

Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas (October 6)

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.



According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

Text & icon <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/10/06/102885-holy-glorious-apostle-thomas>

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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October 6, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST & THIRD SUNDAY
OF LUKE

COMMEMORATIONS:

THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS,
EROTEIS THE MARTYR OF CAPPADOCIA,
MAKARIOS THE RIGHTEOUS OF CHIOS

Tone 6 - Eothinon 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

ORDINARY KONTAKION -Tone 2- O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

TODAY:

Orthros, 8:15 a.m.

Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am

Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Trisagion Memorial -Eyala (6 Years), 11:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 13):
COFFEE HOUR:	Zerfenesh—Memorial Meal	Romanian Coffee Hour
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Nancy Marze-Alfred Memorial	Doris & Jim Eggers-Anniversary
USHERS:	Steve K. & Chris H.	Dan M. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Catechumens	Todd & Kristi M. & Kim B.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Maggie E., Mike L., Dave & Darby S.	Kendra Moody

Mark Your Calendar:

Fall Retreat with Fr. John Bethancourt

October 12
To register use the
QR code below:



Vigil & Liturgy for St. Raphael November 1 & 2

Bishop Thomas Visit & Patronal Feast November 13 & 14

Nativity Fast Begins November 15

**OCTOBER OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
**Bath & Shower
Products**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Martin N.I. Ava Marie Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Patrick Doris John James Steve Tatiana Alexandra Anesia Zotikos Elias Paraskevi	+Kh. Joyce +Florian (October Parish Diptychs) +Steve +Marcella +Mary +Dorothy +Milan +Maria +Alex +Gus +Theodore +Mary +John +Alfred +Else +Ayele +Laurence +Raymond <u>Catechumens</u> Lucretia Andrew Ryan Michael Michael Kassandra Christian David, Darby, & Easton Rose Jasper Bryson Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John

This Week:

- Mon, Oct 7** *Office Open*
Bible Study w/ Dn. Luke, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Oct 8:** *Office Open*
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Oct 9:** *Office Open*
Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Revelation Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.
- Thurs, Oct 10:** *Office Open*
Twelve Baskets Full Serving Night, 6:30 p.m.
Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading 7:15 p.m.
- Fri, Oct 11:** *Office Open*
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Teen Tea w/ Fr. Noah, 8:00 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 12:** **DIVINE LITURGY, 8:00 a.m.**
Potluck Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Fall Retreat -Fr. John B., 1:00 p.m.
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
Parenting Class, 4:30 p.m.
“Jesus We Missed” Book Group, 4:45 p.m.
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
Men’s Bonfire w/ Fr. John B., 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Oct 13:** **ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.**
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 9/28: N/A Liturgy 9/29: 251

OFFERINGS 9/29: Candles, \$268. Collections, \$176. Book Shelf Ministry, \$72. Choir Fund, \$1,525. Mission Chapel, \$100. Ukraine Outreach, \$24.01 Stewardship, \$5,843.51 Total received: \$8,008.52

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!