

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

2021-07-04

St. Thomas Orthodox Church

A Parish of the [Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America](#)



To our visitors...

Welcome! We hope your time with us is healing and worshipful. Please note that, although we have much respect for other Christian traditions, Holy Communion is reserved for properly prepared members of the Orthodox faith. Everyone is invited to partake of the blessed bread after the conclusion of the Liturgy.

May God's blessing be upon you!

Hymns in Today's Liturgy

Resurrectional *Apolytikion* (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of St. Thomas (Tone 3)

O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede to the merciful God, that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of sins.

Ordinary *Kontakion* (Tone 8)

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.

Epistle

Romans 2:10–16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 4:18–23

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Synaxarion

On 4 July, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Andrew, archbishop of Crete, the Jerusalemite.

The shepherd of Crete, whose toil was the Great Canon,
Upon dying found for his toils a great garland.
On the fourth, death took Andrew the Chief Sacrificer.

Born in Damascus of Christian parents, Andrew could not speak until the age of seven. When his parents took him to church for Communion, he received the power of speech. He went to Jerusalem at the age of fourteen and was tonsured in the monastery of St. Savas the Sanctified. Patriarch Theodore took him as his secretary and deacon. He sent Andrew to the Sixth Ecumenical Council in 681 to refute the Monothelite heresy, which taught that the Lord had no human will but only a divine one. At the Council, Andrew refuted this heresy with his great gifts: his articulateness, his zeal for the Faith and his rare prudence. He was later chosen as archbishop of the island of Crete, where he was greatly beloved by the people. Andrew wrote many learned books, poems and canons, of which the best-known is the Great Canon of Repentance, a compunctionate hymn that examines all the Holy Scriptures to urge all souls to imitate good deeds and shun evil ones, thus returning to God. It is read in full on the Thursday of the Fifth

Week of the Great Fast. Andrew's soul went to the Kingdom of Christ, in about the year 723.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Theodore of Cyrene and Lucia; and Venerable Andrei Rublev. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	Paraklesis	18:00	Holy Trinity
Wednesday	Daily Vespers	18:00	St. Thomas
Saturday	Great Vespers	18:00	St. Thomas

We will stream services live and post updates on [our Facebook page](#), on [our Periscope channel](#), and on [our YouTube channel](#).

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