

April 23, 2023

New Sunday or Anti-Pascha – Sunday of Thomas the Apostle

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

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.

Apolytikion of St. George – Tone 4

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha – Tone 8

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

SYNAXARION

On April 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer. George was born in Cappadocia the son of wealthy and virtuous parents. His father suffered for Christ and his mother then moved to Palestine. When George grew up, he entered the military, and came into the service of Emperor Diocletian. The most famous George's miracles are depicted in iconography. Near Mount Lebanon was a large lake, inhabited by an enormous dragon-like serpent. Coming out of the lake, it devoured people, and the breath from its nostrils poisoned the air. George rode up on his horse with spear in hand. Crossing himself, he rushed at the serpent saying, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." After George killed the serpent, twenty-five thousand men, plus women and children, were then baptized. Diocletian eventually had George and his wife, Alexandra, beheaded in 303. George is known as the Victorybearer, or Trophy-bearer, not only for his military achievements, but for enduring martyrdom.

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. 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. Starting with this day, the Church dedicates Sunday to the celebration of the Resurrection. As the Disciples were gathered on Pascha, 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 with His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior's wounds—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 His wounds. 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 Thy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen

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of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar to North America

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

The Rev. David Hyatt, Parish Administrator for Liturgics, Outreach and Youth Work

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet next Sunday, April 30th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Palm Sunday 203 Attendance Pascha 229

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$9,288.00 for Palm Sunday \$8,557.00 for Pascha
Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: **\$7,443.00**

Church Calendar

April 23 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Parish Council Meeting.
April 25 9:00 am Pray and Play.
April 26 6:00 pm Daily Vespers.
April 29 6:00 pm Great Vespers.
April 30 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS. Inquirer's Class.

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health & wellbeing

Metropolitan Antonios
Bishop Thomas
Denise Zakula
Olena Bassarab
Jayme Miller
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams
Michael Acierno
Ian Snyder
Jerry "David" Desautels
Vincent McKee
Christopher Reese
Rachel and Emmanuella Deneffe
Beverly Kushner

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Angela Burke
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Georgette Habib Soliman
Leavitt "George" Keener

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Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Michael Bogosh
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Harry and Grace Dorion
Marianne Rupp
Mary Bincarowsky
Gene "Paul" Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
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Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner

Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury

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Barry "John" Hart

Angela Pandelidis

Kathryn Velen

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