

**MAY 1, 2022**

**"UNEXPECTED JOY" ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

The "Unexpected Joy" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, is painted in this way: in a room is an icon of the Mother of God, and beneath it a youth is kneeling at prayer. The tradition about the healing of some youth from a bodily affliction through this holy icon is recorded in the book of Saint Demetrius of Rostov, The Fleece of Prayer [See Judges 6: 36-40].

The sinful youth, who was nevertheless devoted to the Theotokos, was praying one day before the icon of the All-Pure Virgin before going out to commit a sin. Suddenly, he saw that wounds appeared on the Lord's hands, feet, and side, and blood flowed from them. In horror he exclaimed, "O Lady, who has done this?" The Mother of God replied, "You and other sinners, because of your sins, crucify My Son anew." Only then did he realize how great was the depth of his sinfulness. For a long time he prayed with tears to the All-Pure Mother of God and the Savior for mercy. Finally, he received the unexpected joy of the forgiveness of his sins.

The "Unexpected Joy" icon is also commemorated on January 25 and May 1.

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**ST. PHILIP  
ORTHODOX  
CHURCH**

A Parish of the  
Antiochian Archdiocese

*His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH*



*His Grace Bishop THOMAS*



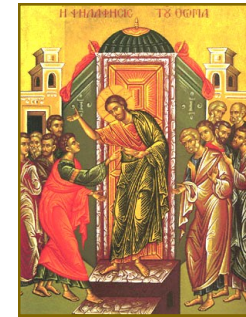
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**May 1, 2022**  
**SUNDAY OF THOMAS**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



**Orthros Gospel: St. Matt 28:16-20**  
**Eothionon 1**

**Epistle: Acts 5:12-20**  
**Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH  
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

**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!

**TODAY:** Orthros 8:30 am & Baptismal Divine Liturgy  
(Zemelech – Many Years!) 9:45 am  
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour 11:45 am  
Brief Meeting of Women of St. Mariamne 12:45 pm  
(Sign up for Holy Protection Monastery trip!)  
**Procession to Cemetery for Blessing of Graves,**  
**1 pm (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (May 8):
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	The Gambles Many Years, Anastasios!	----
<b>USHERS:</b>	Sdn John N. & Bill H.	Steve K. & Tom A.
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	"Archangel Michael"	"Archangel Gabriel"
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Sdn Jordan & Natalie; Chris H.	Jamile & Nicole Kyriakos
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Miriam; Conor; Jekels/Teens	Chris H; Mariya S; Abraham L
* <b>MANY THANKS</b> to all who made offerings for flowers and decoration; who provided palms and willows, olive oil, wine, rose water, and incense for the Holy Days, and red eggs for Pascha; and who gave their voices for singing and their time for cleaning.		
* <b>THOMAS SUNDAY CEMETERY OFFERINGS</b> this year will be used to fund one or more "mercy graves" to be offered to bereaved families when appropriate. Please be generous.		
* <b>IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS.</b> Thank you for remembering the needs of others.		

## This Week:

<b>Monday, May 2:</b>	<b>Church Open</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 3:</b>	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 4:</b>	<b>Church Open</b> Little Compline 6:30 p.m. & Patristic Reading 7 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 5:</b>	<b>Church Open</b>
<b>Friday, May 6:</b>	<b>Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 7:</b>	Homeschool Retreat 9 a.m. <b>VESPERS 6:30 p.m., Confession 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 8:</b>	<b>HOLY MYRRHBEARERS</b> <i>Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am</i> <b>ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.</b> Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour ~~ <i>Mother's Day Luncheon</i> ~~ Homeschool Retreat 12:30pm

### MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Skin Care Products

### CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

"You are the Light of the world"

## DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- ✦ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.
- ✦ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
- ✦ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.
- ✦ There is a relaxed fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- ✦ In honor of the Resurrection, there is **no kneeling**, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.

## Mark Your Calendar:

**Mid-Pentecost**  
*Wednesday, May 18*  
Water Blessing 6:30 pm

**Vigil for Sts. Constantine & Helen**  
*Friday, May 20, 6:30pm-1am*

**Ascension**  
*Thursday, June 2*

**Pentecost**  
*Sunday, Jun 12*

**All Saints**  
*Sunday, Jun 19*

**Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul**  
*June 20-29*

**Vacation Church School**  
*August 8-12*

## Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined Timothy, Luke, John Metr. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Nicole Raymond Sze-Tatiana Patrick Doris John John James Lasha B Otari B Mark	(May Parish Diptychs) +Paul +Bahia +Kh. Jane +LuAnn +Lida +Donna
Nancy-Anna Helen Wadieh Anna Anesia Mary Mary Claudia Gregory Alexei	<u>Catechumens</u> Christian, Taylor, Christina, Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto, Michael, Tina
•Priest Thomas, Jesse, Nathan and their families & all Missionaries	
•New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
•For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

**OFFERINGS 4/24:** Candles, \$806.75. Collections, \$1,370. Youth, \$1. Flowers, \$25. Book Shelf Ministry, \$87. Burial Ministry, \$100. Camping Fund, \$450. Classical School Fund, \$450. Food for Hungry, \$100. Needy Fund, \$110. Women's Fund, \$80. Stewardship, \$3,780. Total received: \$7,359.75.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!