

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

May 12, 2024

Thomas Sunday

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions during Matins

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:15 AM

WELCOME TO FATHER FRED SHAHEEN AND HIS SON, WILLIAM, who are visiting us today! Father Fred will be our new pastor beginning when Father Andrew retires on August 1.

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 Blazeks for the health & salvation of Anastasia on her 10th birthday; and by Craig & Cindy George for the health & salvation of their goddaughter, Pam Stephanoff, on her Saint Day (St. Dymphna); and by Walid & Fadia Abdulkarim for the health & salvation of Deacon Walid & family, Maya & family, and Mounier & family; and by David & Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of their goddaughter, Mikaela Cihon, on the one year anniversary of her baptism; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Mikhael and Ioan; and by Camille Patick for the health & salvation of her husband, Dan for his birthday.

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

Justin Mosier	Mary Malaniak	James Padzerski	Theodore Bunevich
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Jerry Morrison	Corrine George
Lucy Kinkaid	Ed Haddad	Father Basil Caldaroni	Danielle
Marc Balke	Michael Francu	Charles & Judy Burhen	Nancy Brown
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Donald Glaser
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Mary Violanti
Pauline Hanna	Paraschiva Blaz	Becca Aboumrad & Layla	Elias Karam
Frank Popovich	Dolores Kaleal	Vincent & Ginger DeFilippo	Nancy Yanik
Issa Zaboura	Josephine Katzbach	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	Shirley Fuller
Argie Katsaros	Father John Henry	George & Christine Simon	Robert Weber

And for the newly departed servants of God: George N. Nassaar, Bishop Mathias, John Schweitzer, Audrey Nicoloff, Daniel, Rocky Farage (Beth Snyder's brother), Father Andrew Short, Margaret Sabrey, Jean Browne (Sandy Tolbert's cousin)

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

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31 **HOMILY:** Father Fred Shaheen

USHERS: Tony Latina & Anthony Yanik

ALTAR BOY TEAM 3—Josiah Blazek, captain; Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole

AT THE END OF TODAY'S LITURGY:

---**NEW CATECHUMEN PRAYER**—Nizam Jawhari will be blessed to become a Catechumen.

---**THE 40-DAY CHURCHING** will be held for Veronica Bose & her daughter, Anna.

---**OUR ARCHDIOCESE'S ANNUAL OFFERING FOR THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX PATRIARCH WILL BE TAKEN.**

OUR ANNUAL ST. THOMAS SUNDAY CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE LITURGY---THANK YOU TEEN CLUB, FOR HOSTING IT!

OUR ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE RIGHT AFTER LITURGY---IT IS BEING HOSTED BY OUR PARISH'S BROTHERHOOD. *It is open to all and there is no charge! Please stay!*

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA

Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called “The Twin”

Germanos, patriarch of Constantinople; Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

(Today use Alt. #2 (p. 4) for the refrain)

- 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

(Today use Alt. #2 (p. 7) for the refrain)

- 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... *(Today use Alt. #2 (p. 7))*

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.

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.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THOMAS SUNDAY (Psalm 147:1)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia.

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

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN ALMS BOXES TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.... The amount received will be forwarded to our Archdiocese's outreach to the poor around the world

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Today- *special last day activity followed by the annual egg hunt.* Today is the last day of classes. Thank you to all the teachers and assistants who helped to make it a great year for our children. You have been a special blessing to the parish. May God grant you many years.

May 19- The following children will be *celebrating their first confession:* Klementine Conrad, Lorianne Green, Mary Harmon, Emmelia Roach. Please come and celebrate with them.

Thank you to all the children and parents who helped to put together Pascha bags for the shut-ins on Holy Friday.

Congratulations to Jed Zoghaib! He will be on staff this summer at Antiochian Village. Please keep him in your prayers.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, MAY 18-5pm Vespers

SUN, MAY 19- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The oblation and memorial will be offered by Chadi & Marie Abouhaider for Marie's father, Elias Bader (1 year); and the oblation and memorial will be offered by Georgette Dye for her grandparents, Genevieve & Elias Karam, her parents Maurice Mack & Norma Buettner, Norman & Georgette Sullivan, Lillian & Ernest Audey, Gary Audey, Norman & Hallie Karam, and George Karam; and the oblation and memorial will be offered by Lori Fadil for her husband Norman (1 year); and the oblation and memorial will be offered by Thomas Sabrey for his mother, Margaret (40 days); and the oblation and memorial will be offered by David & Rudylin Glaser for David's mother, Arline; and the oblation will be offered by David & Rudylin Glaser for their daughter, Regina, and her husband Paul on their marriage weekend and for Rudylin's mother, Linda Bacus, on her birthday; and the oblation will be offered by Maria Simescu in memory of her godparents, Ioan & Maria; and will be offered by Colton & Veronica Bose for their daughter, Anna, on her baptism day; and the oblation will be offered by Florentina Popa for her granddaughters, Elizabeth (Birthday) and Elena (Saint Day). Also four children will make their first confessions before liturgy. They will be honored at the end of the liturgy and at the coffeetime in the hall.

GRAVE BLESSINGS---Part 2 of Pascha grave blessings will be Sat, morning, May 25th. Two cemeteries will be done that day---St. Theodosius & Riverside. Contact Father Andrew if you wish a grave in one of those 2 cemeteries blessed. Graves in cemeteries not done in the first two blessing days (Apr 27, and May 25) will be blessed at later dates....

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Sat, May 18. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelfharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY---Is rescheduled to Sat May 25. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30 p.m., at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. Beginning a study on the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— May 21, 10:30am. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Is on break for the summer. Next year we plan to meet Aug-Oct 9:30-noon on Fridays for story time, chemistry, math, music, and catechism courses. Infants through Elementary School children are welcome to participate. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP---Next date to be announced. Meets quarterly at the church. Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Please join us! Contact Lisa Bowden at [440-667-2767](tel:440-667-2767) for info.

CHESS CLUB--- After liturgy next Sun, May 19th. *If you don't know how to play, you are welcome to come and they will teach you!*

TEEN CLUB— Next meeting: After liturgy Sun, May 26th.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting next: Sun, May 19 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- MAY 26 is the next monthly Sunday that parishioners deliver food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtown Cleveland. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall doors. **WHITE SOCKS NEEDED**—box is by main hall entry doors. Call Josie Katzbach, [440-668-9831](tel:440-668-9831), for information.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS- are being collected in the big wooden box under the coat rack. They will go to St. Herman's Homeless Shelter this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Next, SUNDAY, MAY 19TH is the monthly date that we provide, cook, and serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help in any way, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591

MARTHA MINISTRIES--- We are a group of parishioners who cook or deliver some freezer meals to families in time of need (new babies, recovering from illness/surgery, grieving a loss...). Can you help by cooking or delivering? Please see/email/call Erin Musarra: [440-799-0838](tel:440-799-0838) Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY--This new ministry is beginning in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. If you wish to get involved or just want more info for now, please attend! It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local prison ministry leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678
vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—Please use the chart in the hall (chart is on the right wall by the counter) to sign up for which Sundays you wish to offer the oblation for the liturgy. *If you are not sure how oblations work, just check with Father Andrew.*

HOSTING COFFEETIME AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY- If you can bring food please sign up on the chart to the left of the counter in the hall! Questions? Contact Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743.

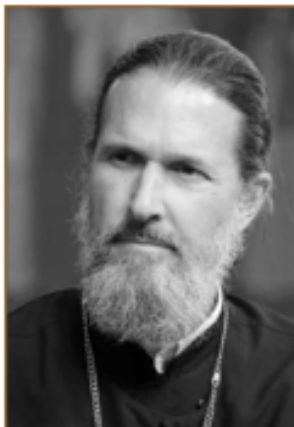
VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS-Sign-up sheet is in the narthex to vacuum the nave after liturgy!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

SAVE THE DATE

FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT
WITH

FATHER JOSIAH
TRENHAM, PH.D.



DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2024

TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

LOCATION:

St. Matthew the Evangelist
Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133

A native Southern Californian, Father Josiah attended Westminster Seminary California, receiving his M.Div. in 1992 while studying under some of the most influential teachers in the Reformed tradition.

In 1993, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of the Orthodox Church and in 2004 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Durham, England.

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and two books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled "The Arena Podcasts", and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast.

You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films.

New to the Orthodox Faith or want to learn more? This is a great opportunity to learn what the Orthodox Church teaches.

Come with your questions and learn what our ancient Church Fathers have taught us. Father Josiah will inspire with his wealth of knowledge and understanding of our church teachings.

For more information or to get the latest schedule with Father Josiah, contact Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com



SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAY CAMP

2024 THEME "ORTHODOXY AROUND THE WORLD"

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE:



Lives of the Saints
Sacred Arts
Sports
International Foods



WHEN: June 3-7 (Monday - Friday)

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Matthew's Antiochian Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

OPEN: Ages 3-12 Years Old



MONDAY: Romania - Kolyva, Iconography & Soccer

TUESDAY: Russia, China & OCA - Prospora, Woodworking & Martial Arts

WEDNESDAY: Antioch - Prayer Rope Weaving & Basketball

THURSDAY: Serbia - Slava Bread, Candle Making & Dance

FRIDAY: Greece - Icon Corner & Olympic Games

ADMISSION IS FREE!

(Free Will Donations Are Welcomed)

To register your child(ren) and/or to volunteer,
Please call, text or e-mail Olivia Harmon by:

**MONDAY, MAY 20
REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

(440) 220-2624

oharmon15@gmail.com





SAVE THE DATE

2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

All Saints and Holy Transfiguration invite you to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Whether you are new to the Diocese or have been attending PLCs for many years, we welcome each of you and your families.

We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you at the Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference in Chicago-Land in June 2024!

DATE

June 26-29
Wednesday - Saturday

LOCATION

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523





Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Unity Through Participation**

**Saturday, May 18, 2024
@ 10:00 A.M.**



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

- **After Mother's Day Luncheon and Social**
- **Share pictures and memories of our mother, grandmother, or mother-like figure**
- Update on our **Annual EOWG Fundraiser Luncheon** to be held on Saturday, June 8th. Luncheon tickets will be distributed to church representatives

Christos Simmons



Camper Spotlight



What session will you attend?

Session 3

How many times have you been to camp?

This will be my first year!

What are you looking forward to about camp?

I am looking forward to canoeing.

THE IOCC CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE

invites you to the

32ND ANNUAL BANQUET

Monday, June 3, 2024

Doors 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

WOODSIDE EVENT CENTER AT ST. MICHAEL'S

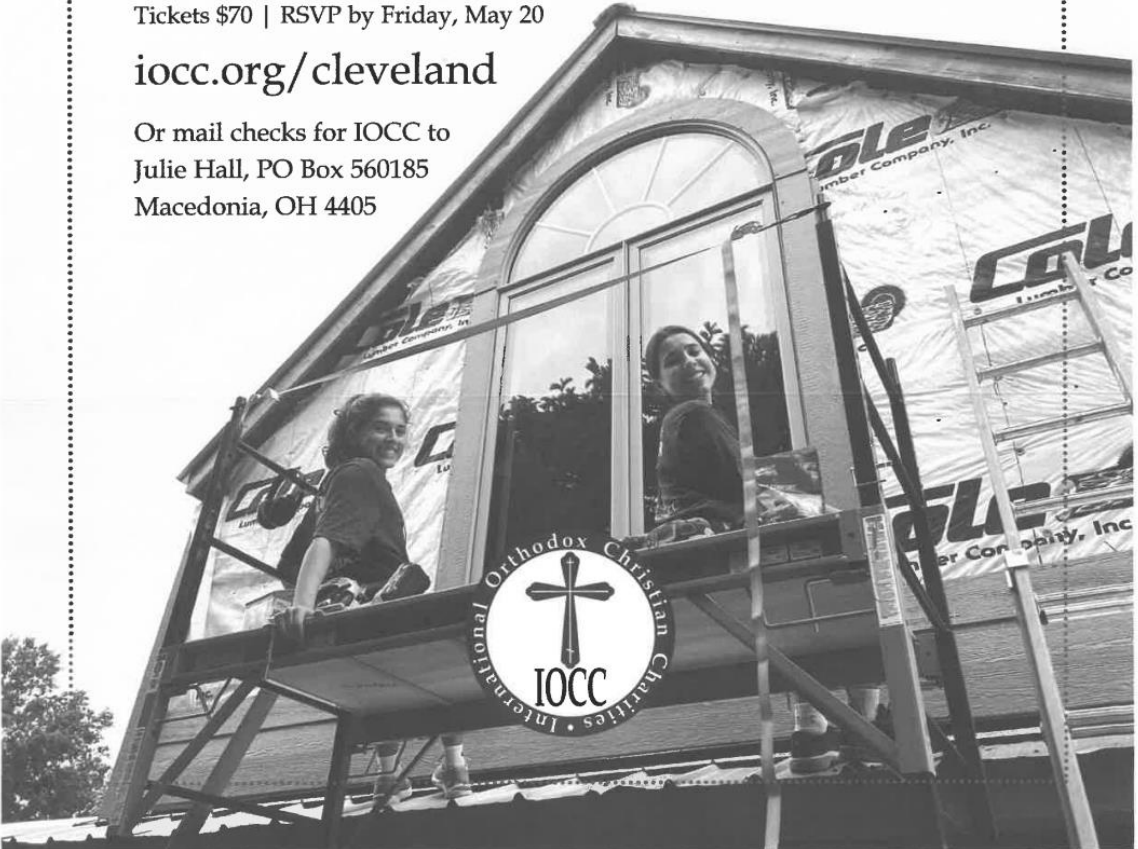
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Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and right here in the US.

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Julie Hall, PO Box 560185
Macedonia, OH 4405



Hall Use Calendar:

(The hall and kitchen will be unavailable on the shaded days)

IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE THE HALL OR KITCHEN for any purpose...
 you must first contact a Hall Committee member to make sure it is still available.

Electra Floasiu [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

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	Morning	Afternoon		Evening		
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5		Kirsch Family Pascha Celebration 1:30-6:00				
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18		Kitchen in use- Sondra Palivoda 12-5				
19		Bose Baptism 1:30-4:00				
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26		Hall Rental Bonnie Harmon 3-7				
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CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

THE HOLY SEASON OF PASCHA

Although Orthodox people in the West may sometimes use the Anglo-Saxon term “Easter”, the proper and historical term for this holiest of all days is “Pascha” ----Greek for “Passover”. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover---our Lord “passed over” from death to life.

During this season (until Pentecost, June 23) we do not kneel to pray at home or at church---this is an expression of our joy at the Resurrection. We greet each other (especially during this week, Bright Week) with “Christ is risen!” and the response, “Truly He is risen!”. Wednesdays and Fridays (by Antiochian practice and ancient practice of all Orthodox) are not fast days until after Ascension Day, June 13th.

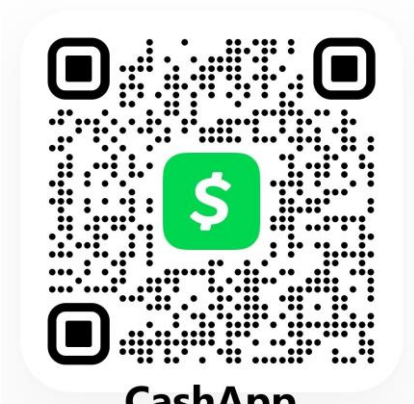
The Holy Apostle Thomas

St. Thomas, whose memory we celebrate today (Thomas Sunday-The Sunday after Pascha) is also commemorated on October 6-the date of his martyrdom. He is usually remembered for his doubts about Christ’s resurrection. However, once he overcame his doubts, as we hear in today’s gospel reading, he went on to spread the Christian gospel farther than any other apostle. He preached in many lands, but his most famous missionary work was in southern India. After many years of missionary work there, he was executed by a local chief near the Indian mountain later renamed Mt. St. Thomas.

St Matthew Church can now accept donations with these online services:

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