

# Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

## THE HOLY APOSTLE THOMAS

St. Thomas, whose memory we celebrate today on the Sunday after Pascha (and on October 6) is usually remembered for his doubts about Christ's Resurrection. However, once Thomas overcame his doubts (as we hear in today's gospel), he went on to bring the Christian gospel farther than any other apostle. His most famous missionary work was in southern India. After many years of missionary work, he was executed by a local chief near the Indian mountain later renamed Mt. St. Thomas.

## THE HOLY PROPHET JEREMIAH

St. Jeremiah lived in Kingdom of Judah. He was made a prophet by God and supported King Josiah in religious reforms to fight the idolatrous Baal worship. But later, under the rule of King Jehoiakim, he prophesied that Judah should surrender to Babylon. Judah had become too wicked and needed to submit to God's punishment upon them through Babylon. The king and most of the nation rejected Jeremiah's prophecies. They refused to repent of their wickedness and insisted on continuing to resist Babylon. Jeremiah also prophesied about a "new covenant" for the nation when the Messiah came. He is sometimes called "the weeping prophet" because of all the tears he wept over the sins and sufferings of the Jewish people. At the end of his life, Jeremiah was forced to go along to Egypt with a group of Jews who did not want to stay in Judah because of the Babylonian conquest. The Bible does not say how he died, but the early Christian writer Tertullian says he was stoned to death by those Jews in Egypt. This would have taken place around 570 B.C.

## ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**May 1, 2022**

*Thomas Sunday*

**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**  
**Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop ANTHONY**  
**Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**

**V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon**  
**Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez**  
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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:15 AM

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!** We are glad to have you praying with us. *The reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion* is limited to members of the Orthodox Church who are in good sacramental standing & have made proper preparation to receive. All are welcome to receive the blessed antidoron bread at the end of the service.

**THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION** is offered by the Patrick family for the health & salvation of Dan on his birthday; and is offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Joanne Vazquez on her birthday.

**During today's liturgy we will pray for the health & safety of:**

Josephine Katzbach	Jean Caldaroni	Ruth Zheltov
Justin Mosier	Paraschiva Blaz	James Padzerski
Tony Burhen	Phyllis Simmons	Ron Hakaim
Lucy Kinkaid	Nancy Yanik	James Schwind
Marc Balke	Dolores Kaleal	Tim
Christopher Samuel	William	Norman Fadil
Peter George	Ron & Donna Teaman	Sonja Maria
Pauline Hanna	Jerry Morrison	Deacon Macarius Tolbert
Frank Popovich	Marianna Russyn	Daniel & Abbey Samson
Issa Zaboura	Iliana Radivoj	Catherine & Mary
Argie Katsaros	Lena Batina	Antonios Payamgis
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Danielle	
Joseph Watson	Nolan Bunch	

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Maria (cousin of Florentina Popa), Alnora Smith, Georgette Allison (Fred Bourjaily's aunt), Michael Vovos, Barbara Ensley (Fr. Andrew's cousin), Cindy Retzler

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Acts 5: 12-20     **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 20: 19-31     **HOMILY:** "Doubting Thomas' Beautiful Doubt"

**USHERS:** Kosta Bokjanc & Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** after liturgy today. The last day of Sunday School will be May 15.

**PLEASE STAY FOR COFFETIME IN THE HALL RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!**

**PASCHA EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN 11 AND UNDER-----TODAY  
AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

# Paschal Greetings in Other Languages

**English:**

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

**Romanian:**

Hristos a inviat! - Adevărat a inviat!

**Greek:**

Hristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

**Russian:**

Hristos Voskresel! Voistino Voskresel!

**Arabic:**

Al Masih Qam! Haken Kam!

**Hungarian:**

Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!

**Serbian:**

Hristos Vaskrese! Vaistino Vaskrese!

**Ukrainian:**

Hristos Voskresel! Voistino Voskresel!

**Latin**

Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

**Ethiopian:**

Kristos Tenestwal! Bergit Tenestwal!

**German**

Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!

**French**

Le Christ est ressuscité! En vérité Il est ressuscité!

**Turkish**

Hristos Diril-di! Hakikaten Diril-di!



**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION**

*Theotokos of Vladimir*

**Annual  
Pan-Orthodox  
Luncheon**



**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall  
6822 Broadview Road  
Parma, OH 44134**

**Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022  
Time: Doors open @ 12:00 AM  
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM**

**Enjoy the afternoon with  
good homemade appetizers / desserts  
along with a delicious luncheon menu**

**Reservations required  
by Monday, May 9, 2022  
No tickets sold at the door  
Tickets: Adults - \$15.00  
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50  
Children under 6 - FREE**

**For tickets, see Parish Representative Gloria Zabala**



**Program to include:**

- Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes**

**All proceeds to benefit Orthodox organizations and charities  
see list compiled by BOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>**

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022**

**NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA**

**Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called "The Twin"**

Prophet Jeremiah; Venerable-martyrs Euthymios, Ignatius and Akakios of Prodromou skete on Athos

- 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: Christ is risen from the dead, and by His death He has trampled death; and unto those who are within the tombs, has He granted life!

- The Choir then sings this twice, and the Liturgy continues with the Great Litany.*

**VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

- Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.
- Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.
- Glory... Both now...

**VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

- May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
- That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.
- May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.
- Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

**VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON (Refrain: "Christ is risen from the dead...")**

- Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.
- As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST**

In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

**APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN**

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

### THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

### THE EPISTLE

*Great is our Lord, and great is His strength. Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

#### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy 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 with one accord in Solomon's porch. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people magnified them. 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 cities around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the chief priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the sect of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they laid their hands on 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."

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 to 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 to 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 to 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, "Thomas, you have 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.

### MEGALYNARION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

O thou lamp of shining splendor, and pure Mother of our God; thou most manifest glory, thou who art more exalted than all creation, with hymns thee do we magnify.



### **Deepen your faith with Father Stephen Freeman**

The OCLife Chapter at St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church is hosting a spiritual retreat with Father Stephen Freeman as the guest speaker.

### **Topic:**

**"Lost and Found: Playing Hide 'n Seek with God"**

Adam and Eve famously hid from God in the Garden after they sinned. God sought them out, calling Adam by name. After the Resurrection, Christ appears to His disciples in an unpredictable manner. We ourselves are told to "ask," to "seek," and to "knock." There is a mystery in this movement of hiding and discovery that marks both the lives of sinners as well as the life of God. What do we make of this? What is its purpose? How do we cooperate in a helpful manner?

**Each of the talks during this retreat will explore aspects of this dynamic.**

**Where:** St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church  
10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton

**Friday, May 6, 2022 from 6 - 8 pm**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.** doors open / breakfast

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Session 1

**12:00 - 1:30 p.m.** lunch

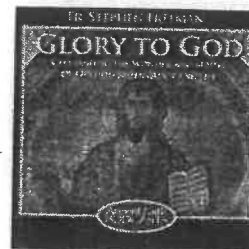
**1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Session 2

**5:00 - Vespers**

Sponsored by:



Father Stephen is the author of the book, "*Everywhere Present, Christianity in a One-Story Universe*". He also has a podcast on the Ancient Faith Ministries website and is a weblog host on [Glory to God for all Things](#).



### **Admission is a free-will donation**

Pick any or all sessions. The choice is yours, but **reservations are advised by April 30th to save your seat.**

RSVP Cindy George – (330) 309-9491, [cindvgeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindvgeorge127@gmail.com)  
Or Gloria Zabala 440-897-5052, [gzabala104@gmail.com](mailto:gzabala104@gmail.com)

- Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" ONCE.

Join us for fellowship, friendship, and worship!



**SAINT GEORGE**  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Grand Rapids, Michigan  
invites you to join us for the

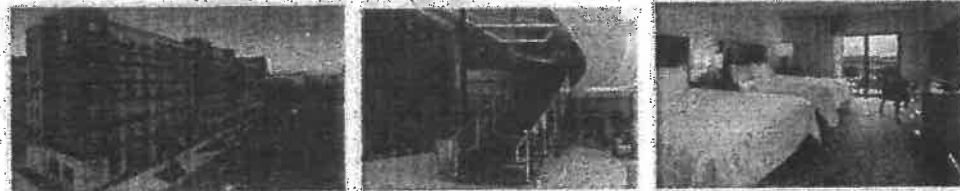
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June 15 to June 19, 2022

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In Celebration of Bishop Anthony's 10 Years or In Memory of Fr. John Winfrey.

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### UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, MAY 7—Vespers, 5pm

SUN, MAY 8—Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for Ilorena, Veronica, Ana Maria; in memory of Ioan, Maria, Ioan, Cornelia; and by the Vovos family in memory of Michael Vovos; and by the Vazquez family in memory of Deacon Basil's mother, Francisca Melendez. The 40 day memorial will be offered in memory of Michael Vovos by his family.

### MEETINGS

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**— Mondays 7:15 p.m., at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Den Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**— Tues, May 3 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month. The topic is the book of Ephesians.

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**— Sat, May 14, 6pm. (Meets monthly at church after Vespers). Beginning the book of I Corinthians

**NORTH BIBLE STUDY**— RE-STARTING THURSDAY, MAY 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**—Fri, May 6, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

**HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP**— Friday, May 13, 9am

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**— Sun, May 15 during coffeetime will be led by Craig George.

**TEEN GROUP**— May monthly meeting to be announced. The Teen Group is helping the Family

Camp Out at the church on Saturday-Sunday, May 28-29.

St. John Chrysostom compares the church to a hospital, a place of healing.

Come and Experience

**"Pathway to Peace"**

A gathering place for those who are broken from hurt, hangups or habits.

Pathway to Peace is a group of Orthodox Christians that meets for support in seeking practical solutions for problems and healthy spiritual fellowship.

Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ.

**Mondays, 7:15 PM**

**10383 Albion Rd. N Royalton**

For more information: Deacon Basil

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## MINISTRY NEWS

**OUR MAY DATE TO PROVIDE, COOK, AND SERVE A MEAL TO THE POOR AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER IS SUNDAY, MAY 15.** If you can help by providing food or cooking or serving, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591

**OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND** The next date is Sunday, May 15. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry doors. St. George Church will make the lunches this month—it will be our turn again in June.

**OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**---Attention: To those who feel God is leading you to do more for life issues, such as the protection of unborn babies in the womb, defending sexual purity for our teens and adults, advocating for the elderly in nursing homes and all issues having to do with living a life pleasing to God: We have a new group at St. Matthew's called OCLife St. Matthew Church. This group is officially affiliated with the national group OCLife, a "non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement." If you wish to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at [LDPAL1703@outlook.com](mailto:LDPAL1703@outlook.com) or Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com).

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOME ALMS BOXES**---Please return your home alms to the church by next Sunday so all the money can be sent to the Archdiocese to help the poor around the world.

**COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED**---sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!

**HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP** for 2022 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

**VACUUMING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET** is on a little table in the narthex.

What volunteers do is, either after Sun liturgy or later Sun or Mon, is vacuum the church----nave & narthex entry area. Also, they clean up any stray bulletins or other papers left behind. It is fine for two people to do it together (we have enough vacuum cleaners). They do not do any cleaning in the hall, kitchen, rooms, etc. Please consider signing up to do it one week.

**SEEKING WORK**---Catechumen Michael Palmer is seeking work. He has 15 years experience in customer service, most recently as a health screener at Cleveland Clinic. He is seeking a job of 20-25 hrs/week in Berea/Middleburg Heights area. If you know of anything, please call him---216-212-7436.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 St. Matthew's will be holding the inaugural (God willing!) Traditional Orthodox Family Camp Out. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Families, singles, old and young, new parishioners and founders and everyone in between.

Come and go during the day, but for the full experience bring your tent and camp out for the night! The full agenda is forthcoming, but expect good old-fashioned camp fun – sack races, softball, egg tosses, water balloons and more – combined with Orthodox talks and services – that will end with a pizza meal after Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Enjoy our beautiful Church property while spending time together in Christ as a Church family. Cost? FREE! There will be a freewill offering, but only if you feel led by the Lord to give. We want YOU to be there!

**DOG SITTER NEEDED**---Someone is looking for a dog sitter for a well behaved 70 pound Doberman, while its owner is on vacation in Romania. The dates for watching the dog are from July 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of August, 2022. The owner will provide the dog's food and toys, and a daily fee for watching the dog (negotiable). Please let Electra know if you are interested in watching this dog, and she will put you in touch with the owner. Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743 [electra.floasiu@yahoo.com](mailto:electra.floasiu@yahoo.com)

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A WEDDING!** Mark the date for the wedding of parishioners Veronica Scanlon and Colton Bose. SATURDAY, JULY 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The wedding and reception will both be held here at St. Matthew's.

Please RSVP at <http://withjoy.com/colton-and-veronica> by June 19 so they can plan accordingly. For those who don't wish to use the Internet, please RSVP by texting or calling Veronica at 440-657-8904. Also, LADIES are invited to a potluck Bridal Shower for Veronica, on Friday, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the home of Susan Blazek, 1498 Oak Tree Dr, Brunswick. Please RSVP at the following evite: <http://evite.me/9kB1CbfKQh> or email to: [Susan.blazek@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.blazek@gmail.com).

The couple is registered at Target, in-store and at Target.com. <https://www.target.com/gift-registry>  
They invite you all to join in their great joy!