

**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA

**SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE,
CALLED "THE TWIN"**

MAY 5, 2019



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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located on the table in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith is encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas is a worshipping community in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian tradition that preserves, proclaims, and practices the Faith given by Christ to the Apostles, serving Him, one another and our neighbors. We manifest His love through sacramental and liturgical life, education, hospitality, works of mercy, and fellowship.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY (TONE 7)

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.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

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.

EPISTLE

*Great is the Lord, and great is His power.
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure 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 together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. 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 towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested 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."

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 with 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 with 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 with 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, "Have you 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.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On May 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Great-martyr Irene of Thessalonica; and Venerable Euthymios, bishop of Maditos in Thrace.

On this day, the second Sunday of Pascha, we inaugurate the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, and the occasion whereon the Holy Apostle Thomas touched the Savior's side.

Verses

If the seals of the Virgin's womb and of the grave
did not hinder Thee,

How could the seals of the doors hinder Thy might, O Savior?

This day is called New Sunday, Thomas Sunday or Anti-Pascha. The last term means "in place of Pascha" because Thomas did not immediately hear of Christ's Resurrection and disbelieved it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicates Sunday to the Resurrection.

As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday of the Resurrection, Jesus entered and greeted them in His usual way, saying, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed them His hands, feet and side. Jesus ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior's scars—the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side—before he would believe that Jesus was risen. Eight days later Christ appeared again to the Disciples, this time with Thomas present. The Master told Thomas to see and feel. Then Thomas immediately cried out, "My Lord and my God!" But Jesus tells His Disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This event also clearly illustrates the human and divine Natures of Christ.

By the intercessions of Thine Apostle Thomas, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of much-loved and dearly-missed handmaiden of God, Louise Philippi by her daughters; Barbara Walsh, Evelyn Philippi, and Eileen Adolphson. May her memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health and blessings of Deacon Ted and Phyllis Sirotko on their wedding anniversary. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Rick, Lexy and newly-born Maci by Mike, Kaye and Melissa Powell. May God grant them many years!

For the health and blessings of Alan George, Philip George, Christopher Jacob George, and Mark George in honor of their patron saint, St. George by Debbie Abraham. God grant them many years of good health and blessings!



SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Janalyn Salhaney	Nick Nicola
Coffee Hour:	Rinvelt Family	George & Ann Hoodhood

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Vera Mijatovic	LaVerne Audy	Kh. Cynthia Hogg
Audrey Nicoloff	Eva Rose Saseen	Barbara Sielaff
Ralph Thomas	Dennis Hattem	Adele Trimble
David Corey	Richard Traxler	Joe Corey
Mary Martin		

If you desire a name to be added to this prayer list, Holy Oblations may be offered, with the option of being added to the bulletin Prayer List for 40 days.

DEPARTED

Victims of the continued conflicts in the Middle East, and the natural disaster in Southern Africa.

PARISHIONERS DEPARTED IN THE MONTH OF MAY

5/01/1999	Robert Hickerty	5/18/2014	Louise Philippi
5/02/1945	Asa Marod	5/19/2016	Adele Abraham
5/02/1991	Victor Ziton	5/19/1984	Yesda Fraam
5/03/1963	Salema Salhaney	5/21/1959	Mike Joseph
5/05/1945	Lilian Sickrey	5/21/1947	Nicholas Courey
5/06/1964	Abraham Yared	5/23/1959	Charles Bendekgey
5/09/1979	Sadie Samra	5/23/1979	Elias Amash
5/12/1997	Fred Bendekgey	5/24/1989	Georgette Abraham
5/15/1986	Sarah Jabara	5/26/1975	Wadiyah Laham
5/15/2000	Charlotte Cooley	5/26/1976	James Ayoub
5/16/1970	Jennie Ziton	5/27/1960	Bertha Corey
5/17/1950	Nathalie Collings	5/27/1982	Abraham Kaleefey
5/17/2001	David Hanna	5/31/1999	John Soukar
5/17/2003	Charles Riley		