



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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His Grace Bishop THOMAS, Auxiliary Bishop of Charleston, Oakland & the Mid-Atlantic

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Very Rev. Fr. Dr. David Hester, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Deacon Joseph Clark (Temporarily Attached)

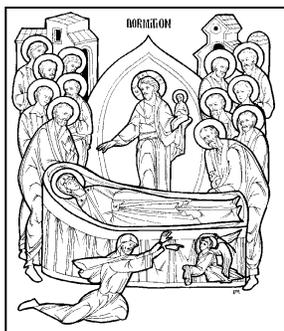
Subdeacon William Obeid + Subdeacon N.D. Namey + Subdeacon John Moses Jr. + Subdeacon Marshall Goodge

WELCOME to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second-largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God, our Creator, to worship and follow Him and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.

God loves all mankind and desires that all human beings should believe in Him, know Him, abide in Him, and receive eternal life from Him. To accomplish this God Himself came into the world as a man in Jesus Christ --- becoming man that we might become like God. The Parishioners of St. Mary Parish welcome you and are pleased that you have decided to worship Almighty God with our Parish family today. We encourage you to learn about our Orthodox faith and our Parish if you are not yet Orthodox.

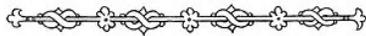
Although the non-Orthodox may not receive Holy Communion, which may only be given to the Orthodox faithful, we invite you to come forward at the close of the Liturgy to receive a blessing from the Priest and blessed bread. Please also come downstairs to the Parish Hall join us for our fellowship hour.



Our Patronal Feast is the **DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS**, which is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church and is celebrated each year on August 15. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed amongst women,” and she was chosen “to bear the Savior of our souls.” Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels. Knowing she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection.

**SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT
ST. MARY**

Today	Parish Counsel Meeting After Liturgy
Thurs. May 9	Spaghetti Dinner returns 4:00 pm -- 6:00 pm
Fri. May 10	Parish Council Dinner with Bishop THOMAS
Sat. May 11	Clark Baptism at 8:30 am *** Orthros at 9:30 am *** Divine Liturgy with Sbdcn George' s Ordination to the Diaconate at 10:30 am *** Confessions from 4:30 – 5:00 & Vespers at 5:00
Sun May 12	HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! Matins at 8:50 & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 **



PASCHAL GREETINGS

ENGLISH

CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

ARABIC

AL MASEEH QAM!
HAQAN QAM!

GREEK

KRISTOS ANESTI!
ALITHOS ANESTI!

RUSSIAN

KRISTOS VOSKRESEY!
VOYISTINO VOSKRESEY!

COMMEMORATIONS

- ✘ Today - None Today
- ✘ May 12 Holy Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour sponsored/offered in loving memory of Elizabeth Kuhl by her family + Trisagion Prayers are offered for Elizabeth Kuhl' s 40 day memorial and also Holy Bread is offered in loving memory of mother Violet Cardillo by daughter Ann and Bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of beloved Situ Violet Cardillo from Ryan, Alex, and Samantha
- ✘ May 19 Holy Bread sponsored in loving memory of Martha Kravtiz for her 40 day memorial and for Eleanor Saba for her one year memorial by their Family + Trisagion Prayers are offered for Martha Kravitz' s 40 day memorial
- ✘ May 26 Trisagion Prayers are offered for Father Herb' s 40 day memorial
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PASCHAL RESPONSES

Priest: Christ is Risen!

People: Indeed He Is Risen!

Priest: Glory to His Holy Third-day
Resurrection!

People: We adore His Holy Third-day
Resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death, and upon
those in the tombs...

People: ...bestowing life!



DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MAY 05, 2019
NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED "THE TWIN"
GREAT-MARTYR IRENE OF THESSALONICA; VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS, BISHOP OF MADITOS IN THRACE

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

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

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.

✠ THE 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."

✠ 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 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.

THE SYNAXARION

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.

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.

All of us have heard the phrase "doubting Thomas" and in truth all of us have within ourselves a little of a "doubting Thomas". Sometimes doubt stands in the way of us faithfully committing ourselves to the Lord. However the Church remembers Thomas not only for his doubt, but also for his ministry as a faithful servant of God. After Pentecost, Thomas went on to serve the Lord faithfully, unto death, by preaching the Gospel in India. Let us be like Tomas and overcome any doubt we may have so that we trust in the Lord's presence in our lives. We should all be among those about whom Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." *** Adapted from a posting on the Greek Archdiocese Webpage

Let's all remember that confession is always "in season" Father George is available every Saturday before Vespers and Sunday after Liturgy or by appointment to hear your confession