

THE MESSENGER

Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta Georgia

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – Κυριακή, 15 Ἀπριλίου 2018

Sunday of Thomas - Κυριακή τοῦ Θωμᾶ

Crescens the Martyr, Anastasia and Basilissa the Martyrs, Leonidas,
Bishop of Athans, Theodore the Presbyter and Pausilypos the Martyrs

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**

40 DAY BABY BLESSING

Baby of Anna Karatzas & Daniel Hays

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL FINALISTS

Congratulations to all of our Parish Level Oratorical Festival finalists who will be competing at the District Level next Sunday, April 22nd at St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church in Watkinsville, GA.

Athanasios Grivakis, Senior Division

Andreanna Kitas & Alexys Grivakis, Junior Division

Andreanna Kitas will be presenting her speech today in the Cathedral.

We wish them all good luck next Sunday!

SUNDAY OF THOMAS



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 Savior 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, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing." 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.

(From the website of the Greek-Orthodox Archdiocese of America)

ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Απολυτικιον Απολυτίκια

Απολυτίκιον Ἦχος βαρὺς

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

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος πλ. δ'

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

Apolytikion Mode grave

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.

Kontakion 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 Myrrhbearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.



SUNDAY OF THOMAS-Κυριακή τοῦ Θωμᾶ

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING IS FROM:
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 5:12-20
READER: ANGELA PAPPADAKIS**

PROKEIMENON: *GREAT IS OUR LORD AND GREAT IS HIS POWER.*

VERSE: *PRAISE THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.*

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."

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING JOHN 20:19-25

In 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.

DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 12 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK





ACOLYTES GROUP TWO

Charlie Nelms
Demetre Lignos
Michael Michaels
Nicholas Pappas
Niko Reynolds
Peter Kessler
Stavros Mookas

Christopher Harakas
Konstantine Vlahos
Nikolaos Constantinides
Pete Constantinides
Platon Constantinides
Spears Vavalides

HANDMAIDENS GROUP TWO

Bella Reynolds
Gabriella Pappas
Laila Turner
Paulina Katsoudas
Zoe Nelms

Christina Nastopoulos
Isabella Pappas
Marcella Vlahos
Sophia Karamelas

The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Service

Group: St. John Chrysostom

Chris Adams
Constance Nagle

Tom McBride III
George Karolis

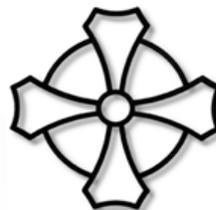
Stacie Nefos
Dimitri Shreckengost

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

“ My Lord and my God! ”

John 20:28



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