

## THE HOLY PROPHET JEREMIAH

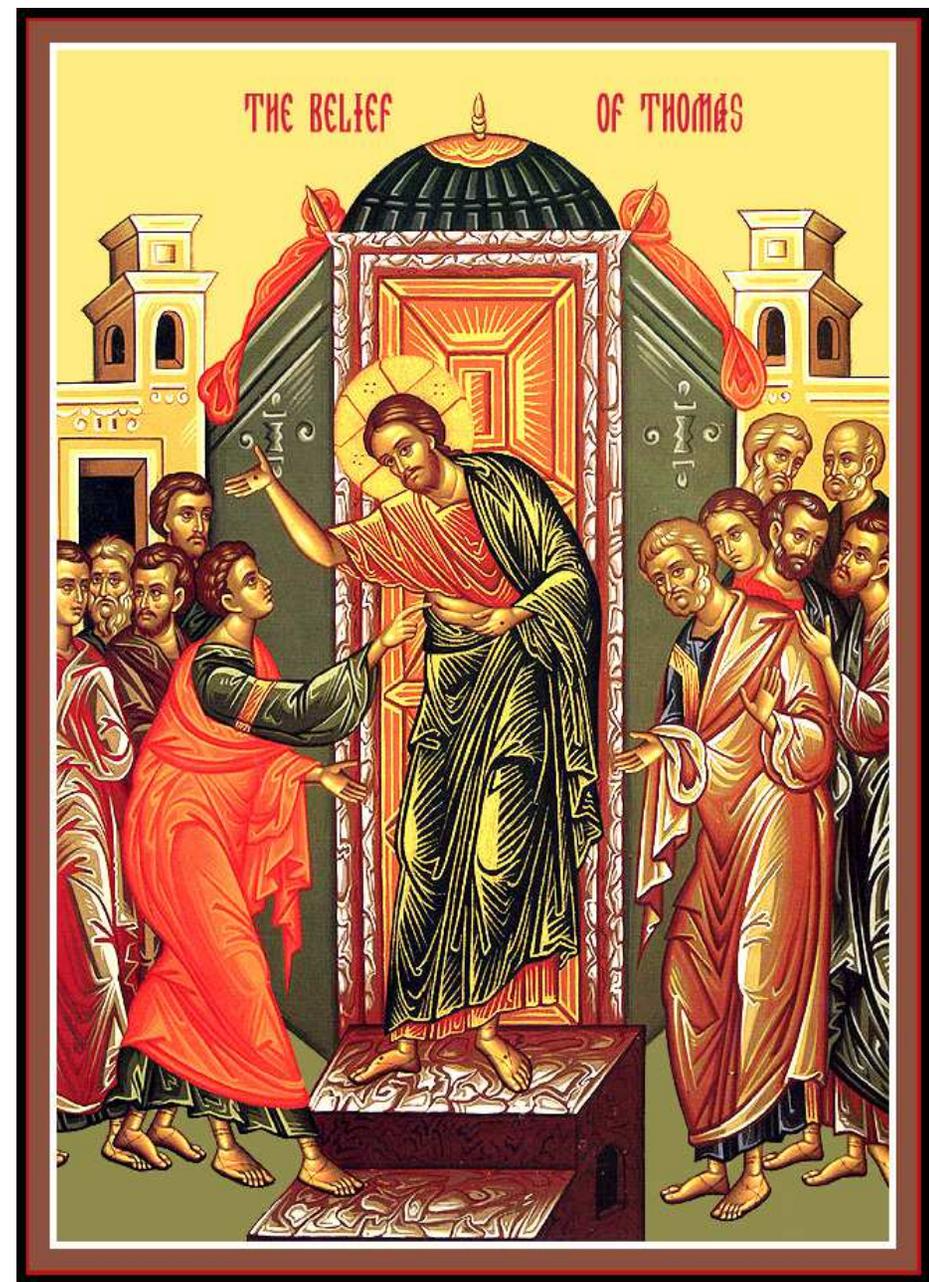
Jeremiah, one of the four great Old Testament prophets, was son of the priest Helkiah from Anathoth near Jerusalem. He lived 600 years before the Birth of Christ. He was called to prophetic service at age 15, when the Lord revealed to him that even before his birth he had been chosen. Jeremiah refused, citing his youth and lack of skill at speaking, but the Lord promised to be always with him. He touched the mouth of Jeremiah and said, "Behold, I have put My words into your mouth. Behold, I have appointed you this day over nations and kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to rebuild, and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:9-10). Jeremiah then prophesied for 23 years, denouncing the Jews for abandoning the true God and worshipping idols, predicting sorrows and devastating wars. He stood by the gates of the city and the Temple entrance, everywhere the people gathered; and he exhorted them with tears. The people, however, mocked and abused him and even tried to kill him.

Jeremiah placed an iron yoke on his own neck, depicting for the Jews their impending enslavement to the king of Babylon. Enraged, the Jewish elders threw him into a pit of slimy creatures, where he almost died. A God-fearing official pulled him out, but he did not cease his prophecies and was carted off to prison. Under the Jewish king Zedekiah, his prophecy was fulfilled.

Nebuchadnezzar came and slaughtered many people; others were carried off into captivity. Jerusalem was pillaged and destroyed. The king released Jeremiah and permitted him to live where he wanted; the prophet remained at the ruins of Jerusalem and bewailed his nation's misfortune.

The Jews who remained in their fatherland clashed with the king's forces, and the king's viceroy was murdered. In fear, the Jews fled into Egypt. Jeremiah predicted their punishment would befall them in Egypt, but the Jews would not listen to him. They forced him to go along. There the prophet lived for 4 years. He was respected by the Egyptians because by his prayers he killed crocodiles and other creatures infesting the land. When Jeremiah prophesied that the King of Babylon would invade Egypt and annihilate the Jews living there, the Jews murdered him. In that very same year the saint's prophecy was fulfilled.

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TONE 1

MAY 1, 2022

## **ANTIPASCHA** **SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

### **St. Thomas Sunday**

**Prophet Jeremiah; Martyr Bata the Persian;**  
**Rt. Blv. Tamar, Queen of Georgia; Van. Paphnutius, Abbot of Boróvsk;**  
**Hieromartyr Makáry, Metropolitan of Kiev;**  
**New Martyrs Euthymius, Ignatius, and Acacius, of Mt. Athos;**  
**Ven. Nicephoros of Chios;**  
**Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "Unexpected Joy"**

“Today, the air is filled with the fragrance of spring, and all creation rejoices at its renewal. As locked doors could not prevent Christ’s presence, neither did unbelief deprive Thomas of faith, so that he exclaimed: You are my Lord and my God.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

“When your enlightened heart had been purified by the fire of the Holy Spirit, you received the gift of prophecy from on high, O prophet and martyr, Jeremiah. And throughout the land you made it clear to all that there is only one God and we shall have no other. It is He who has taken flesh and appeared on earth.”

Kontakion, Tone III

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 5:12-20

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Today, May 1  
Saturday, May 7

Noon Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery  
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, May 2  
Tuesday, May 3  
(Ven. Theodosius)  
Wednesday, May 4  
Thursday, May 5  
Friday, May 6  
Saturday, May 7  
(St. Alexis)

Acts 3:19-26  
Acts 4:1-10  
Hebrews 13:7-16  
Acts 4:13-22  
Acts 4:23-31  
Acts 5:1-11  
Acts 5:21-33  
Galatians 1:11-19

John 2:1-11  
John 3:16-21  
Matthew 11:27-30  
John 5:17-24  
John 5:24-30  
John 5:30-6:2  
John 6:14-27  
John 10:1-9

**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY:**

6-7	Retreat at St. Matthew Church
14, Saturday	Noon EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon
22, Sunday	4:00 p.m. IOCC Anniversary Banquet

***RAISING THE ROOF!***

HTOC PARISHIONERS ARE DEFINITELY RISING TO THE CHALLENGE!  
 WE HAVE ATTACHED A "PROGRESS" PAGE TO OUR TRINITARIAN TODAY,  
 CHARTING THE GROWTH IN OUR SPECIAL ROOF REPAIR FUND.  
 LET'S CONTINUE THE ENCOURAGING UPWARD MOVEMENT ON THE GRAPH!  
**MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED!**

**ST. THOMAS SUNDAY GRAVE BLESSINGS:**

Fr. Alexander will be at St. Theodosius Cemetery today at noon for those wishing to have graves of family members blessed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**RETREAT:**

St. Matthew Church is hosting a free-will offering retreat on May 6-7; the guest speaker is Fr. Stephen Freeman, author of Everywhere Present, Christianity In A One-Story Universe. Times are 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, and 9:30-4:00 on Saturday with lunch provided. Further details are in the Fellowship Hall.

**IOCC BANQUET:**

The 30th Anniversary Banquet of the IOCC is Sunday, May 22, at St. Sava Church in Broadview Hts. Doors open at 4:00, with dinner at 5:00. Your support will help families in the U.S., as well as Ukraine, Greece, Syria and Ethiopia. Tickets are \$50; see Diane Hastings or Paula Svilar. Details are in the Hall.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Refreshments today are donated by the Svilar and Griebel Families.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Mat. Claudia Virosteck for all those named Thomas or have Thomas as their patron saint.

**KEEPING WATCH:**

Thank you to those who offered their time to keep watch over the shroud: the Gluntz Family, Diane Hastings, Jason Howe, Logan Johnson, Dn. Anthony and Dianna Kall.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

On Sunday, June 19, there will be a retirement luncheon for Fr. Alexander at St. Michael's Woodside. More details will be posted here as the date nears.

**PASCHA FLOWERS:**

Many thanks to all who donated toward the lovely flowers for our Paschal season.

**EOWG LUNCHEON:**

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild is holding their annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon here at HTOC Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 14, at noon. There will be a Gift Basket Auction and door prizes as well as a delicious meal. Reservations are required; no tickets will be sold at the door. Adults-\$15; children-\$7.50; ages 6 and under are free. See Joanne Stoyka for tickets.

**REMINDER - RUMMAGE SALE:**

The dates for our Summer Rummage Sale are July 28, 29, and 30. Please start saving items to donate. Just as last year, everything should be in good condition; no clothes, shoes, or upholstered furniture. Do not bring items to the church at this time; drop-off options will be announced at a later date. Together we'll make this another great sale!

*"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound.  
 Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry,  
 both to abound and to suffer need.  
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
 Philippians 4:12-13*

# Let's Raise the Roof!!

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**PASCHAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE  
METROPOLITAN TIKHON  
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST 2022**

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Dear Beloved Children in the Lord,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

I greet you in the joy of the Resurrection on this “chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days” (Paschal Canon, Ode 8). Great and Holy Pascha truly is the “king and lord of days.” On this day our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ shines with the victory of life over death, life which is given by Him as a gift to the whole human race.

Amidst the daily news that prompts feelings of anxiety and despair, the present feast offers us our only true help. We take comfort that, in His great love for mankind, our Lord has forever banished the futile senselessness of death, which is the “last enemy” (1 Cor 15:26). Our slavery to fear and sin and death is abolished by the King of Glory, “The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle” (Ps 23[4]:8).

The dark and gloomy grave is now filled with light. We have no need to fear death—our Lord has vanquished it. At this time, the world seems to lie in the darkness of conflict, pain, and grief. Yet, even now, with God helping us, we can face whatever our circumstances may be with the holy joy and Paschal strength that comes from firm conviction and faith in the Risen Christ.

In the overwhelming might of Christ’s Resurrection, the strong man is bound forever (Mk 3:27); and in God’s providence, we know that He will “make the evil to be good by [His] goodness” (Anaphora of St. Basil the Great). It is our Lord’s unfailing promise of new and eternal life which allows this day to rule all of the days which God may give us on earth. In the brightness of Pascha, even these dark days we now endure are mere servants to this feast of feasts.

On this Paschal day, my prayer is that you allow the joyful light of Christ fully into your hearts. In the coming days of celebration, let all men and women see this spiritual light shining from you, and let them hear your evangelical proclamation that “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

