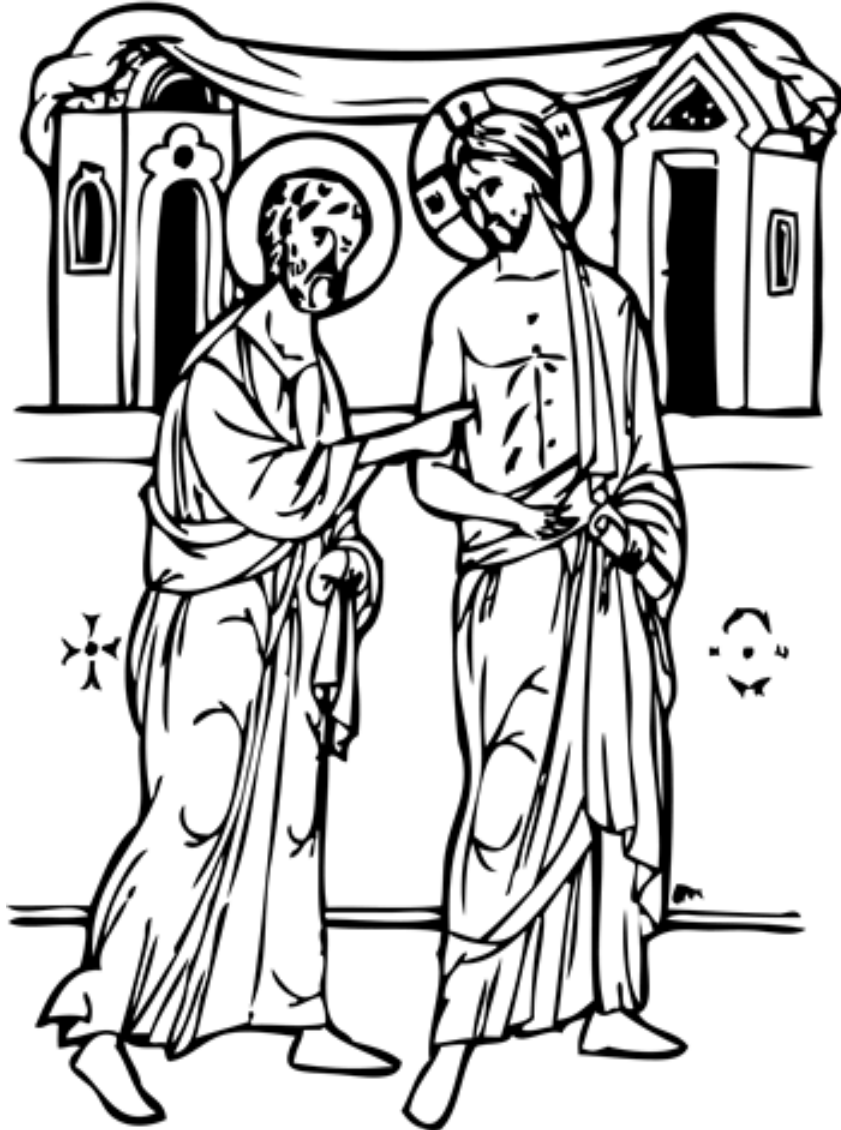


“My Lord and my God!”

· THE DOUBTING THOMAS ·



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“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

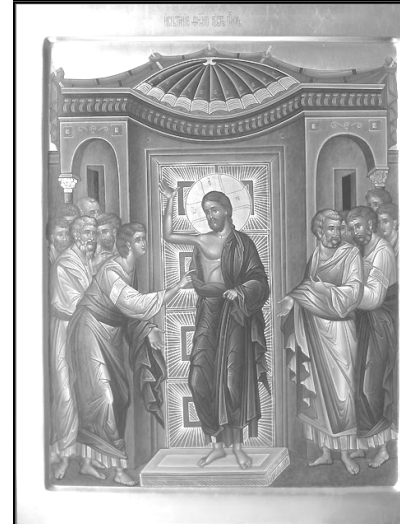
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The Resurrection is Life!



Have you ever seen a t-shirt that says something like, “Soccer is life” or “Basketball is life” or maybe “Dancing is life”? Maybe you even have one yourself? Usually, the person wearing it doesn’t *really* believe basketball or soccer is the most important thing in the world, but still, it means a whole lot to him or her!

After our Lord rose from the dead, He showed this Good News to many people. Today, in the Gospel, we hear about how He showed Himself to most of His disciples, and later to Thomas too. The Gospel tells us, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples...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.” The Gospel tells us, that’s why Jesus came here! That’s why He died and rose from the dead. So that we may have life in His name!

The Resurrection is life! Jesus came to earth to give us life! Nothing else can give us life like our Lord Jesus Christ has given us! Soccer, basketball, dancing, money, houses, fun, parties... those things can’t give us life. Jesus gives us life. He opened heaven for us, so that when we die, we can really live forever with Him. The Resurrection is life because Christ is risen!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Apostle
Believing
Christ is risen
Faith
Good News
Life
Peace be with you
Resurrection
Share
Thomas

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What's in an icon?

This icon shows us the story we hear in the Gospel today!

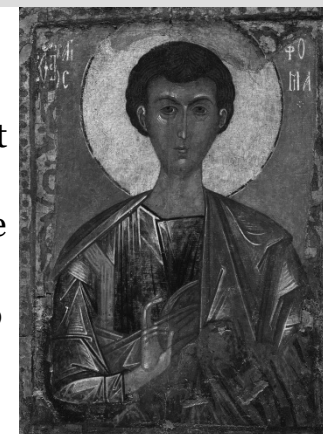
Do you see the resurrected Christ? Do you see Thomas, ready to touch His side?



SAINT THOMAS A MAN OF REAL FAITH

Did you hear the Gospel today?

Today, we hear the story about Jesus's disciple and friend, Thomas. We hear how he missed out on seeing the Lord, after He had risen from the dead. We hear how Thomas just couldn't believe this news. Then, we hear how Jesus gave Thomas a second chance, and He invited Thomas to touch Him and believe that He had really risen from the dead! Then Thomas believed. "My Lord and my God!" he cried.



Sometimes people blame St. Thomas for not having enough faith. But isn't St. Thomas really like us sometimes? Sometimes we forget all the wonderful things that God has done for us, and we forget to thank Him! Sometimes we forget all the miracles God has done, and we forget to pray to Him! Sometimes our faith starts out like St. Thomas's faith.

After the Resurrection, St. Thomas went on to become an amazing saint in our Church. He traveled outside the Roman Empire, and he told many, many people about Christ—His life, His death, His rising from the dead, and that He will come again someday. He traveled throughout the Middle East, and he even went as far as India.

Let us all try to have faith as strong as the faith of St. Thomas! He really knew and believed that CHRIST IS RISEN!

We celebrate the Apostle Thomas today, the Sunday after Easter, and October 6th.