



# SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον  
πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν  
χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling  
down upon death, and to those in the tombs He  
has granted life.

## **Apolytikion of Thomas Sunday.**

### **Grave Mode.**

Though the tomb was sealed, You, O Life, rose  
up from the grave, O Christ our God. And  
though the doors were shut, You came before  
the disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing  
through them a right Spirit in us, according to  
Your great mercy.

### **Kontakion of Pascha. 4<sup>th</sup> Mode.**

Though You descended to the tomb, Immortal  
One, You then completely tore the strength of  
Hades down, and You rose up, as one who  
conquers all, Christ our God, calling out to the  
myrrh-bearing women: "Rejoice, it is I", and You  
gave Your divine peace to all Your Apostles, too,  
You, who have granted the fallen to rise again.

### **APOSTOLIC READING · Acts 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."

### **GOSPEL READING · Jn. 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.

### **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

### **COMMUNION PRAYERS**

*(Read aloud by the Congregation)*

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown and make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen. How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of future life and Kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper. I will not reveal your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief, I confess to You: Lord, Remember me in Your Kingdom.