

**MAY 12, 2024**

**SAINT GERMANUS,  
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Saint Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople, was born at Constantinople in the seventh century. His father, a prominent senator, was killed by order of the emperor Constantine Pogonatos (668-685). The young Germanus was emasculated and sent to a monastery, where he studied Holy Scripture.

Because of the sanctity of his life, Germanus was made bishop in the city of Cyzicus. Saint Germanus rose up in defense of the Orthodox Faith against the iconoclast heretics. He was later made Patriarch of Constantinople. Saint Germanus continued to stand up against the iconoclasts and to their spokesman, the heretical emperor Leo III the Isaurian (717-741), but the contest was unequal. He was forced to put his omophorion upon the altar table in the sanctuary, and to resign the archpastoral throne. Then the enraged emperor, who accused the Patriarch of heresy the day before, sent soldiers, who beat the saint and threw him out of the patriarchal residence. Saint Germanus was Patriarch for fourteen years and five months.

He went to a monastery, where he spent the remaining days of his life. The holy Patriarch Germanus died in the year 740, at age ninety-five, and was buried in the Chora monastery in Constantinople. Afterwards, his relics were transferred to France.

At the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787), the name of Patriarch Germanus was included in the diptychs of the saints. He wrote a "Meditation on Church Matters or Commentary on the Liturgy;" also an explanation of the difficult passages of Holy Scripture, and another work on the rewards of the righteous after death.

His important work on the various heresies that had arisen since apostolic times, and on the church councils that took place during the reign of the emperor Leo the Iconoclast, provides a wealth of historical information. There are also three letters from the Patriarch about the veneration of icons, which were read at the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

His other works include hymns in praise of the saints, discourses on the Feasts of the Entry into the Temple, the Annunciation and the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, and on the restoration of the church in honor of the Placing of the Venerable Zone of the Most Holy Theotokos.

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**ST. PHILIP  
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**A Parish of the  
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*His Eminence Metropolitan SABA*



*His Grace Bishop THOMAS*



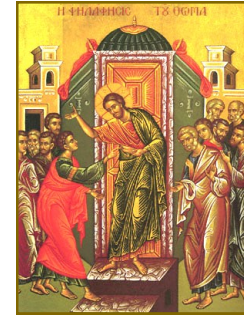
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**May 12, 2024  
SUNDAY OF THOMAS**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



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

**Epistle: Acts 12:1-11  
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:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*  
Orthros 8:15 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Coffee Hour 11:30 am  
Egg Hunt 12:30 pm  
**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 19):
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Mother's Day luncheon	POTLUCK—Bagels
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Gabriela P.	Gabi & Catalin; Rachel C.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Chebeleu—Radu's b-day	Alex & Sarah Kaminsky—Simeon's b-day
<b>USHERS:</b>	Sdn John & Bill H.	Steve K. & Radu C.
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Muzekaris; Chris H.	Phil K; Evan; Zach W; Beraki
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Maggie; Caden; Michael; Dave & Darby	Kendra M.

- \* **MANY THANKS** 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.
- \* **THOMAS SUNDAY CEMETERY OFFERINGS** this year will be used to fund one or more "mercy graves" to be offered to bereaved families when appropriate. Please be generous.
- \* **IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS.** Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

## This Week:

- Mon, May 13:** Office open
- Tues, May 14:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, May 15:** Office open  
Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, May 16:** Vespers (Slavic tones) 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, May 17:** Office open  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.  
The Chosen – Viewing & Discussion 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, May 18:** Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.  
**VESPERS 6:30 p.m., Confession 7:30 p.m.**
- Sun, May 19:** **HOLY MYRRHBEARERS**  
**ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Sunday School & Coffee Hour

**OFFERINGS 5/5:** Candles, \$1,021.75. Collections, \$1,991.12. Book Shelf Ministry, \$165. Food for Hungry, \$40. Needy Fund, \$65. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$2,721.20. Total received: \$6,101.59.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## 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 29*

Ascension  
*Thursday, June 13*

Pentecost  
*Sunday, June 23*

Sts. Peter & Paul  
*Saturday, June 29*

*Save the Date!*  
2024 Parish Life Conference  
June 27-30, 2024

VCS 2024  
*July 29-Aug 2*

## Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined Peter, Alexandra, Isaac, Mary, Basil, Silouan, Luke, Leo, Andrei, Winnifred Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Kh. Joyce George Maria Patrick Doris John James Victoria Steve Lasha Otari Tatiana Linda Zerfenesh John Angeliki Chelsea-Nina Zotikos Salome Michael Xenia Rdr. Luke Katherine Christine	Newly Departed Shota Marina Tesfeja Edward Aleksander Maryam Maria (May Parish Diptychs) +Paul +Bahia +Kh. Jane +LuAnn +Lida +Donna

## Catechumens

Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians New & Expectant Mothers & their children For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Andrew Lucretia Ryan Michael Daniel Kassandra Christian David, Darby, & Easton Rose Jasper Bryson
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MAY OUTREACH  
COLLECTION:  
**Cleaning Supplies**

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)