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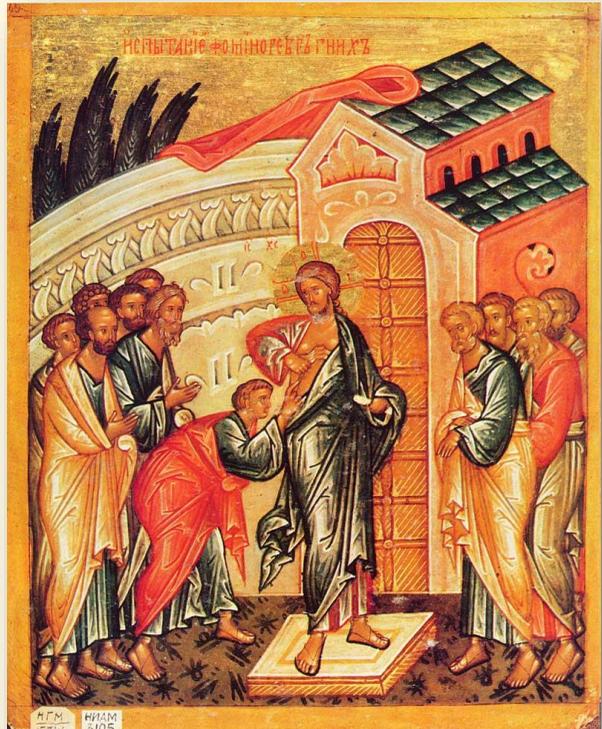
NEW SUNDAY: THOMAS SUNDAY

MARTYR CRESCENS OF MYRA IN LYCIA • HIEROMARTYR LEONIDAS, BISHOP OF ATHENS

"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28), cries the Holy Apostle Thomas. Can you sense the strength with which he has grasped the Lord, and how tightly he is holding onto Him? A drowning man grasps the plank on which he hopes to be saved in the same way. ... We say, "Savior and Lord," meaning that He is the Savior of all; but Thomas says, "My Savior and Lord."

He who says, "My Savior" feels his own salvation proceeding from Him. ...he grasps Him tightly and does not want to be torn from Him, though he be deprived of life itself.

St. Theophan the Recluse



LITURGY VARIATIONS

PASCHAL GREETING / RESPONSE

English:	Christ is risen! / Truly He is risen!
Arabic:	Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!
Greek:	Christós anéste! / Alethós anéste!
Slavonic:	Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése!
Romanian:	Christós a inviáht! / Adevarát a inviáht!
Tigrenia:	Christós Ténsiou! / Ba-háke Ténsiou
Amharic:	Christós Tenestwál! / Bergit Tenestwál!
Spanish:	¡Cristo ha resucitado! / ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays:	Matins, 8:50 AM	Confession:	After Saturday Vespers
	Divine Liturgy, 10 AM		During Sunday Matins
Wednesdays:	Vespers, 6:30 PM		Or by Appointment
Saturdays:	Great Vespers, 5 PM		

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

PASCHAL TROPARION

- English: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.
- Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam min bayn il-amwaat, wa wati'a-l-mawt bil-mawt, wa wahaba-lhayah lil-ladheena fil-qubour.
- Greek: Christós anéste ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patésas, kai tees en dees mnéma-si zoén charisámenos.
- Slavonic: Christós vos-kré-se iz mértvikh, smér-ti-u smért popráv, ee súschim vo gro-békh jee-vót darováv.
- Romanian: Christos a in-vi-aht din mortz, cu mwarte-a pre mwarte culcund, shi chelor din mormunturi viatza dar-u-indu-leh.
- Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado de los muertos, por la muerte la muerte hollando, ya los que están en las tumbas la vida dando.

1ST ANTIPHON (PSALM 65.1-3 LXX)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the Earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee! **Refrain**

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! **Refrain**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Refrain**

2ND ANTIPHON (PSALM 66.1-3, LXX)

God be bountiful to us, and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!

Refrain: O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! **Refrain**

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! **Refrain**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. O only-begotten Son....

3RD ANTIPHON: PASCHAL VERSES AND TROPARION (TONE 5; PSALMS 67.1-2 & 117.24 LXX)

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead....

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. **Refrain**

So let the sinners perish before God; but let the righteous rejoice. **Refrain**

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

ENTRANCE HYMN (TONE 2)

Clergy: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead,

People: [save us] who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of St. Thomas (Tone 7)

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)

Clergy: Though Thou, O Deathless One, didst descend into the grave, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades, and, as Victor, Thou didst rise again, O Christ our God.

Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples and resurrection upon those that are fallen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Tone 3; Psalms 146.5; 134.3 LXX)

Great is our Lord, and great is His power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20; Thomas Sunday)

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 to 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."

Holy Gospel according to St. John (20.19-31; Thomas Sunday)

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.

MEGALYNARION OF THOMAS SUNDAY (TONE 1)

O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the honor immeasurable, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee.

No Kneeling from Pascha to Pentecost

Because we have been raised up with Christ, we do not kneel on any day of the week. Also, there's no fasting; even Wednesday and Friday fasts are suspended until the Ascension.

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN (PSALM 147.1; TONE 8)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT ..." (TONE 5)

Christ is risen....

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By George and Enass Khazal and all their family, for the repose of mother Amal Khazal (40-day memorial).
- By Roye and Jean Gaha and family, for the repose of daughter Lea Gaha (40-day memorial).
- By Karen Hilty, for the repose of mother Dorothy Havrilak (40-day memorial).
- For the repose of Eva Ozman (40-day memorial).
- By Nour Watfeh, Hassan and Rowa Mercho and family, in memory of Karim and Iyad Watfeh.
- By Christy, Jason, Eli and Sarah Roberts, for the health of Noah on his 7th birthday, and in memory of Sarah Saad.
- By Julia Beck, for the health of Laretta Hood and of John "Jeff" and Joanne Beck.

Additional Oblations for Holy Week

Oblations received too late to be included in the Pascha bulletin:

- By Samer Nahas and family – incense.
- By David and Karen Najjar, in memory of Mary Hunt and their grandparents – candles.
- By Cecilia, Marlaine and Joe Pertile.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633

April 27-28, 2018

**“Scripture and our Salvation”:
A Retreat with Fr. Paul Tarazi**



Hosted by:

St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church
402 Badiac Rd, Fort Wayne, IN

The Very Reverend Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi has been a teacher of the Bible for well over 40 years. Fr. Tarazi travels widely to speak about scripture and related topics, and has represented the Orthodox Church at ecumenical gatherings. He is known for his dynamic speaking style and his ability to hold an audience's interest while explaining complex matters of scriptural interpretation in layman's terms. His many books have received accolades for their ability to explain the latest results of specialized scholarly studies—as well as Fr. Tarazi's own original research—in terms understandable to the general public.

Schedule:

Friday, Apr. 27

7- 9 pm: Session 1:

“Salvation in
Scripture.”

(light refreshments
provided)

Saturday, Apr. 28

10 am – 12 pm:

Session 2:

“The Cross & Its
Meaning in the
Church”

(light refreshments
provided)

Suggested
Donation:
\$15/person

Please register at www.stjohnfortwayne.org by April 20.

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request of the patient/family.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and **Archbishop John**

Fr. Thomas Gallaway, Pastor of St. Andrew Church, Lexington, Kentucky

Fr. Thomas Begley, Pastor of St. George Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Fr. Andrew Harmon, our former Assistant Pastor

Alexander Nebesny, hospice care, 5/24

Diana Najjar, 5/21

John Jeff Beck, 5/22

John Robert Sylvester, University Hosp., 5/16

Nicholas Rick Gann, 5/16

Elias Al Tawil, Community North Rehab., 5/7

Robert Abraham, Community North Rehab., 5/6

Mary Janet Wahl, 5/3

Nour Watfeh, 5/2

Fouad Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 4/18

Timothy Ott, 4/15

Mark Bonini, friend of Iman Kiritsis, 5/23

Salwa Musleh, cousin of the Bannourahs, 5/14

Timothy Ward, John's brother, 5/14

Natalya Shoror Ortiz, former parishioner, 5/10

Lofty Hanna, Fr. Nabil's father 4/20

All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Metropolitan John of Latakia, 5/13

Fr. Basil Sadaka, friend of Dn. Joseph 5/18

Fr. John Nehrebecki, father of Kh. Olga Atty, 5/17

Amal Khazal, 4/23

Dorothy Havrilak, 4/16

John Dalack, Archdiocese Board Sec., 5/10

Donna Byers, friend of Kathleen Everhart, 5/1

Oscar Kourany, friend of Tony Nasser, 4/24

The victims of violence in this country, the Middle East and throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

April 2018

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Sun. 15	Thomas Sunday Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Charity Ministry meeting
Mon. 16	Family Night at Portillo's , 5 – 8 pm at 9201 E 116th St, Fishers Church School staff meeting , 7 pm
Tue. 17	Parish Council , 7 pm
Wed. 18	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Fri. 20 – Sun. 22	Midwest Diocese Spring Meeting , St. George Church, Troy, Michigan
Sat. 21	Great Vespers , 5 pm
Sun. 22	Observance of Feast of St. George Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • St. George Lamb Roast • Ladies of St. George meeting
Mon. 23	Ladies' Pascha Dinner/Party , details TBA
Wed. 24	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Thu. 25	Choir practice , 7 pm
Sat. 28	Great Vespers , 5 pm
Sun. 29	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Bake Sale by Ladies of St. George

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar