3: O God, let the peoples thank you;  
let all the peoples thank you.

S4: May God bless us

and all the ends of the earth fear him.

S5: Glory: Both now:  
*Monogenes*

### **Antiphon 3 Ps 67 & 117 Tone 8**

S1: Let God rise and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee from his presence.

R: Christ is risen from the dead!  
He has trampled down death by death  
and granted life to those in the tombs.

S2: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish,  
as wax melts before fire.

S3: So let sinners perish at the presence of God;  
let the just be festive.

S4: This *is* the day which the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

S5: Glory: Both now:

### **Entrance Ps 67**

Bless God, in *the* assemblies,  
the Lord from the springs of Israel.  
Save us, O Son of God.  
You have risen from the dead.  
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

### **Apolytikion**

Tone 7

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### **Kontáktion**

Tone 8

O immortal *Lord*, although you descended into the grave, yet you overthrew the power of Hades; O Christ *our* God, you rose as conqueror. You greeted the women bearing myrrh, saying, "Rejoice!" As you grant resurrection to the fallen, you give peace to your apostles.

### **Triságion**

### **Prokeímenon Ps 146 Tone 3**

R: Great is our Lord and great is his strength!  
S: Praise the Lord for he is good;

### **Apóstolos**

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. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honour. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. <sup>19</sup> But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### **Alleluia Ps 94 Tone 8**

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,  
*and* shout with joy to God our Saviour.  
S2: For the Lord is a great God  
and a high king over all the earth.

### **Gospel**

From the Holy 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." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me, Thomas? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> 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.

### **Especially**

Tone 1

Let us praise the Theotokos in songs, for she is the bright candle, the most wonderful glory and is higher than all creation.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has dawned on you. O Zion, dance now and rejoice and you, O pure Theotokos, also rejoice at the resurrection of him whom you bore.

### **Communion**

Receive the Body of Christ;  
partake from the Fountain of immortality. Alleluia!