

## May 5, 2019: Second Sunday after Easter (Of St. Thomas)

### Epistle: The Acts 5:12-20:

*And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."*

### Gospel: John 20:19-31:



*Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, 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. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them;*

*if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.*

Following His third-day Resurrection, Christ appeared first to the myrrh-bearing women with the greeting "Hail," and then to His disciples with the greeting "Peace be to you."

Having seen the tragic ending of their Master's life, the Apostles were afraid for their own lives. They needed to have their inner peace restored because their mandate (which they would receive 40 days later) to evangelize the world was a difficult one. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (who would descend upon them 50 days later), they were supposed to continue the work begun by their Master.

While He was with them, Christ used to forgive the sins of the people ("your sins are forgiven, go in peace"). Now, the disciples receive this great gift: *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.*"

May the risen Lord give us also His peace and forgiveness of our sins!

**Fr. George Bazgan**

### **Sunday Fellowship**

**The following families are scheduled to look after  
this Sunday's fellowship:**

**Dinca Cornel & Gabriela  
Serghe Ioan & Rozica  
Tantas Ioan & Simona**

**Thank you all very much!**

### **Altar boys for this Sunday:**

**Alexander Ștefănescu  
Alexandru Mustea**

## Church Anniversary

Our Church Anniversary will be celebrated on May 26, 2019, in the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae and His Grace Bishop Ioan Casian. The stained glass windows will be blessed and our church will be elevated to the rank of Cathedral.

For tickets (\$75.00/person), contact Mariana Diaconu: 780-473-6711  
or 780-660-4748 (texting only).

No refunds after May 12.

The number of seats is limited.

## Church Directory

To all members, supporters and friends:

In honor of our Church being elevated to Cathedral status (May 26, 2019), the Church Board is planning a Church Directory, containing color pictures of Church members and supporters who wish to participate.

A professional photographer will be at our Hall every day, beginning Tuesday, April 30 – May 4, between 2:00 - 8:30 PM and 10:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday. Everyone is fervently requested to, please, make an appointment to have their free family picture taken (done in 15 minutes).

The photographers will be at the Hall for one more week, Tuesday, May 14 – through Friday, May 17 (2:00 -8:30 PM) and Saturday, May 18 (10:00-4:00).

Those who participate will receive a free Church Directory.

Our expert, Darline Shelemey, volunteered to spearhead this very Special 2019 Directory and needs your help so no one is overlooked. Please, contact Darline as soon as possible to schedule your 15 minute appointment at your convenience, at 780 – 908 - 4806) or email: [dshelemey@hotmail.com](mailto:dshelemey@hotmail.com)

The Sunday School students and teachers photo will be taken on Sunday, May 5 after the Divine Liturgy.

It is very important that everyone participate in this event.

Your support is very much appreciated.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

## **ANIVERSARY IN BOIAN**

**On Sunday, June 9, St. Mary of Boian parish will be celebrating Fr. Mircea Panciuk's 50 year anniversary of uninterrupted service (1969-2019).**

### **PROGRAM:**

**9:30, Divine Liturgy;**

**1:30, Anniversary Banquet in Willingdon.**

**For tickets (\$50/person), contact DARLINE SHELEMEY at  
la 780-908-4806 sau prin email: [dshelemey@hotmail.com](mailto:dshelemey@hotmail.com)**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**The Board of Directors extends a warm appeal to all supporters of our parish, asking them to pay their membership as soon as possible.**

**This way we can ensure that we have the necessary funds to fulfill our financial obligations during the Summer months and for the rest of the year as well.**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**