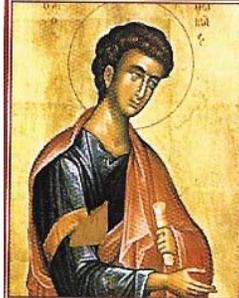


October 6

A. ✠ Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas



One of the 12 Apostles, Thomas, after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, preached the Gospel in Palestine, Mesopotamia and other countries (Jn. 11:16; 14:3-6; 20:19-29; 21:2. Acts 2:2; 8:1-14), everywhere "catching in the net of divine words" "spiritual fish". According to the witness of St. John Chrysostom, the Apostle Thomas "once was weaker than the other apostles in faith, but became by the good grace of God more courageous, more zealous and more indefatigable than all of them and so has gone out to almost all the earth with his sermon, not being frightened to preach the word of God to furious, wild and bloodthirsty people". In the city of Mylapore (in India) he was pierced with spears for converting the wife and son of the king to Christ. The relics of the Holy Apostle Thomas were translated to the city of Edessa in Mesopotamia.

Troparion, tone 2

**You were a disciple of Christ,
A co-participant in the divine council of the Apostles,
For you did not believe in the news of the Resurrection of Christ,
But you came to believe in His Most Pure Passion by touching.
O All Praised Thomas:
Pray for both peace and great mercy for us.**

Kontakion, tone 4

**Filled with the grace of the Most Wise One,
The Apostle and true servant of Christ cried out to Thee in repentance:
You are my God and my Lord.**

Paramoebas 1) 1 Jn. 1:1-7; 2) Jn. 1:1-12; 3) Jn. 1:1-7, 17-25. **Matins Gospel.**
See Apr. 30. **Epistle** See Apr. 27. **Gospel.** Jn. 20:19-31; sel. 65.

Martyr Macarius of Chios

He was born in the village of Chios, in the province of Bithynia in Asia Minor. He suffered for Christ in the city of Prousa in 1590. After they tortured him the Turks beheaded him.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2nd ed. 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) p. 0367
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