



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, April 26, 2020

**New Sunday or Anti-Pascha
Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called "The Twin"**

Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea

with Venerable Glaphyra;

Stephen, Bishop of Perm;

Venerable Ioanikios of Devitch in Serbia



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 26—THOMAS SUNDAY

LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE

- 9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
12:30 p.m. Blessing of the graves at Goleta Cemetery

Wednesday, April 29

- 12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry will meet by Zoom. (Contact Dorothy Alexander if you would like to participate: dotaalexander@westmont.edu)

Thursday, April 30

- 7-9 p.m. Youth Group will meet by Zoom.
(Contact Michael Easbey if you want the link and password: measbey@gmail.com)

Friday, May 1

- 5:00 p.m. Akathist to Our Sweetest Lord Jesus on Zoom (Contact Dorothy Alexander if you would like to participate: dotaalexander@westmont.edu)

Sunday, May 3—Sunday of Noble Joseph and the Myrrhbearing Women

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- 9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Please note:

The latest instructions from Metropolitan JOSEPH have directed that only those conducting the services may be permitted in the building until further notice. There will be no confessions heard or Eucharist distributed at the church until further notice. If an emergency situation arises, please call Fr. Nicholas.

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion:**

Troparion of Antipascha

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life! Through closed doors You came
to Your disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,
By the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

*The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds
“Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal
Apolytikion and censes the west side of the Altar Table.*

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and
ever and unto ages of age.

People: Amen.

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

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in
the tombs bestowing life. **(2 times)**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give
glory to His praise!

Refrain: **Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies
cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High!
[Refrain]
- Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
[Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

**Refrain: O Son of God, Who rose from the dead,
save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.**

- That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nation! [Refrain]
- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! [Refrain]
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Only begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

**Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.**

- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. [Refrain]
- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. [Refrain]
- This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

**In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the Springs of Israel.
O Son of God Who Rose From the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

Troparion of Antipascha

Tone 7

From the sealed tomb,
You shone forth, O Life!
Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God!
Renew in us, through them,
an upright spirit,
By the greatness of Your mercy,
O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion for Pascha

Thou didst descend into the tomb O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)

+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

PREPARATORY PSALM VERSES before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His wisdom is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)

Verse: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

EPISTLE READING**Act 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."

ALLELUIA BEFORE THE GOSPEL**Tone 8**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior (Ps. 94:1)

Verse: For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the earth. (Ps. 94:3)

THE GOSPEL READING

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.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin! Again I say rejoice, O pure Virgin. Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice all ye people. O Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory, the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult, exult and be glad. Be glad, O Zion, be radiant, O Mother of God, in the resurrection of your Son, of your Son!

Communion of the Clergy—for Thomas Sunday

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia. (Ps. 147:1)

Communion of the Faithful

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

We will bless the graves this Sunday, April 26th, at 12:30 p.m. We will decide how to proceed with the blessing when we get there and see how many people have shown up. If we have more than a handful of people, and it is too difficult to walk in procession while keeping 6 feet apart, we will ask you to stand at the grave of your loved one and wait for Fr. Nicholas to come to bless it. All graves on our list of parish members and their family members will be blessed, whether or not someone is there from that family.

CHANGE IN DAILY TRISAGION PRAYERS:

1. From Pascha until Pentecost, omit "O Heavenly King..."
2. From Pascha until Ascension, replace "Holy God, Holy Mighty..." with "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in tombs bestowing life." (3 times)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

Here are some opportunities to join fellow parishioners in praying together online:

- This Wednesday at 12:00 Noon, regular Intercessory Prayer Group
- This Friday at 5:00 p.m. — Akathist to Our Sweetest Lord Jesus (This group was meeting at Westmont College prior to Social Distancing.)

If you would like to join either or both of these sessions on ZOOM, contact Dorothy Alexander at dotaalexander@westmont.edu.

YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET THIS THURSDAY FROM 7-9 p.m. via ZOOM. If you do not receive the invitation from Michael Easbey with the link and password, and would like to participate, contact him at measbey@gmail.com.

MITCHELL DENNY AND MARY GISH are looking for a place in Santa Barbara or Goleta to rent after they get married. They are looking to start small, so a studio or one-bedroom is acceptable, ideally starting in June, but Mitch could move in any time between now and June if earlier works better. If you have a rental space or know of one, please contact Mitch at mitchdennyjr@gmail.com.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays:

4/26	Aza Dean Van Wagoner
4/29	Kristi King
4/30	John Butler
5/2	Kristin King

Patronal Feast Days:

4/30	St. James, Son of Zebedee	Ethan Keller
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.

Please pray for the health of:

Metropolitan JOSEPH	Ryder H.	Elliott and Family
Mother Victoria	Kent F.	Mitch D. Sr.
Met. Paul & Abp. John	Bob N.	Lorena
Fr. Jacob	Fr. Jon-Stephen H.	Samantha S.
Mother Christophora	Cole K. (military)	Margie N.
Fr. Jon B.	Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)	
Joseph B.	Lauren K. (military)	The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Dn. Richard E.	Chase K. (military)	All those suffering and
Kh. Diane C.	Jeff H.	in danger in Ukraine,
Greg & Margaret Y.	Steve T,	Africa, and the Middle East
Hoppe Family in Albania	Bonita M.	
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya	Olga Marie G.	Please pray for the raising up and
Duane F.	Dn. John Y.	support of long-term missionaries from
Richard and Susan B.	Azalea, Dahlia, Dominic, Rose	our parish.
Zac B.	Roger R.	
Kh. Carla Z.	Glenn F.	
Vanessa K. and son Anthony	Loretta V.	
Monsignor J. Yanek		

For repose of the souls of:

Vera, Jeff H., Fuddah S
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East