

## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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### Sunday Bulletin, May 9, 2021

**ANTIPASCHA – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA – TONE 1. ST. THOMAS SUNDAY.  
PROPHET ISAIAH. MARTYR CHRISTOPHER OF LYCIA AND WITH HIM  
MARTYRS CALLINICA AND AQUILINA. VEN. SHIO OF GEORGIA.  
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER  
FROM MYRA TO BARI.**

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#### Service Schedule:

Sunday, May 9: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by blessing of graves at 2 PM.  
Saturday, May 15: 5 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, May 16: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by Annual Parish Meeting.

#### Remember in Your Prayers...

**Health / General:** Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Lillian Kite, Rose Krenitsky, Sandy Pregmon, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Margaret Pregmon & Edward (Barbara's brother).

**Memory Eternal:** Basil Farbanish.

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#### Offerings:

**Vigil Lights: In Memory of:** Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska.

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**Announcements:** (Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry:** Will be open Saturday, (5/15) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: JoAnn Perrige.

**May Celebrations: We will sing "God Grant you many years" on the first Sunday of the month.**

<b>Birthday</b>		<b>Patron Saint</b>	
Matushka Mary Lynn	5/7	Helen Bezuhly	5/21 (Empress Helena)
Danny Jones	5/31	Emily Krenitsky	5/30 (St. Emilia)

**Parish Council Meeting:** This Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the hall basement.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This is the third of three Sunday's that we are announcing that our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 16 after Divine Liturgy in our Nave. Any parishioner running for a Parish Council Position should have a recent confession or one within two weeks of this annual meeting.

**St. Cyril's Food Truck Festival:** Saturday (5/22) and Sunday (5/23) in Olyphant. See bulletin board for their flyer.

**Bp. Mark visit:** His Eminence Archbishop Mark will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on May 23, 2021 at our church. We will be blessed by his visit.

#### Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

##### **Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)**

12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

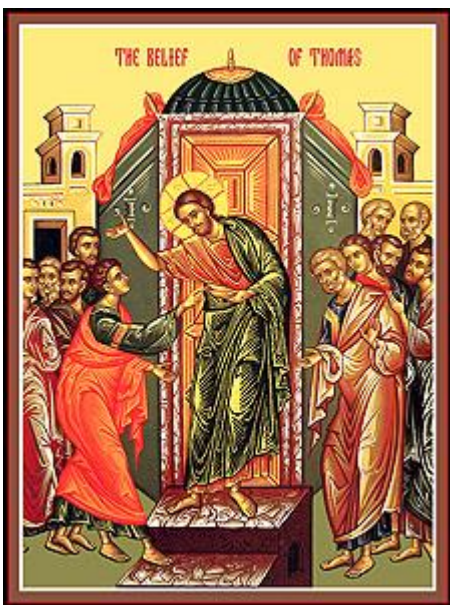
14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.  
16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.  
17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,  
18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.  
19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,  
20 “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

### **John 20:19-31 (Gospel)**

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”  
20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.  
21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”  
22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.  
23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”  
24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.  
25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”  
26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”  
27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”  
28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”  
29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”  
30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;  
31 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.

### **Antipascha: Saint Thomas Sunday**



Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” The Slavonic inscription is, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as “Antipascha.” This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek.