



St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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*Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America.*

(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

Sunday, April 15, 2018

***To all who are present with us this evening and morning,
Christ is risen! Thank you for being here!***

***Please join us for lunch with Bishop THOMAS
in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy.***

You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy beginning on the bottom of page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5" x 11" large, spiral-bound booklet.

At the Kiss of Peace our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the seasonal Christian greeting, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "Truly, He is risen!"

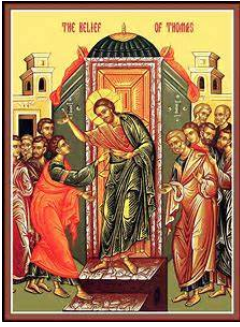
Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means 'in place' of the gifts) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

Being mindful we are in church, let us always remember to...

...be quiet and attentive. Let us sing, pray, stand, sit, kneel and respond where responses are indicated. Let us not talk, look around, text message, play games, etc. Especially let us work at this in the Communion line and when in line to venerate the Cross and depart. If we cannot hear the post-Communion prayers being chanted during our church departure, we are way too noisy.

...refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum. (most obviously and especially if you will be receiving Holy Communion).

...stay put. Except in rare cases, there are few of us who cannot stay in one location for two hours (actually less, for most of us).



Thomas Sunday

The Mission of Our Church

The mission of St Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church is to tend the flock of our Lord Jesus Christ and to spread the Good News of Christ to those outside the flock. This mission is to be accomplished by a) living a full liturgical and sacramental life, b) proclaiming the Orthodox Christian faith to all people, c) providing effective charitable and social programs, and d) establishing strong spiritual leadership and resources.

Welcome & Many Years, Sayidna Thomas!

Pentecostarion:
Second Sunday of Pascha

ANTIPASCHA – ST. THOMAS SUNDAY Troparion - Tone 7

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from Lvov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!

Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God!

Re - new in us, through them, an up - right spir - it, by the

greatness of Your mer - cy, O Res - ur - rec - tion of all!

Thomas Sunday, April 15, 2018

Greeting: Christ is risen! **Response:** Indeed, He is risen!

New Sunday or Anti-Pascha; Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, called "The Twin"; Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; Hieromartyr Leonidas, bishop of Athens.

THE EPISTLE READING

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."

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF REMINDERS, DATES AND EVENTS

Sunday, April 22

Next opportunity to fund-raise with Shop with Scrips

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Tuesday, April 24

Active Shooter / Emergency Planning Seminar for Churches

Tuesday, April 24th from 9:00AM to 11:30AM.

Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA (Village Staff will be participating)

Anyone from St. Michael's is welcome to attend and participate.

Please RSVP with Jill Crowe (724-518-2043) by Friday, April 20th, if you plan to attend

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Sunday, May 6

Church School Recognition Luncheon

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Saturday, May 12

Wayne Macuga Combo Dance; 7 to 10 pm; benefits our General Fund

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Saturday, June 2

Blessing of the Animals

9:00 AM in the Church Parking Lot

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Wednesday to Sunday, June 27 to July 1

Parish Life Conference at Antiochian Village

(St. Michael's will be closed on Sunday, July 1)

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Thursday, August 16

Pirates vs. Cubs at PNC Park

7:05 PM — \$30 (includes a \$10 meal ticket)

Get tickets from Michelle Gajewski

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Friday thru Sunday, September 14-17

Antiochian Village Adult Camp

Registration opens May 1st

<https://avcamp.org/other-programs/adult-camp/>

REMEMBER, the **Second Week** on this schedule **May Change...**
ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN!

*Secretary will be in the office
Mon. 9-4; Thurs. 1-5;
and Fri 9-2.*

April 15 thru April 21

Sunday, April 15—Thomas Sunday

- **8:45 - ORTHROS**
- 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
- **10:00 AM - HIERARCHICAL
DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Church School
 - Lunch and Fellowship
with Bishop THOMAS

Tuesday, April 17

- 6:30PM - Executive Board M'ting
- 7:00PM - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, April 21

- 9:00 AM - AMEN Meeting
at Bean & Baguette
- 5:15 PM - Byzantine Chant Reh'sal
- **6:00 PM - GREAT VESPER**

Sun., Apr. 22 - Holy Myrrh-Bearers

- **8:45 AM - MATINS**
- **10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
 - Church School
 - Pruitt Family Memorial
(Frank, Adele, Joshua)
 - Fellowship Hour includes
preliminary discussion
about our September
St. Michael's Buffet
- 12:30 PM - Abortion Prayers

Monday, April 23

- **9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
Great Martyr George

Tuesday, April 24

- 6:30 PM - first Buffet Planning Mtg

Wednesday, April 25

- **9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**
Evangelist Mark

Saturday, April 28

NO GREAT VESPER tonight

OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES...

...to CAROLYN Hill and her family on the falling asleep in the Lord
of her Aunt Mimi, MILDRED Belch, on Monday, April 9.

May her memory be eternal. Christ is risen!

...to MARIAN Arndt and the family and friends of WILLIAM Asa who
fell asleep in the Lord this past Wednesday, April 11. Willie's
viewing will take place this Sunday (today) from 4:00 to 8:00 PM;
his funeral will be at 1:00 PM on Monday (4/16), both days at Bacha
Funeral Home. May his memory be eternal. Christ is risen!

Wayne Macuga Combo
"Big Band SPRING SWING"

Sat., May 12, 7 PM to 10:00 PM Donation is \$10.

Light lunch provided. BYOB. Bring your own table snacks.

Please see sign-up sheets through-out the Church.

**Sponsored by the
"Food on the Hill" Ministry Team**

All proceeds will benefit the Church General Fund.