

NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE,
CALLED "THE TWIN"

APRIL 27, 2025

ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Theodore Sirotko
Rev. Deacon Justin Adolphson

Rev. Deacon Clement Nicoloff
Rev. Deacon John Kaufman
Subdeacon Nicholas Rock



WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book and taking a visitor's packet both 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 Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

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

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

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

(Greek)

Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tís en tís mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!

(Arabic)

Al-Masih qam min bain'il-amwat, wa wati al mowt bil mowt, wa wahab'l hayah lil ladhina fi'l qubur!

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)

O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the power of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror. Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh bearing women, and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.



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."

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.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Arabic:	Al Massih Qam! Haken Qam!
Greek:	Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Russian:	Khristos Voskresel! Voistinu Voskresel!
Armenian:	Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!!
Romanian:	Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Ethiopian:	Christos Tensiou! Bahake Tensiou!
French:	Le Christ est Ressuscite! En Verite Il est Ressuscite!
German:	Christus ist Erstanden! Er ist Wahrhaftig Erstanden!
Spanish:	Christo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!
Italian:	Cristo e risorto, e veramente risorto!
Mandarin:	Jīdū fūhuóle Tā zhēn de fūhuóle

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

On this his names day Thomas Sunday, we remember the Servant of God, Marve Halbert, on his 40-day falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Pat and family. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Audrey Nicoloff, on the one-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Dn. Clement, Mara, John, Nicole, and Dan. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Servants of God, Edward Geha (45 years), Stephan Geha (19 years), Dennis Geha (63 years), Robert Swanson (14 years), Gary George Geha (21 years), and Henry Geha (12 years), and the Handmaiden of God, Josephine Geha (10 years), offered by the Geha and Merpi families. May their memories be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of Doug Taylor-Weiss, offered by Debra. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Gretchen Zahn on her birthday, offered by Ana Bosma. May God grant her many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Mike and Judy Karolle, Mike and Lynn Simon, and Glenn and Linda Zimmermann, offered by the Merpi Family. May God grant them many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Sandra Worth, offered by Justin, Nawal, and David. May God overshadow her with peace and grant her many years!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Diana Pirich, on the four-year anniversary of her falling asleep, offered by Fr. Elias & Kh. Marion. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Betty Storey, beloved mother and grandmother, on the second anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by the Storey family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of Dorothy Mary Sirotko, offered by Fr. Ted. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of May. May their memory be Eternal!

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Metropolitan PAUL	Archpriest Joseph Abud
Archbishop JOHN	Archpriest James Ellison
Archimandrite Jeremy Davis	

Doug Taylor-Weiss	Linda Zimmermann	Linda Manica
Gretchen Zahn	Sandra Worth	Wadih Choueiri
Mike Karolle	Joe Corey	Pat Hattem
Judy Karolle	Kathy Corey	Julie Karris
Mike Simon	David Corey	Angela Franks
Lynn Simon	Tillie Sayfie	Alanna Mrlik
Glenn Zimmermann	Matthew Ledford	

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in Florida, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, and throughout the world

DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Marve Halbert

And the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Audrey Nicoloff	Salema Salhaney	Adele Abraham
Edward Geha	Abraham Yared	Yesda Fraam
Stephan Geha	Lilian Sickrey	Shirley Salhaney
Dennis Geha	Mary Martin	Nicholas Courey
Robert Swanson	Sadie Samra	Mike Joseph
Gary George Geha	Fred Bendekegy	Charles Bendekegy
Henry Geha	Lorraine Zain	Elias Amash
Josephine Geha	Sarah Jabara	Georgette Abraham
Diana Pirich	Charlotte Cooley	Wadiyah Laham
Betty Storey	Jennie Ziton	James Ayoub
Dorothy Sirotko	David Hanna	Bertha Corey
Robert Hickerty	Charles Riley	Abraham Kaleefey
Asa Marod	Nathalie Collings	John Soukar
Victor Ziton	Louise Philippi	Stephen Lewis