

# SUNDAY OF THOMAS

May 9, 2021

**Saints Commemorated today:** Holy Prophet Esaias (Isaiah); Christopher the Martyr of Lycea; Monk-Martyr Nicholas who lived in Vuneni, of Larissa in Thessaly; Epimachos the Martyr of Alexandria; New Martyrs of Novo Selo, Bulgaria

## EPISTLE READING

Acts 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

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.



## 40TH COMMEMORATION OF THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Please see the Flyer at the end of this bulletin announcing a zoom event for the "40th Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople" that will take place on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at 4:30pm. This program is sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate & the Hellenic Society of Constantinople.

## PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

This month, our local chapter is supporting the following national Philoptochos commitments:

**1) 75th Anniversary Founders Fund** – Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Philoptochos Society, this fund provides financial support to Greek Orthodox older adults and their families to assist with housing, utilities, unreimbursed or uncovered medical expenses, home health care, hospice, funerals, safety equipment, and specially approved projects and also provides support to existing continuing care facilities serving the aging Greek Orthodox population in the United States, and may support the establishment of similar facilities.

**2) Orthodox Christian Fellowship Fund (OCF)** -The OCF mission is to support fellowship on college campuses, whose members experience and witness the Orthodox Church through community life, prayer, service to others and study of faith. The fund provides support to more than 240 local OCF chapters throughout the country.

**3) May's community outreach focus project** - Child Care room at Brown Community Learning Center - on Saturday May 15, local chapter members are assembling at this facility in order to finalize the set-up of this room. We've purchased tables, chairs, bean bags, books, games, curtains and wall decorations with which we will furnish and decorate the child care room in time for its use for the facility's summer program. If anyone from our church family is interested in helping on 5/15, we would love to have you join this community outreach effort. Please reach out at 574-404-1184 or to the church office. We will issue community service hour certificates if needed.

Reminder: We are always selling premium extra virgin olive oil produced in Greece. \$29.99 for a 3 liter container. Contact us at philoptochos.sb@gmail.com, or 574-404-1184 or through the church office  
Thank you for your support of our expanding philanthropic ministry on behalf of Saint Andrew!

### **PROSFORO COMMITTEE**

We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee. If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. Generally it means making the Prosforo for four Sundays during the year (2 every six months) and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. The more who sign up the less often each individual will need to cover a Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54).

### **DISCRETIONARY FUND**

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals, and families) that have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

### **VISITING SAINT ANDREW?**

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

### **YOUR PRAYERS HELP...**

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital: Vasilios Spentzos (home) and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Anna Napoleon, Chris Strafford, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Altar Boy.

**Ted Poledor** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

**BAPTISM:** Saturday May 8th at 10:00am Patrick Symeon Tsikalas, son of Fr. John and Pres. Kahlee. Sponsors are Brian and Anna Grace Stefanovic

**MEMORIAL:** A one year Memorial for **Michael (Gerasimos) Kristos** is offered this morning by his loving wife, Elena. May his Memory Be Eternal

**MEMORIAL:** A one year Memorial for **Galina McLaws** is offered this morning by her loving godchildren, Theodore and Genevieve Christensen. May her Memory Be Eternal

**40 Day Blessing:** Alicia and baby Carter Thorpe will be brought into the church at the end of Divine Liturgy. Please pray for the Thorpe family (Brian, Alicia, Jaxon and Carter)!

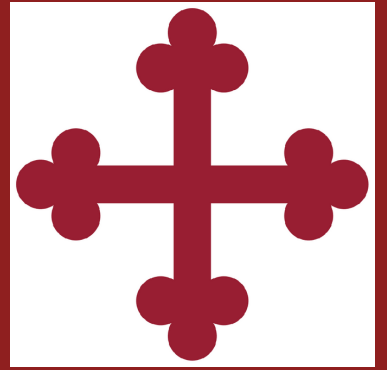
### THIS WEEK

Friday May 7	Bright Friday and Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring <b>At Saint Andrew</b>	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday May 8	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 9	Sunday of Thomas	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday May 11	Sts. Methodios and Cyril	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday May 14	Small Paraklesis <b>at Holy Dormition NEW CARLISLE</b>	9:30am
Saturday May 15	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 16	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

### LOOKING AHEAD

Friday May 21	Sts. Constantine & Helen	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday May 22	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 23	Sunday of the Paralytic	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday May 26	Mid-Pentecost	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday May 28	Small Paraklesis	9:30am
Saturday May 29	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 30	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

# THE 40th COMMEMORATION OF THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE: Hagia Sophia 1453 and 2021: From Past Conquest to Current Captivity



Join us for a live town hall meeting on  
Sunday, May 16th @4:30p.m. CDT  
[https://archons-org.zoom.us/j/85839744872?](https://archons-org.zoom.us/j/85839744872?pwd=RnBFbFNSN3plcmZjMjR2SmxVSnNydz09)  
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# PANELISTS



Opening Remarks by  
His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael

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National Commander, Order of St. Andrew the Apostle

Dr. Alexandros Kyrou, Ph.D.  
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Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Ph.D.  
Visiting Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution  
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Question & Answer session to follow

For more information, go to [www.chicago.goarch.org](http://www.chicago.goarch.org) or  
[www.hellenicsocietyofconstantinople.org](http://www.hellenicsocietyofconstantinople.org)