



**The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas
Whom the Holy Church Celebrates on October 6.**

The name Thomas means “twin.” He was one of the Twelve, a Galilean by birth. Sophronius (not the famous Patriarch of Jerusalem [7th Century, celebrated March 11], but a friend of Jerome’s), quoted also by Jerome, says that St. Thomas preached to the Parthians, Persians, Medes, Hyrcanians, Bactrians, and neighboring nations. According to Heracleon, the Apostle died a natural death, according to other accounts, he was martyred at Meliapur. His tomb was also known by Saint John Chrysostom to be at Edessa in Syria, to which city his holy relics may have been translated in the fourth century.

Dismissal Hymn of the Apostle. Third Tone

○ HOLY Apostle Thomas, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Kontakion. Fourth Tone
On this day Thou hast appeared

CHRIST'S Apostle, who was filled with God's divine grace, he who was His genuine and faithful servant in all truth, all-lauded Thomas cried aloud in deep repentance: Thou art both my God and Lord.

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Thomas Sunday, also called Antipascha
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