



Sunday April 23, 2017 ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer and Wonderworker George (303). St. Thomas Sunday. Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303).

This Week's Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Saturday 4/29 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 4/30 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Apr-23	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
Apr-30	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
May-7	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
May-14	WALES	WALES	WALES
May-21	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI

Hymns and Prayers

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 7 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!
Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//
by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 4 Troparion (St George)

As a martyr of Christ, you were bound for good deeds, O George,
by faith you conquered the torturer's godlessness.
You were offered as a sacrifice pleasing to God;
thus you received the crown of victory.//
Through your intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (St George)

God raised you as His own gardener*, O George,
for you have gathered for yourself the sheaves of virtue.
Having sown in tears, you now reap with joy;
you shed your blood in combat and won Christ as your crown.//
Through your intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St George)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:10)

Epistle Acts 5:12-20

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.

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."

Acts 12:1-11 (St George)

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

*And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison
Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands
Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me.
So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision
When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him
And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."*

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. (Ps 94/95:3).

Tone 4

v: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (Ps 91/92:12)

Gospel John 20:19-31

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."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came

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.

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!

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.

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

John 15:17-16:2 (St George)

These things I command you, that you love one another

If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

He who hates Me hates My Father also

If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father; But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me

And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
“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, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you!
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not
fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: “In the fear of God ...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ...”

Priest: “O Lord, save Your people ...”

*Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead ...” (sung once, instead
of “We have seen the True Light ...”)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever ...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled ...”

*(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ....,”
and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead....” (thrice)*

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

This Week's Announcement

Welcome St. Michael's native son, Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky along with Matushka Anastasia and their children. We are very happy to have all of you with us during this blessed Pascha season. Welcome home!

Pascha Thanks A special Thanks to all who helped to make our Lenten and Paschal experience so joyful! May our Lord continue to bless the parish of St. Michael's with health, happiness, and many blessed years!

Parish Council Meeting Our April parish council meeting will be held this Wednesday April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Study Group to Resume Our Study group will resume this Thursday April 27th at 10 am with the 15th Step from "The Ladder of Divine Ascent". All are welcome to join us.

Collection for Fr. Nightingale Thank You This past Lenten season we have been collecting for one of our diocesan clergy who suffered a severe fall. The funds collected will go towards renovations to his home and for a handicap vehicle for his use. Please place marked donations in the collection basket or drop alms bags at the candle counter.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'You will lose nothing of what you have renounced for the Lord's sake. For in its own time it will return to you greatly multiplied.'

St. Mark the Ascetic

'The rule of piety admits nothing new. All things are to be delivered to those who come after us with the same fidelity with which they were received by us. It is our duty to follow religion, not make religion follow us.'

St. Vincent of Lerins

