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APRIL 23, 2023

THOMAS SUNDAY

Great Martyr George

Christ is Risen!

Χριστός Ανέστη!

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. 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.

FOR ST. GEORGE

As the one renowned for setting captives free and for defending those in poverty, the physician of the sick and the champion of emperors, great and victorious Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

THOMAS SUNDAY

GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR AND TRIUMPHANT

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode

Psalm 63.11,1

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

About that time, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he

had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

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



Today Social hour is hosted by: Students and parents of St. Anthony Sunday School 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

St. Anthony's Coffee Hour is coordinated by St. Anthony Philoptochos:

Please assist with bringing weekly goodies. A sign-up poster has been placed in the foyer of the hall. Please sign up on the poster or contact Tanya Christodoulelis at 626-379-2304. Thank you for your support.

Please contact the Church office if you need to schedule a memorial.

NOTICE: St. Anthony Volleyball tournament scheduled for May 13, has been postponed due to venue issues!



G.O.Y.A. basketball game this Saturday April 22 and Sunday, April 23: @ St. Sophia

Junior Boys #2 vs. St. Nicks #7 at St. Sophia - Saturday, April 22 at noon

Senior Boys #5 vs. St. Sophia #4 at St. Sophia - Sunday, April 23 at 2:30pm

Please come to the games and cheer on our players!

Winners will advance to Semi-Finals on Saturday, April 29 at St. Sophia

Finals will be held at St. Sophia on Sunday, April 30 followed by the end of season banquet. Please plan to go to the banquet whether or not your team is playing that day. Here is the link for the

banquet: <https://tinyurl.com/GOBLbanquet2023>

Questions contact:

Pana Gelt 626-278-2808 - Anthia Drulias Lucas 626-274-6133

St. Anthony's Greek Language School

2023 – 2024 classes for children and adults in

Lessons start first week of October



person and online

Mondays In Person

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Pre-k, K
Beginner I, II
Intermediate II

Tuesdays Virtual



Beginner III: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

All levels available starting from 6 years old

Wednesdays In Person

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Pre-K, K
Beginner I

Thursdays In Person

4:30pm – 6:30pm

K Primary
Beginner I, II, III
Intermediate
Advanced

Online for Adults



Beginner I – TBD (new class)

Tuesdays - Beginner II: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tuesdays - Intermediate: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Mondays - Advanced: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

All levels available

2023 Church Stewardship Financial Commitment.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed commitment card. If you have not done it, please return your completed commitment card to church as soon as possible. *If you are new to the community and want to become a member in our Church, please feel free to either take a Steward Financial Commitment card from the announcement table in the narthex, contact the Church office or Please visit saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com to make your offering and schedule your regular stewardship giving.*

***Weekly stewardship envelopes are available.
Please contact the church office if you would like to have them
for the 2023 stewardship contributions.***



21st Annual St Anthony's Golf Tournament

We will have our much anticipated event this year on **Friday May 5th**. Please join us for a festive day of golf dinner and fellowship.

All proceeds will benefit our building fund for the senior center. There are many ways for you to support this year's charitable event. If you aren't a golfer join us for our all day Taverna on the Green mezethes and Jimmy Kypreos famous souvla. At night sign up for dinner complete with silent auction and one of a kind live auction items. If you absolutely can't make it please make a tax deductible donation directly to the church office.

Our community volunteers are the key reason for our success. Attached you will find the registration form for golfers, the 2023 brochure to pass along, a donation request letter and a procurement form for the silent auction. For more information please go online to Pasadenagolfclassic.com. Let's make this a memorable year.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____
 I WISH TO BE A: _____

Golfers @ \$225 per golfer (includes Banquet)
 Fourname request on reverse side
 Banquet Only - \$100 per person
 # of Adults Attending Banquet _____


TEE SPONSOR \$250
 HOLE SPONSOR \$1,000
 SILVER SPONSOR \$2,500
 GOLD SPONSOR \$5,000
 PLATINUM SPONSOR \$7,500
 DIAMOND SPONSOR \$10,000

You may pay by credit card by calling the church office at 626.449.6943. Please register at: www.pasadenagolfclassic.com
 Enclosed is my check made for \$ _____ made payable to SAINT ANTHONY'S BUILDING FUND
 I am unable to play this year, but enclosed is my tax-deductible donation towards the Building Fund for \$ _____
 TAX ID# 95-3764279

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church • 21st Annual Golf Classic
 Friday, May 5, 2023 • Brookside Golf Course - Course 1 and Course 2


21ST ANNUAL PASADENA GOLF CLASSIC

2019/2020
 Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church
 778 South Boulevard Blvd.
 Pasadena, CA 91107
 Church Office # 626.449.6943
 GOLF CLASSIC



Taverna on the Green
 Join us for the most
 unique golf
 experience

21ST ANNUAL
PASADENA
GOLF
CLASSIC



Proceeds will fund our new Senior Center
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023
 12:00 PM TEE OFF
 REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00 AM
 BROOKSIDE GOLF COURSE • PASADENA

21st Annual Pasadena Golf Classic Friday, May 5th 2023

Sponsorships

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

The community of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church invites you to its 21st Annual Golf Tournament. All proceeds will fund our new senior center. We have planned an extraordinary day at the beautiful Brookside Golf Course, including Taverna on the Green, where you'll be treated to a selection of fine food, music and festivities, including our famous open spit roast and endless variety of mezes and spirits. Join us for a memorable day for our worthy cause, fellowship and fun. Opa!

Brookside Golf Course • Golf Classic

9:00 AM -- Registration & Check-In
 10:00AM -- Pre-Game Putting Contest
 11:55AM -- Marine Corps Color Guard
 National Anthem
 12:00PM -- Shotgun Start

\$225 Golf Entry Fee Includes:

Competition Packages for the Longest Drive and Straight Drive • Hole in one and closest to the pin • Team Photo & Gift Bag Goodies.
 • Team or top Gross & Net Scores • Lunch • Dinner • Beverages • and Much More Fun

\$100 Outdoor Banquet Dinner at Brookside Golf Course

5:00PM - Cocktail & Silent Auction
 6:00PM - Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert,
 Awards Ceremony

\$100 Fun Pass for Non - Golfers

If you are not a golfer, join us for all the festivities in our Taverna on the Green village with live Greek music, lamb chops, BBQ tri-tip, sliders, roast lamb and spirits.

Diamond Sponsor

\$10,000

Includes golf for 16 and 16 additional dinners.
 A Tee sign with your name or company name.
 Special recognition on official publications.

Platinum Sponsor

\$7,500

Includes golf for 12 and 12 additional dinners.
 A Tee sign with your name or company name.
 Special recognition on official publications.

Gold Sponsor

\$5,000

Includes golf for 8 and 8 additional dinners.
 A Tee sign with your name or company name.
 Special recognition on official publications.

Silver Sponsor

\$2,500

Includes golf for 4 and 4 additional dinners.
 A Tee sign with your name or company name.
 Special recognition on official publications.

Hole Sponsor

\$1,000

Includes golf for 2 plus 2 additional dinners.
 A tee sign with your name or company name.
 Special recognition in official publications.

Tee Sign Sponsor

\$250

Includes a tee sign with your name or company name.
 Special recognition on official publications.

For Further Information

Please call the Church office 626.449.6943
 Online registration www.pasadenagolfclassic.com

Save your spot!
 RSVP by April 20th

PICK THE FORMAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY

Scramble

1. Name _____ Tel _____
 E-mail _____
 2. Name _____ Tel _____
 E-mail _____
 3. Name _____ Tel _____
 E-mail _____
 4. Name _____ Tel _____
 E-mail _____

Stroke

1. Name _____ Index _____
 E-mail _____ Tel _____
 2. Name _____ Index _____
 E-mail _____ Tel _____
 3. Name _____ Index _____
 E-mail _____ Tel _____
 4. Name _____ Index _____
 E-mail _____ Tel _____

* ESTABLISHED INDEX REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN LOW NET FUGHT

Register at www.pasadenagolfclassic.com
 by April 20th & enter "EARLYPAY"
 for the discounted rate of \$200





21st Annual *Pasadena Golf Classic*

March 7, 2023

Saint Anthony

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Louie Kades
Vicki Kades
Liam McCann
Mark Nastri
Vince Zarian

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce the much anticipated 21st Annual Pasadena Golf Classic will be held on Friday May 5th 2023. Our last tournament raised with much love and support over \$100,000. This year's goal will be break our record and raise over \$110,000. Our tournament's theme, *Taverna-on-the-Green*, promises to be a very memorable day of golf, food, fun and fellowship – all for a great cause. The Pasadena Classic draws a wide range of participants from different industries- entertainment, finance, banking, restaurant, hospitality, manufacturing and advertising. We are anticipating 250 golfers and 300 dinner guests. **100% of all net proceeds go directly into our building fund.** This new facility will assist developing a beautiful senior center for the elderly.

We will need your help in succeeding. We are asking you to sponsor, donate an item for our raffle or a gift certificate for our silent auction. All donations whether large or small can make a difference. Please give with your hearts and make a difference that will last a lifetime. All gifts received are tax-deductible and will be given recognition in our golf publication and website.

On behalf of our tournament committee and the entire community, we wish to thank you in advance for your generous donation. If you should have any questions, please call the church office at 626-449-6943.

With best regards,

Golf Committee

TAX ID# 95-3764229

Procurement Form

FEDERAL TAX ID# 95-3764229

ST. ANTHONY'S GREEK DANCE

**2023-2024
BOARD ELECTIONS**



Chairman of the Board/President

Secretary

Treasurer

Fundraising Director/Diakonia

Costume Director

Director Representative

Group Representative (for each group)

IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL

kynkos@att.net by May 8th

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meetings in April:

Philoptochos General Meeting – *GAME NIGHT* – Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 PM. More detail forthcoming.

Attention High School Seniors – Philoptochos of Saint Anthony scholarship applications are now available. Contact Presvytera Aida Stratos at presaida7@gmail.com for information or application.

St. Anthony Philoptochos Operation Classroom

Help us support Pasadena City College Lancer Pantry. St. Anthony Philoptochos Operation Classroom will be collecting hygiene items throughout March and April for PCC Lancer Pantry. Items that are commonly needed by students at PCC are shampoo, conditioner, soap, face cleansers, hand/body lotion, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. You can drop off items in the church hall. We will also have collection boxes outside after church on Sunday, April 23rd and 30th.

Any questions please contact nicolette.fuerst@gmail.com or jenniferkwebster@me.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Sophia Debutante Ball

For those who are interested in the Saint Sophia Debutante Ball, the Saint Sophia Philoptochos is currently reviewing updates to our event and its logistics. We thank those who are interested for their patience and look forward to updating you soon with a date and more details. It will be a beautiful evening! If you are interested in the event, or have any questions, you may email us at: ssphiloptochos@gmail.com.

3ETREAT

A Pan-Orthodox Retreat **ENCOUNTER. EMBODY. ENGAGE.**

April 28-30, 2023

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604-8606

3ETreats are a Pan-Orthodox opportunity to connect with other Orthodox Christians in your area.

Open to ministry leaders, parents, teens, and young adults!

Come learn to draw closer to Christ, better serve your neighbors, and be ambassadors of Christ's love.

Friday, April 28th, 6:30pm

All are invited for refreshments and conversation!

Saturday, April 29th, 9am-5pm

Long day retreat with a youth track (6th-12th grade) and an adult track for parents, ministry workers, and young adults.

Saturday, April 29th, 5pm-8:30pm

Young adult event

Join us for connection and conversation and some refreshments

Sunday, April 30th

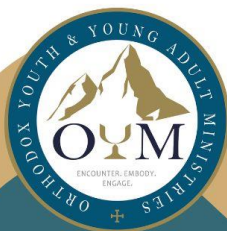
Join us for Divine Liturgy and come say hi to OYM at Coffee Hour

REGISTER HERE:



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2023-2024 Participant Packet



ORTHODOX YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



About OYM

Our Vision

To pass on a faith where every young person can encounter Christ, embody His Church, and engage the world in His Name.

Our Mission

OYM equips and supports clergy, parents, and ministry workers to meet 5 needs of young people:

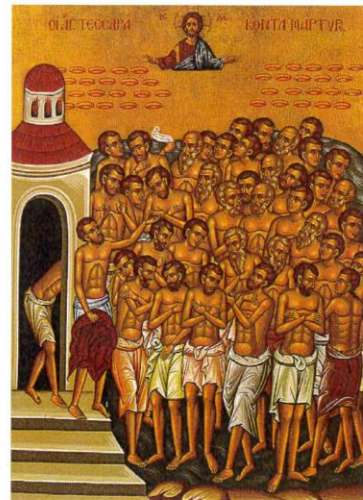
- To know Jesus Christ.
- To know oneself in relation to Christ.
- To belong to the full community of the Church.
- To be empowered with a faith that makes a difference.
- To be entrusted with the witness of the Church.

OYM does this by:

- Providing resources, trainings, retreats, and events.
- Offering support to parishes, jurisdictions, and regions.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of this work on an ongoing basis.

Our Patron Saints- 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

The 40 Martyrs were taken into custody together for their faith in Christ. They were thrown into a freezing lake together and encouraged each other to endure until the end. They "stayed in the lake" together for Christ. In their story we see the idea of the communal holding of each other. That is how OYM approaches its work. We all stay in the lake together with clergy, parents, and ministry workers as we work to pass on our faith.



ORTHODOX YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Meet the Retreat Team

Christian Gonzalez is our Director of Ministry. He is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who holds multiple degrees from Wheaton College, Azusa Pacific University, and Luther Seminary. Well known for his work developing training materials like "Effective Christian Ministry" and podcasts like "We Are Orthodoxy" and "Pop Culture Coffee Hour," he is passionate about upbuilding of the Church as the Family of God: a household that forms young people into the likeness of Christ.



Christian Gonzalez
Director of Ministry



Jack Corbin
Retreat Leader

Jack Corbin is currently in his third year of studies at St Vladimir's Seminary working towards his Masters of Divinity. Jack is from Orange County, California where he loves to hang out with family and friends and play golf. He is currently one of the Directors at Camp St. Nicholas Antiochian Camp in CA. Jack has also worked with the YES program and has helped run many youth retreats across the country.

Sandra Glisic
Director of Operations

Sandra is our Director of Operations. She holds multiple degrees and certificates from Concordia University Chicago, DePaul University Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, Tufts University, and the Lilly School of Philanthropy. She is passionate about building Christ-centered teams that bring organizational best practices to complex ministry problems.



ORTHODOX YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Session Breakdown (Adult Track)

Session 1 - Being the Household of God

In this session we will explore the notion of the Household of God as the center of life and how our lifelong experience of faith has shaped the kind of people we are becoming. We will reflect on influencing factors in faith and what they might mean for us today.

Session 2 - Finding Christ in a Rule of Life

What are our lives ultimately oriented towards? Do we really even know? In this session, we will learn to reorient our lives around Christ by seeking to encounter Him in the day-to-day rhythms of life and what it might look like to intentionally lean toward communion with Christ.

Session 3 - Finding a Community of Love

What does it look like for us to be the Household of God within the Church? What does it mean for us to be brothers and sisters with one another? With children? In this session, we will learn how to support one another in love through the highs and lows of the Christian life.

Session 4 - Becoming Love in a World of Pain

We are surrounded by a world that is suffering, and yet how often do we stick to ourselves? What would it look like to become persons of love? In this session we will explore how we can turn from our inward gaze to becoming people who engage the world in the Name of Christ.



ORTHODOX YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Session Breakdown

(Youth Track- Grades 6-12)

Session 1 - Seeking to Encounter Christ

In the Church, we pray and confess that Christ is everywhere present and filling all things, but do we actually experience this? If not, then why not? Drawing on the life and sayings of the saints, we spend the session learning to look for the Christ who fills all things.

Session 2 - Embodying Christ's Church as the Family of God

Having looked for Christ in all things, we will begin to look for how we can meet Christ in one another as brothers and sisters in Him. In this session we will learn what it means to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2).

Session 3 - Engaging the World as Ambassadors of Christ's Love

As people who share common hope in Christ, the highest call is to live a faith that expresses itself through love (Gal. 5:6). In this session, we will begin to consider the world around us and explore the ways we can engage the world in Christ's Name.

Session 4 - Being the Best Neighbors

Having spent the day in spiritual practices of prayer for one another and lifting up the world, we will do a simple service project that seeks to meet the needs of those around us. Rather than simply saying, "Be warmed and be filled" (James 2:16), we will work to share the Good News of the Kingdom through the sharing of material goods.



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AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:

5:00pm	Staff arrive at Parish
6:00pm	Church Service
7:00pm	Appetizers served/Registration begins Icebreaker/Why is OYM here today?

SATURDAY:

9:00am	Prayer/Breakfast
10:00am	Session 1
11:15am	Break
11:30am	Session 2
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Session 3
3:30pm	Break
3:30pm	Session 4/Service Project for Youth
4:30pm	Wrap Up
5:00pm	Vespers
7:00pm	Young Adult Event

SUNDAY:

8:30am	Matins & Liturgy
11:30am	Coffee Hour



ORTHODOX YOUTH
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Scheduling may be subject to change



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George the Great Martyr and Triumphant

April 23, 2023

George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. (The translation of the Saint's holy relics to the church in Lydda is commemorated on November 3; Saint Alexandra the Queen, on April 21.)

Sunday of Thomas

April 23, 2022

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the

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And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.



WELCOME!



**We hope you enjoy your time with us today and
that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.**

Please note that *only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

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