

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 2, 2016 *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Tone 6

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina,
and Martyr Theoctistus, of Nicomedia;
Bl. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, at Constantinople;
Martyrs David and Constantine, Princes of
Georgia

9:15a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Saturday, October 8

4:30p Vigil *Resurrection Gospel V*

Sunday, October 9

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 7

Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow
and All Russia, Enlightener of North America
Holy Apostle James (Jacob), Son of Alphæus;
Ven. Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia, of
Egypt; Righteous forefather Abraham, and his
nephew, Lot; Martyrs Juventius and Maximus
at Antioch; St. Publia the Confessor, Deaconess,
of Antioch; Ven. Peter of Galatia

9:15a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Apostle Thomas

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says St John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine,

Choir Singers Needed!

This year's Feast of St. John of Chicago will include an Akathist, Vigil, and Divine Liturgy, for which we will need choir singers.

So far, we wish to schedule three rehearsals, and request that all who wish to sing at the Feast be present for at least two of them.

Wednesday, October 12

Tuesday, October 18

Thursday, October 27

Time: 6:30p or 7:00p (be sure to check your email box and bulletins for further information).

We envision two of the rehearsals taking place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the remaining rehearsal taking place at a suburban location (to be determined).

Any thoughts on the proposed dates are welcome. Please contact either Philip Sokolov, or Yury Orlov with your ideas and suggestions.

Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.

The Return of the Icon

On Sunday, October 9, we will be showing “The Return of the Icon,” chronicles the return of Our Lady of Tikhvin to Holy Dormition Monastery, Tikhvin, Russia.

In 2004, His Eminence, Metropolitan VLADIMIR, of St. Petersburg, received the icon in order to place her in her home in Tikhvin.

This presentation details her return through Riga, Latvia, Moscow, St. Petersburg, coming home to Tikhvin, produced by Fr. Sergei’s son-in-law (a professional producer).

For those who were not with us for this historic event, it explains the deep love and affection the faithful of Russia have for this miraculous icon.

Our thanks to William Fetterly, who is providing the equipment necessary for this screening, for his helpfulness.

Please be sure to stay and see this wonderful presentation.

Open House Chicago Docents

We will need several docents to help with this year’s Open House Chicago, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16.

We will need five (5) people to be at the Cathedral from 9:00a until 12:00 Noon; five (5) from Noon until 2:00p; five (5) from 2:00p until 5:00p.

The more folks we have available, the easier it will be for all.

If you’re interested, please contact Fr. John at your earliest convenience.

St. John of Chicago Day

This year, the celebration of St. John of Chicago Day will be transferred to Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30.

His Grace MSTISLAV, Bishop of Tikhvin and Ladeinoye Polye, will present Holy Trinity Cathedral with a replica of the Tikhvin Mother of God icon.

Once their itinerary is set, there will be many activities and services for this year's feastday.

Notably, there will be a banquet to honor His Grace and this special event.

Please, mark your calendars now to set aside time to join in the services, festivities, and dinner.

Please be sure to come!

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