New Sunday or Anti-Pascha
Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called “The Twin”

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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.

Our parish exists to seek and share Christ’s love so that ALL will find Eternal Life in Him.

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.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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

The Reading from the

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.”
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.
**Trisagion Prayers of Mercy**

In memory of the handmaiden of God Vera Mijatovic on the 40-day falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Ratko, Duska, and Stefan. May her memory be Eternal!

**Holy Oblations**

For the Health and Blessings of George and Ann Hoodhood on the occasion of their 69th wedding anniversary, offered by their children and grandchildren. May God bless them richly!

For the Health and Blessings of Leona Assaly, with love from Peter and Carol Assaly and family. “She opens up her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” Happy Mother’s Day!

For the Health and Blessings of Allison Assaly on the occasion of her 32nd birthday, with love from her family. May God Almighty bless her with a life full of JOY and HAPPINESS!

For the Health and Blessings of Annie Kurian, Annette Saseen, and Emma Rose on their birthdays, offered by Barbara Thomas. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Kh. Vicky Nasser on the occasion of Mother’s Day, offered by Maria, Joshua, and Elena. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Kh. Vicky Nasser, Kh. Marian Mitchell, Kh. Phyllis Sirotko, Jenny Khorey, Melissa Adolphson, Carolyn Rock and Audrey Nicoloff on the occasion of Mother’s Day, offered by your Church Family. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Ann Hoodhood on Mother’s Day, offered by her children, grandchildren, and great grandson, JJ. May God grant her many years!
For the Health and Blessings of Debbie Abraham on the occasion of Mother’s Day, offered by her goddaughter, Melissa.

For the Health and Blessings of Mindy Abraham on Mother’s Day, offered by Lea Abraham. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Angie Sirotko on Mother’s Day, offered by Noah Sirotko. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Sarah Nelson on Mother’s Day, offered by Landon Nelson. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Amy Amash on Mother’s Day, offered by Nicholas Amash. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Amanda Detmer on Mother’s Day, offered by Millie Detmer. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Rachel Haddad, offered by Blair Haddad on Mother’s Day. May God grant you many years!

In loving memory of Vera Mijatovic on Mother’s Day, offered by Duska Mijatovic. May her memory be Eternal!

For the Health and Blessings of all Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers, and in remembrance of all these handmaidens of God who have departed. Happy Mother’s Day!

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Thomas and Charles Riley, offered by Barbara Thomas and Andrea Riley. May their memories be Eternal!
**Remember in Your Daily Prayers**

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.

**Living**

Metropolitan Paul    Archbishop John    Archpriest Joseph

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty throughout our Nation, in India, Brazil, Argentina and throughout the world.

All Mothers, Grandmothers Godmothers George Hoodhood Ann Hoodhood Leona Assaly Allison Assaly Annie Kurian Annette Saseen Emma Rolon Rosado Kh. Vicky Nasser Kh. Marian Mitchell


Attallah Amash Ralph Thomas David Corey Barbara Sielaff Joe Corey Shirley Salhaney Hatem Karadsheh Marge Simon Dan Abraham Sharon Karrip Charlie Makhoul Barbara Thomas

**Departed**

**Newly Departed**

Nun Emiliani Lailios Vera Mijatovic Diana Pirich Laura Lee Thomas Kaleel

And all the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty throughout our Nation, in India, Brazil, Poland, and throughout the world.

**Departed**

Elizabeth Thomas

Charles Riley