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**MAY 9, 2021 – THOMAS SUNDAY**

*Isaiah the Prophet, Christopher the Mastyr of Lycea.*

**DIVINE SERVICES TODAY (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

**[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)**

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

**[\(LITURGY SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)**

***SUNDAY SERVICES ARE OFFERED INDOORS  
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# *Christ is Risen!* *Χριστός Ανέστη!*

*UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF  
MAY AND JUNE: ([saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar))*

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Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Constantine & Helen (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)  
Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Holy Ascension (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)  
Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday of Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)  
Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Apostles Peter & Paul (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

## *HYMNS OF THE DAY*

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### *APOLYTIKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL 1 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶην χαρισάμενος.

### *RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. GRAVE MODE (AFTER ENTRANCE)*

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. And though the doors had been bolted, You came to Your disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

## *HYMNS OF THE DAY*

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### ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4***

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### ***KONTAKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL. 4***

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

***EPISTLE READING***

**Thomas Sunday**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Psalm 146.5;134.3**

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**The reading is from Acts of the 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."

## ***GOSPEL READING***

### **Thomas Sunday**

#### **The Gospel According to 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.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY for grades 2-3-4-5 ---Will not meet this Sunday.**

**Tuesday morning Bible Study** Tuesday at 11:00am.

Email [frpeter@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org) for information on how to join.

**Studies in the Faith** Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

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**Union Station Homeless Services**-We have dispensed with people volunteering to serve at the facility however, we continue our monthly commitment to prepare a hardy, nutritious dinner meal. We have generous donors to cover the meals. USHS has requested packaged dessert (cookies), single serve beverages (10 oz.) and single serve bottles of milk. You may continue your volunteerism by donating toward purchasing individual packaged items. For more information contact Irene Albeck at [mcmg2a@aol.com](mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com).

**Elections for the Philoptochos Board will be held at the general meeting in**

**May.** If you are interested in serving on the Board or on the election committee, please contact Maria Kypreos at [makypreos@gmail.com](mailto:makypreos@gmail.com) or 626-272-2720 or Stephanie Soewers at [szanglis@gmail.com](mailto:szanglis@gmail.com) or 818-209-5026.

**2021 Stewardship Financial Commitment.** Please return your completed commitment card to church office as soon as possible. To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 per family or above.

# ST. ANTHONY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**MEETING VIRTUALLY EVERY MONTH!**

*Grade groups will meet via Zoom one  
Sunday a month starting at 11:30am*

1st Sundays      PK-K-1  
with Mrs. Albeck

2nd Sundays      2-3-4-5  
with Mrs. Scolinos

3rd Sundays      6-7-8  
with Ms. Russo

4th Sundays      9-10-11-12  
with Pres. Aida

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## Studies in the Faith

offered via ZOOM  
Wednesday nights  
at 7pm starting  
January 20

Email  
[frpeter@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org)  
for information on how  
to join.

## Tuesday Bible Study

offered via ZOOM  
Tuesday mornings  
at 11am starting  
January 19

Email  
[frpeter@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org)  
for information on how  
to join.





# LIGHT A CANDLE SAY A PRAYER



While we cannot be in church together, we invite you to make a candle donation to the church. With this, our clergy will gladly light candles for you in the church and pray the names of your loved ones that you provide us, either living or those who have passed on.

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# Christopher the Martyr of Lycea (May 9)

Saint Christopher was at first named Reprobus. Seeing the Christians persecuted, he rebuked the tyrants for their cruelty. Soldiers were sent to bring him to appear before the ruler; but he converted them to Christ, and with them was baptized, receiving the name Christopher. After he appeared before the ruler, he was imprisoned and two harlots were sent to seduce him, but he converted them also, and encouraged them in their martyrdom. He was subjected to torments and finally beheaded in the days of Decius. Many marvellous and mythical things are said about him out of ignorance and superstition, one of which is that it is impossible for one to die suddenly from some unexpected cause on the day on which one looks at the Saint's icon. This is the origin of that proverb that is quoted in various quarters: "If on Christopher thou shouldst gaze, thou shalt safely wend life's ways." The etymology of his name, which means "Christ-bearer," has undoubtedly moved iconographers to depict him carrying the infant Jesus on his shoulders; it is completely erroneous, however, to depict him, as some uninformed iconographers do, having the head of a dog, because of a statement in his life that he was dog-faced, by which is meant only that his countenance was exceedingly frightful to look upon.

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