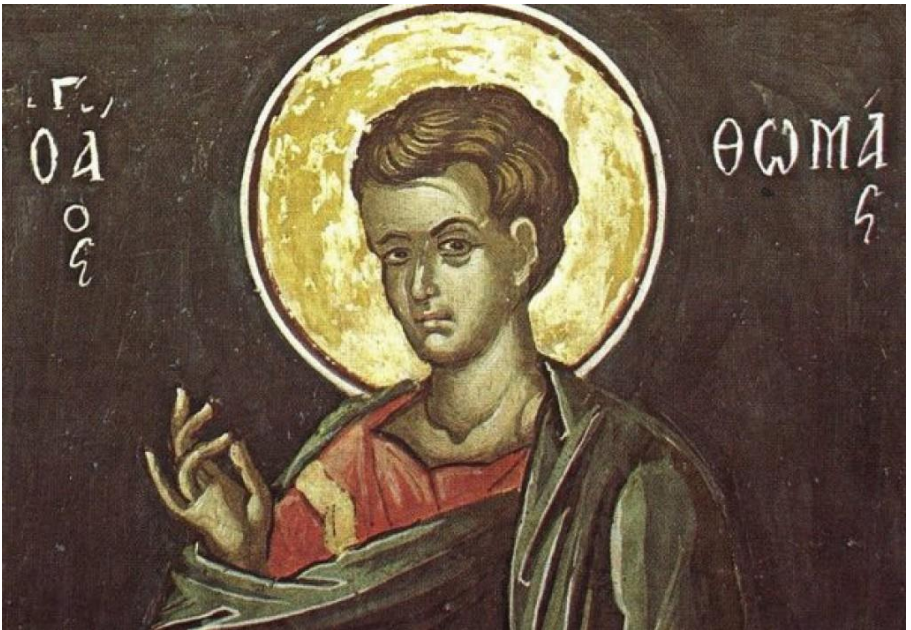


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Second Sunday of Pascha • St. Thomas the Apostle



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Paschal Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Troparion for St. Thomas Sunday (Tone 7): While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. 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 for Pascha (Tone 8): Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon – Psalm 146:5, 1

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God. He is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20)

IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the hands of the Apostles. They were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch, yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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. 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.

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, and 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." When they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught.

GOSPEL READING

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." 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."

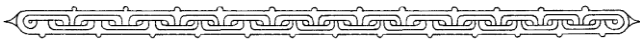
Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not 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 St. Thomas Sunday (Tone 1): O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee.

Paschal Megalynarion to the Theotokos (Tone 1): The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead; rejoice, rejoice O ye people. Shine, shine, shine O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exalt, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 147): Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: St. Thomas Sunday

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names R-Z
- Church school for all ages. The adult class will be upstairs in the church, led by Joseph Letendre.

Please note there will be no morning prayers or Wednesday Vespers at All Saints this week. Wednesday evening we will gather at St. George for their patronal feast day.

Tuesday, April 21: Parish council meeting (in-person), 7pm

Wednesday, April 22:

- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Divine Liturgy at St. George Church in Cicero, 7pm, for the feast of St. George and the anniversary of the miraculous icon “Our Lady of Cicero.”

Saturday, April 25:

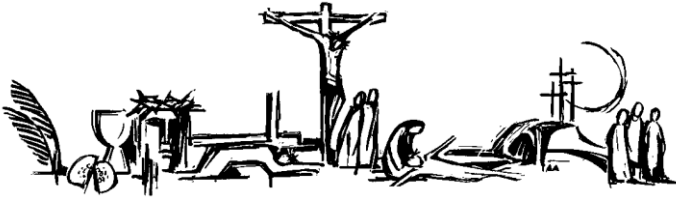
- Prosopon icon class, 9am-5pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, April 26:

- Orthros, Baptism, and Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Baptism of Eleni Glassburn, daughter of Nicholas and Dimitra
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F
- Church school for all ages; adult class will be upstairs in the church, led by Fr. Pat.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Inaugural Orthros & Liturgy at the new St. Katherine Antiochian Mission (meeting at St. Michael's Church in Niles), Saturday, May 16 at 9am.
- Church school play performance: Sunday, May 17
- Feast of the Ascension: Divine Liturgy Wednesday evening, May 20 at 7pm, and Festal Orthros Thursday morning, May 21 at 9am.
- All Saints feast-day weekend with Fr. Jeremy Davis – June 6-7
- Parish Life Conference – June 17-20 (Cleveland)
- Deanery picnic – Saturday, July 11 in La Grange. All of the churches in the Chicago deanery are sponsoring together this day of food, fellowship, and fun. We are seeking volunteers from All Saints; please see Eric and Cristina Pope.

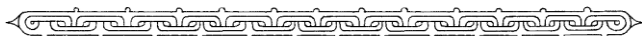


Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Apr 19 <i>St. Thomas</i>	Michelle	Cristina P	Tobey L	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
Sun Apr 26 <i>Myrrhbearers</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Zach C	A-F
Sun May 3 <i>Paralytic</i>	Paul K	Sandy A	John O	Lydia A	G-K
Sun May 10 <i>Samaritan</i>	Steve K	Sarah C	JoAnne T	Domitille	L-P
Sun May 17 <i>Blind Man</i>	Joseph L	Sephora	Azizeh	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
Wed May 20 <i>Ascension</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Richard B	<i>N/A</i>	Potluck
Sun May 24 <i>Holy Fathers</i>	Michelle	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun May 31 <i>Pentecost</i>	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Tobey	Lydia A	G-K

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.



The Sanctifying Dimension, Part One

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

Once, a woman said to me, with the tone of someone who had just discovered something incredible: "At your request, the parish priest came to our home and offered the Service of the Sanctification of Water. Truly, the evil spirit has left the house, Your Eminence, and we are no longer experiencing strange occurrences." She had told me that a series of evil

events had been taking place in their home, and they did not know the cause. She was not convinced by my answer about the cause—although she is a woman with advanced academic degrees, and she and her husband are deeply committed to their faith and their church.

This is the condition of many people for whom faith has become an ideological, intellectual conviction—mixed with religious practices—while the living sanctifying dimension is absent from their lives, practically rather than merely theoretically.

The sanctifying dimension of life is essential to Christian faith, and it is the Church's function, especially through the liturgy. That our lives be sanctified does not mean that they are limited only to good deeds and virtuous behavior. This path is certainly necessary for those who believe in the Gospel teachings. But the presence of God and His action in life—His effect upon it, and its transformation into a true fullness from Him—is an indispensable matter of faith, if we desire a truly living faith.

The liturgical dimension is among the foundations of faithful and vibrant Christian living. It is indispensable and cannot be replaced by something else. The world in which we live is saturated with the evil spirit, and nothing removes it except the Spirit of God. From here, we understand the priestly function in the Church: the priest is the person established, by divine grace, to be a means for sanctifying life and drawing down the grace of God. And when he says to someone, "May God bless you," his words have real effect; they are not merely a pious wish. ...

A sacrament is the presence of God in an unseen manner, yet one that is felt by believers who experience it. Unfortunately, this concept has largely disappeared in recent years. Faith for many has become a mental conviction of certain doctrines that then "require" a particular lifestyle with specific spiritual practices—by which one simply "fulfills a religious duty." ...

You truly belong to Him when you give Him your heart. And the heart, in the Christian spiritual understanding, is the whole being. When the grace of God touches your heart, you leap for joy like a deer, and you want this joy for the world around you. Begin to sanctify your life and nourish yourself well on the abundant graces God has given to your Church. Live them. Activate them. Do not be content with social-religious appearances, which often become the very reason your heart is walled off so that the grace of God does not enter it.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 19-25, 2026

Daily Epistle and Gospel readings for the season of Pascha come from Acts and John. Additional readings are the resurrection accounts and Holy Week Old Testament lessons.

Sunday, April 19: St. Thomas the Apostle

Matthew 28:16-20 / Acts 5:12-32 / John 20:19-31

Monday, April 20: Zacchaeus the Apostle of Caesarea

John 21:1-14 / Acts 4:23-37 / John 4:1-4, 43-54

Tuesday, April 21: Hieromartyr Januarius & those with him

John 21:15-25 / Acts 5:1-11 / John 5:16-30

Wednesday, April 22: Theodore of Sykeon

Isaiah 60:1-16 / Acts 5:27-42 / John 5:31-47

Thursday, April 23: George the Great Martyr

Joshua 5:10-15 / Acts 6:8-7:16 / John 6:1-14

For St. George: Acts 12:1-11 / John 15:17-16:2

Friday, April 24: Mellitus, Archbishop of Canterbury

Zephaniah 3:8-15 / Acts 7:17-34 / John 6:15-21

Saturday, April 25: Apostle & Evangelist Mark

Acts 7:35-60 / John 6:22-27

For St. Mark: 1 Peter 5:6-14 / Mark 14:43-52

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