

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

THOMAS SUNDAY

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Apolytikion for Thomas Sun. in the Grave Tone

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

Apolytikion for John the Theologian in the Second Tone

O Apostle, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed You to recline on His breast, receive you bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

WELCOME

Today we welcome the parishioners of St. John Othodox Church as they workship with us.

ST NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

Registration OPEN NOW for Summer Camp! Please visit:

<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>

CAMP DATES: JULY 24-30, 2016

AGES: For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2016) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring 2016).

PRICE

\$375 Early Bird Registration (UNTIL MAY 31ST)

\$425 Normal Registration (JUNE 1ST - JULY 24TH)



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We welcome you to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/chrismated Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 8th day of the month of May, we commemorate Thomas Sunday, John the Apostle, Evangelist & Theologian, Synaxis of the Holy Powder (or manna) which emitted from the tomb of Saint John the Theologian, Arsenios the Great, Emelia, mother of St. Basil the Great.

By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

EPISTLE READING - 1 JOHN 1:1-7

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 18.4,1.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

THAT WHICH WAS from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduates will be honored on **Sunday, May 15th** following the Divine Liturgy. ALL High School and College Graduates are encouraged to please participate in our ceremony. Whether you can attend or not, we would love to include information on your achievements. Also, we'd love to have a photo of your graduate along with their information. Please see the format below for submitting.

FULL Name of Graduate:

Full Name(s) of Parent(s):

School Graduating from:

Any Honors, Awards, Achievements:

School will be Attending/Future en-

deavors:

*Or for College Graduates:

Will be working/future endeavors:

* Please let us know if you will or will not be attending the **May 15th** ceremony. Any questions, please contact Kathy Zambelis at 359-1055.

Deadline

Send all information to Erin in the church office at: annunciationmemphis@gmail.com **no later than Sunday, May 8**, so it can be published on the **GRADUATES BOOKLET!** If it is not received on time, the information will only be read on Graduation Sunday, but not posted.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Cathe Skefos

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras, Peter Melonas

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by the Schmitt Family to celebrate the birth of their son Michael Alexander Schmitt.

FASTING THIS WEEK

On Wednesday and Friday Wine & Oil are allowed.

The rest of the week we are fast free.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **40 Day Blessing** for Anne Schmitt and son Michael Alexander
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Schmitt family to celebrate the birth of their son Michael Alexander

Monday, May 9

- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, May 10

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 11

- ◆ **Greek School** 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 12

- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 3:30 pm

Friday, May 13

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 15 Graduation Sunday

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour for Graduation Sunday** hosted by Daughter of Pene

Monday, May 16

- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** 6:15 pm