

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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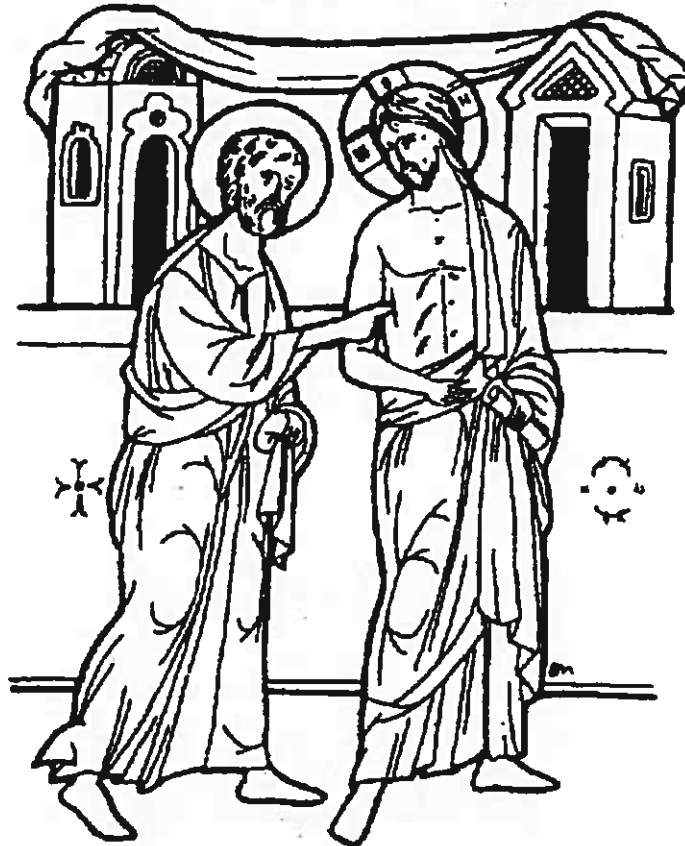
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CHRIST IS RISEN

∴ THE DOUBTING THOMAS ∴



APRIL 26, 2020
THOMAS SUNDAY
NEW SUNDAY

DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Feast Tone 5: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Arabic: Al-ma-sih qam min bai-ni l-am-wat, wa-wa-ti-a l-mowt bil-mowt, wa-wa-ha-ba l-hayah, lil-la-dhi-na fi l-qu-bur (sung alternately with Psalm verses in between).

THE PASCHAL ENTRANCE HYMN

Priest: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel.

People: Save us O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of St. Thomas Sunday in the Seventh Tone: While the tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, thou didst come in to thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha Tone 8: Down to the grave O thou wentest immortal Lord. Yet didst destroy the power of hades and art risen with vict'ry crowned, O Christ our true God; And hast hailed with glad greeting the women that came with myrrh; And unto thine Apostles hast graciously sent thy peace, O Lord that grantest the fallen to rise with thee.

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Prokeimenon (146:5; 134:3) Great is our Lord, and great is his power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Reading from the Acts of the 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 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."

Alleluia Verse (Psalm 94:1,3) O come let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to God our Savior. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods

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 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.

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OTHER CHANGES FOR THOMAS SUNDAY

Instead of "The angel cried...", the chanters will sing: **"O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee"**.

Communion Hymn: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, O Praise Thy God, O Zion, Alleluia".

Instead of "We have seen the true light...", we sing "Christ is risen..."

At the end of the Liturgy, instead of "Through the prayers..." the priest and people exchange the Paschal greeting, and the following dialogue.

and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

We then continue with the Second Litany of the Faithful.

Please remember in your prayers: Eleanor Wackeen, Jamal El-Sayegh, Francois & Maureen Maatouk, Tarek Fakhouri, Adele Bahbah, Paul Qaqundah, Theresa Joubran, Paula Rodriguez and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

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Good Samaritan Fund

Several years ago, St. Mark Church established a fund for assisting those in need, both within our parish and in the general community. From time to time we ask for contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund, and this is one of those times. If you are in need of assistance or you are aware of someone in our parish that needs financial assistance, please speak with Fr. Michael.

Today

Please remember that even in the midst of this difficult period, the expenses of the parish continue. It is important that we send in our donations and pledges via U.S. mail, or if you prefer to pay by credit card call the Church Office to set this up. We are working to keep our expenditures as low as possible until things return to a more normal state.

This Week

Upcoming Services & Events

The 57th Sweetheart Ball Saturday originally scheduled for April 25 has been postponed until November 7.

The 2020 Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Parish Life Conference, which was to be held in San Francisco July 1-5, is cancelled.

Priest: Glory to his third day Resurrection!

People: We adore his third day Resurrection!

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PLEASE NOTE: TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY for the Departed may not be said as a 9th day, 40th day, 6th month, or an anniversary memorial from Lazarus Saturday through Thomas Sunday. The only Trisagion Prayers of Mercy permitted during that period are those said for the faithful who pass from this life in these holy days. Thus the next Sunday at which the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy can be sung will be May 3.

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Holy Oblations are offered today for all those on the frontlines of the struggle against COVID-19, especially doctors, nurses and all healthcare professionals, researchers and, of course, for those who are seriously ill with this virus. Today we also pray for the soul of Fr. Roman Braga, departed this life 5 years.

Fr. Roman was a priest-monk who spent 6 years in concentration camps in his native Romania for the “crime” of teaching Christianity to college students. He was later exiled to South America and eventually came to the U.S. where he served as a parish priest and later as the spiritual father for the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Monastery in Ellwood City, PA. During his years in America, he was often invited to speak at parishes in the U.S. and Canada and was noted for his tremendous faith and humility. He fell asleep in the Lord on April 28, 2015. May his memory be eternal!

Until further notice, both Coffee Hour and Church School are cancelled. Today we will hold a virtual Coffee Hour on the Zoom platform at 1:00 p.m. You should have received an email invitation with instructions.

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After the exclamation of the Ektenia of Fervent Supplication, “For thou art a merciful God...” we add the following

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest:

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians

The Orthodox Christian greeting of Pascha

CHRIST IS RISEN!

TRULY HE IS RISEN!

AL-MASSIH QAM!

HAKKAN QAM! (Arabic)

CHRISTOS ANESTI!

ALITHOS ANESTI! (Greek)

CHRISTOS A INVIAT!

ADEVERAT A INVIAT! (Romanian)

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

VOISTINU VOSKRESE! (Slavonic)

CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!

EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO! (Spanish)

St. Mark Pledge Drive 2020
Total Pledge cards 120
Total Pledges \$ 178,336
April 22, 2020

IMAD & ARIJ ALCHAMMAS
SLEIMAN & SEHAM ALDADA
LUPE ALLEN
JUNE ANTER
SAMIR & AFIFA ARTOUL
MAY ASALY
GHASSAN & GISELLE AWAYJAN
ANAHID AZZOUNI
DANNY & MICHELE BABA
ISSAM & AMIRA BACHAWATY
JACOB & VERA BAHBAH
PHILLIP & TARIZE BAHBAH
CHRISTOPHER BEDEROV
MARSEL & IBRISAM BETAR
LEILA BOU MANSOUR / BAYOUK
EDWARD & DANA CHADE
LEO CHADE
GEORGE & KRISTIN CHALA
VLADIMIR & JOANNA CHENDLER
RUTH CONN
MATTHEW DABBAH
RANDY DABBAH
SUE DABBAH
MARWAN & RULA DABIT
NUHA DAHER
JOE & GOLDIE DARUTY
MATTHEW DARUTY
SCOTT & DIANE DARUTY
ALICE DE ABDO
TONY DEBBAS
EDNA DEEB
SAMIRA EISSA
CHARLOTTE EL-HINN

MARK & ANDREA EL-HINN
MARK & EILEEN ELLIS
SAAD & SAMAR ELSAYEGH
OMAR & FATIN FAKHOURI
MAJED & BUNIA FASHEH
KEVIN & SARA FORTUNA
RICHARD & MARY LOU GALLADE
CONSTANTINE GERONIKOLAOU
JAMES J. & CAROLE JO GOSON
SANDELLA GOSON
NORMAN & WETCKA HAFPTY
SAMIRA & RANA HAJJAR
PATRICK & NINA IRISH
RICHARD & VERA JIRJIS
SHAWKI & DOHA JIRJIS
MICHAEL & LUCY JOELLSON
MAURICE & NADIA KARKAR
LILIAN KASSICIEH
BACHIR & HELENE KASSIR
HANI & THERESE KDEISS
IBRAHIM & DIANA KHAMIS
ANTOUNE & MAYSSOUN KHOURY
FAYEZ KHOURY
GHINA KHOURY
MICHAEL & CHARLOTTE KHOURY
ELYAS & NAJAT KHURY
OSAMA & RULA KISHEK
SIMON & LOURICE KISHEK
VIJAY & MALVINA KUMAR
EMILIE LAFFOON
MICHAEL & DONNA LAFFOON
JHONNY & SONIA LIQUETE
FADI & TANIA MAALOUY
ZIAD & HELEN MAHSHI
LEW MALOUF
DN. NICHOLAS & CHRISTINA MAMEY
GLORIA MAMEY

NELSON & JERRI MAMEY
NABIL & ANNE MANSOUR
ZACH & MELISSA MCCARTY
PROTODEACON GEORGE MOUBAYED
SUSIE MOUBAYED
SAM & ADEL MUNAYYER
WALID & DANICE NAJJAR
ELIAS & JEANN NASRAWI
NADIA NASRAWI
ELIZABETH NASSAR
DON & DENISE NASSIF
JASON NINO
SAMMY & LANA NINO
FRED & LORI NOUR
KYRA PELACHIK
NADER & SUHAIR QOBORSI
NUHA QUSHAIR
TAMMY QUTAMI
JOSEPH & TANYA RICHARDS
EMAD & MUNA RIZKALLAH
CARLOS & RHONDA RODRIGUEZ
NAJIB & HEBA SAADEH
FARAH & SYLVIA SABA
SIHAM SABA
MANUEL & GEORGETTE SALAMEH
RAMZI & RANDA SALAMEH
JAMAL & HIAM SAYEGH
STEVEN & BARBARA SCHOLL
DON JR & PENNY SKAFF
DONALD J. SKAFF
THEODORE & KATHY SKAFF
MARY SOPHIEA
DAVID & JULIANA TANNOUS
FOUAD & RIMA TARAZI
DAVE & BRENDA TAX
ROGER & CAROL TIERNEY
ANTHONY TURK

ANTON & KEITIE TURK
AUSTIN & SAEDA TURK
STEPHANIE TURK
EVE VOYDAT
MATTHEW & SOPHIA WHITACRE
ROBERT & THEODORA WHITEHEAD
PATRICK & SUSAN WILDE
GEORGE & PATRICIA YAGHNAM
IBRAHIM & TAGHREED YAGHNAM
ADIB & NABILA ZABANEH

April '20

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St. Mark Orthodox Church of Irvine CA

May 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9 Vespers 4:00 p.m.
10 Mother's Day	11 Parish Council 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day Vespers 4:00 p.m.
17 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	18	19	20	21	22	23 Vespers 4:00 p.m.
24 Sunday of the Blind Man	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 Vespers 4:00 p.m.
31 Fathers of the 1st Council	1	Notes				