



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

9 May 2021, Saint Thomas Sunday



MOTHER'S DAY - NO SERVICES IN CHURCH – HOME PRAYERS

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

ECCLESIA RCH: Michael Baum **SACRISTAN:** David Anderson

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
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David Anderson, *Sunday School*
Wayne Sanders, *Facilities*
Markella Fousekas

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FINANCES

March 2021 Income-Expense

Total Mar Income: \$11,575.00
Total Mar Expenses: \$4,316.07
Total Jan-Mar Income: \$24,504.10
Total Jan-Mar Expenses: \$13,354.43

March 2021 Income Breakout

Seminary Collection: \$261
Memorial Income: \$1,100
Stewardship Offerings: \$10,214

Thank you to all our parishioners, friends, donors and benefactors for your support.

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Thank you - 49 pounds of food were collected and delivered to Hall Township Food Pantry.

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Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice.
Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 9 – Nicole Wiltse
May 10 – Jennifer Harshman
May 10 – Alan & Jennifer Harshman anniv.
May 11 – John & Carole Ball anniversary
May 14 – Mirjana Sljivar
May 15 – Matthew Harvey

May 21 – Ron Malooley
May 22 – Bev Malooley
May 22 – Gretel Kaleel
May 23 – Ryker Thompson
May 27 – Ruth Baum

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YouTube Events: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA

May 9, Sunday, Mothers Day, NO SERVICES.

May 16, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, [Also on Youtube](#)
Ladies Meeting 11:30 am, Schaefer Baptism 5 pm**

May 18, Tuesday, **Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm**

May 25, Tue, **Mid-Feast Vespers, 7 pm. [Also on Youtube](#)**

May 31, Mon, **Memorial Day, Cemetery Memorial, 10 am & then Parish Picnic.**

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BULLETIN PART TWO – HOME WORSHIP

• **Standing in front of your “Icon Prayer Corner” light candle & incense & say:**

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (Thrice)

IN THAT WE HAVE BEHELD

In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us bow down before the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Thy Cross do we adore, O Christ, and Thy Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify: for Thou art our God, and we know none other beside Thee; we call upon Thy Name. O come, all ye faithful, let us adore Christ’s Holy Resurrection. For lo, through the Cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection: for in that He endured the Cross for us, He hath destroyed death by death.

APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

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• **The Scripture of the day:**

THE EPISTLE

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength. Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people magnified them. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the chief priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the sect of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said: "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be to you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood

among them, and said, "Peace be to you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, you have believed because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

MEGALYNARION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee.

PASCHAL VERSES

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let those that hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. So, the sinners will perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen. *(This is the end of the Home Worship)*

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PRAYER LIST: Sarah Sanders, Richard Malooley, Dottie Malooley, Conrad Spirrison
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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread - Memorial	Epistle Reader
Sunday, May 16	George & Mona Kaleel	George Kaleel
Sunday, May 23	David Anderson	David Anderson
Sunday, May 30	Amelia Malooley Memorial	Ron Malooley
Sunday, June 6	Mitch Kaleel & Family	Mitch Kaleel
Sunday, June 13	Ron & Dottie Malooley & Thompson Family	Ron Malooley
Sunday, June 20	Mike & Ruth Baum	Mike Baum
Pentecost	Brat & Hotdog Picnic	
Sunday, June 27	George & Patrice Nimee	George Nimee
Sunday, July 4	No Services	
Sunday, July 11		
Bishop Anthony Visit	Picnic	

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Great and Holy Pascha ~ the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord ~ May 2, 2021

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

By the mercy of God Almighty, John X, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East to
My brothers, Shepherds of the Holy Church of Antioch
My sons and daughters, everywhere across this Apostolic See

Let heavens rejoice in a worthy manner, the earth be glad, and the whole world, visible and the invisible, keep the Feast. For Christ our eternal joy has risen!

Saint John of Damascus used these words to describe the joy of the present feast. The heavens rejoice and the earth makes merry in a worthy manner. The world keeps the feast because the Resurrected Christ is the eternal joy for all creation that has fallen with Adam the first human and then resurrected with Christ the New Man.

Joy is closely related to the Resurrection. It is born from the hope that the Lord Jesus Christ planted in us against all odds. The Feast of the Resurrection is the manifestation of joy in our hearts, despite all the sorrows that surround us, for all of these sorrows melt away before the Cross of Christ and fade out at the threshold of his empty tomb.

The joy of the Resurrection is the joy of the kingdom that we live as believers in every moment, including the present day, in which the Church sheds tears for the Buried Christ on Holy Friday. Her tears on this most holy day are expressions of glorification and gratitude to the Lord God whose dignity was nailed to the Cross of glory. He did so to lift and honor all those who share the suffering of the cross and the shimmer of the Resurrection. The tears on this day are mixed, even molded with the glow of the Resurrection and the radiance of the empty tomb. The Church's present tears will be wiped off from the face of those who believe in Him, the face of every afflicted person in this world who places all hope in Christ Jesus, Lord, God, and Savior.

The joy of the Resurrection is the antidote to our troubles. It is a joy from on high that God places in the heart of each one of us to tell us that the Cross is the beginning of the path to the Resurrection. The joy of the Resurrection is a consolation and a balm that God uses to heal our hearts, which already invoke Him by the tongue of the righteous women: "Who will roll the stone for us from the door of the tomb? Then God answers with actions as related by the Evangelist: "Then they looked up and saw the stone had been rolled because it was so great."

Today we are called each to look at the Day of Resurrection and contemplate it as an exalted day of joy, despite all the surrounding circumstances and the horrors that befall us. The joy of the Resurrection echoes and fulfills the joy of Nativity that was announced by the angel to humankind awaiting salvation, saying: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people ...". And this same great joy is Jesus Christ, Who will roll away from the door of his tomb and the gates of our souls every "great stone" and distress and bring back on our faces "the smile of joy" in his Resurrection.

Today we remember all those who are in distress and pray to the God of joy and peace to "wipe out every tear from the eyes." We pray for the kidnapped, including our brothers the Metropolitans of Aleppo, John Ibrahim and Paul Yazji, who were kidnapped eight years ago, amidst a suspicious and condemned international silence. Together with you, we pray God to lift the present pandemic away from the world, beseeching Divine mercy and the heavenly kingdom for our brothers and beloved ones who reposed in the hope of Resurrection and eternal life in God's holy light.

We sent you a paschal greeting of peace, dear brethren and children, asking for God's mercies and chanting:

"Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns!

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb!"

Christ is risen. Truly, He is risen.

From our Patriarchate in Damascus

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Greetings in Many Languages

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

Greek: Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Albanian: Kristi Unjhal! Vertet Unjhal!

Romanian: Kristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Russian: Kristos Voskresseh! Vo Istinu Voskresseh!

French: Le Christ est Ressucité! In Verité, il est Ressucité!

Spanish: Cristo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!

German: Christus ist Auferstanden! Wirklich, er ist Auferstanden!

Georgian: Kristé ardsqa! Tchechmaritad ardsqa!

Cherokee: Tsesa dolehisnani! Oodoyuhi Tsesa dolehisnani!

Japanese: Christos Fukkatsu! Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!

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The Sunday after Pascha (Easter) is the Sunday of Saint Thomas, also known as Second Sunday or Antipascha ("opposite" Pascha, i.e., at the other end of Bright Week). Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek. Liturgically, the Church remembers the Apostle Thomas' encounter with Christ after eight days. At that time, Christ said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:26-29). Until the feast of Ascension the epistle readings are taken from the Book of Acts, telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord.