

Sunday 23 April 2017 · 2nd Sunday of Pascha · St Thomas Sunday

Holy Glorious Great Martyr George

MATINS

At the beginning:

Priest: Blessed is our God ...

Reader: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead ... (2½ times)

Reader: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

The Reader continues the Trisagion Prayers: “Glory to the Father ...”, “All Holy Trinity ...” etc.

Before the Six Psalms, instead of “Glory to God in the highest ...” and “O Lord, open Thou my lips ...” sing “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.” (3 times)

“**God is the Lord...**” with its stichoi in Tone 7, then the Troparia:

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Glory ...

Tone 4 Troparion of Saint George Sheet

Both now ...

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The **Kathismata** are read for Saint Thomas Sunday and for Saint George as follows:

First Kathisma

Behold, with spring the season of grace hath arisen, and for all doth shine the Resurrection of Christ. Together with this doth shine for all the festive day of the light-mantled Great-martyr George. Wherefore, let us all together, wrapped in our radiant garments, celebrate with holy joy.

Glory ... Both now ...

As the disciples were gathered in the upper chamber in Zion, for fear of the Jews, Thou didst come to them, O good One. Thou didst stand in their midst, the doors being shut, and didst fill them with joy. Thou didst show them the wounds of Thy hands and Thine immaculate side, saying unto the doubting disciple: “Put out thy hand and examine me; for it is I, Who did suffer for thy sake.”

Second Kathisma

O victory-clad and all-blessed George, thou didst fervently seek Christ, and thus thou didst courageously bring down the shrines of the error of idolatry; and in the stadium thou didst confess Christ as God. Wherefore, O all-glorious Saint George, pray to Christ our God, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

Glory ... Both now ...

The doors being shut, Thou didst stand in the midst of Thy Disciples, O Christ, the Life of all. Thou didst show them Thy wounded side, Thy hands and feet, thus confirming Thy

Resurrection from the tomb. But Thomas was absent; hence he said to them: “If I see not with mine own eyes, I will not believe your words.”

Third Kathisma

Thou didst diligently sow the seeds of divine commandments, O glorious Martyr George, and thou didst piously distribute thy whole wealth to the poor, gaining in its place the divine glory of Christ. Wherefore, thou didst advance to holy contests with faith. And when thou didst become a partaker with the Passionless One in His Passion and Resurrection, thou didst partake of His uncreated rule; now thou dost entreat Him on behalf of us all.

Glory ... Both now ...

When the Lord rose from the tomb and appeared ineffably to the Disciples, He said: “O Thomas, since thou hast seen My side and the prints of the nails, no longer disbelieve in My Rising.” Then the twin believed, and cried out to the Creator: “Truly Thou art my Lord and my God!”

Polieley is sung

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The Polieley is followed by the **Magnification:**

Priest: We magnify, we magnify Thee, O Christ the Giver of Life, who for our sakes descended into Hades, and hast with Thyself raised up all things!

Choir: We magnify ...

Reader: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty! *We magnify ...*

Reader: The Lord is King; he is girded with strength! *We magnify ...*

Reader: Glory ... Both now ... *We magnify ...*

Benedictions (Evlogetaria) are **OMITTED**

Anabathmoi in Tone 4

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Prokeimenon

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, * Praise thy God, O Zion.

v. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates, He hath blessed thy children within thee.

The 1st Eothinon Gospel is read.

After the Gospel:

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ ...”

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Psalm 50

Troparia following Psalm 50

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The Intercession

The **Great Doxology** with the **Troparion for Saint Thomas Sunday**: Green Book page 84.

DIVINE LITURGY

AT THE BEGINNING

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead ... (2½ times)

Choir: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

FESTAL ANTIPHONS as at Pascha

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ENTRANCE HYMN

In the Churches bless God the Lord from the springs of Israel! O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

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Both now ...

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TRISAGION

PROKEIMENON Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! * His understanding is beyond measure!

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

PROKEIMENON Tone 7

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord * and shall hope in Him.

EPISTLE: Acts 5:12-20 (Begins “In those days ...”) & Acts 12:1-11

ALLELUIA

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

v: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 & John 15:17-16:2

MEGALYNARION

“The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace ...”

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: “O God, save Thy people ...”

Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead ...” (once, instead of “We have seen the True Light ...”)

Priest: “Always, now and ever ...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled ...” as usual