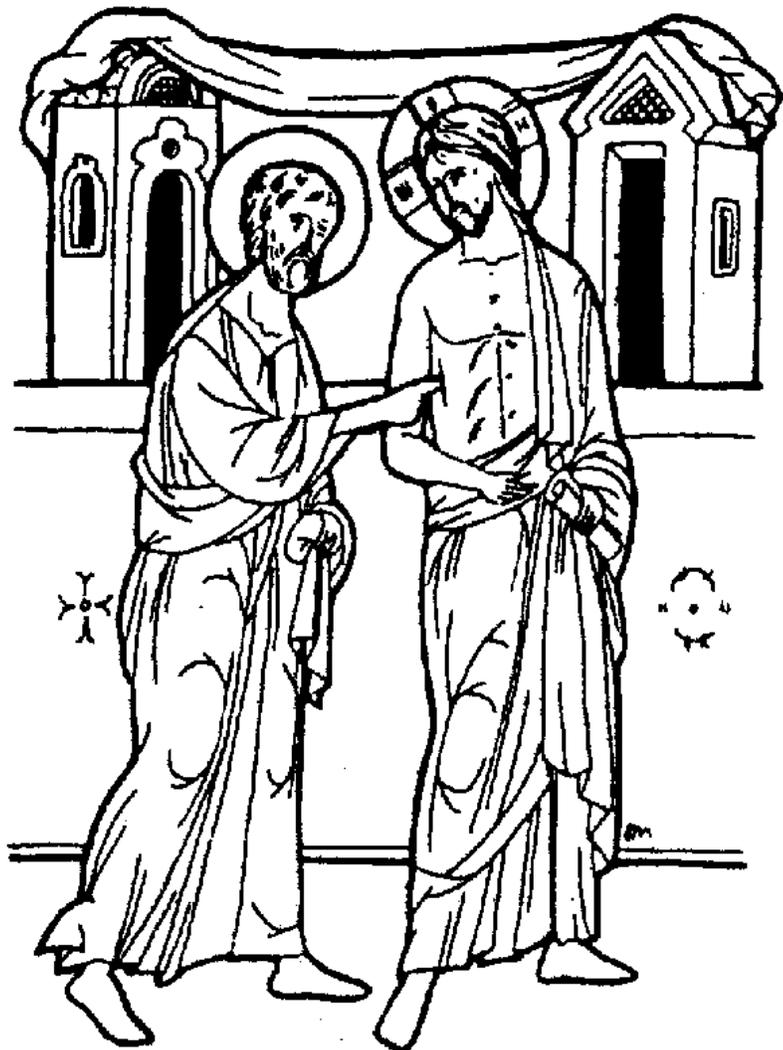


October 6th - Feast Day of St. Thomas

THE DOUBTING THOMAS:



Saint Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles of our Blessed Lord. St. Thomas is truly one of the most beloved of all the disciples of Christ. It was he who doubted the Resurrection of Christ and demanded proof. The story which is told in the Gospel of St. John Chapter 20:19-29, relates how Thomas was missing when Jesus visited the other disciples. Jesus returned and showed Thomas His hands and His pierced side. Thomas fell to his knees and said, "My Lord and My God!"

St. Thomas preached the word of God in the Far East in what is now known as India. In the section of India called the Malabar Coast, there is a magnificent Church dedicated to St. Thomas. Almost every Christian male child born there is called Thomas, after the Patron Saint of the province.

Because of his preaching, St. Thomas angered King Misdai, the ruler of India, who ordered his soldiers to lead St. Thomas up to the highest mountain in Malabar. They all ran their spears through his saintly body. Saint Thomas, also called "the doubter" not only believed the truth about Christianity, but gave his life for its preservation as so many other martyrs of the Christian Church.

Although the Feast of St. Thomas is October 6th, he is also commemorated on the first Sunday after Easter, the Sunday of Thomas.

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Saint Thomas was a disciple of Jesus Christ. After Jesus Christ rose from the dead and came to the other disciples, Saint Thomas was not there. He did not believe the others when they said they had seen Jesus Christ. He said that he wanted to see Jesus for himself before he would believe the Good News. So Jesus Christ appeared to him and showed Saint Thomas His Hands and His side, which had holes in them. Thomas believed and said "My Lord and My God" and spent the rest of his life telling people the Good News of Jesus Christ in faraway parts of the world.