

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

2021-09-19

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 4)

LHaving learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

***Apolytikion* of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

***Apolytikion* of St. Thomas (Tone 3)**

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

***Kontakion* of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Tone 4)**

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Epistle

Galatians 2:16–20

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I

live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

Gospel

Mark 8:34–9:1

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

Synaxarion

On 19 September, in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue the celebration of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, and we commemorate the holy Martyrs Trophimos, Dorymedon, and Savvatios.

O Trophimos, Dorymedon, and Savvatios, but one in spirit,
Ye are by sword and irons adorned with meed and trophies.

On the nineteenth fell Trophimos with fellow contenders.

In 278, during the reign of Probus, Trophimos and Savvatios came to Antioch, and seeing the city celebrating the festival of Apollo at Daphne lamented the blindness of the people. They presented themselves as Christians to Atticus the Governor and refused to take part in the revelry. Atticus subjected each man to cruel tortures: Savvatios gave up his spirit during sufferings, but Trophimos was imprisoned in various places and beaten at each stop. At Synnada, Dorymedon, a counselor and a pagan, came to the prison and cared for Trophimos. When another pagan feast came, Dorymedon also refused to sacrifice to the idols, proclaimed himself a Christian, and was also imprisoned. The torturer ordered Trophimos

and Dorymedon to be thrown to the wild beasts, but the animals would not touch them. They were eventually beheaded and all three martyrs now reign in Heaven.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Januarius of Benevento and his companions. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	<i>Paraklesis</i>	18:00	Holy Trinity
Wednesday	Daily Vespers	18:00	St. Thomas
Friday	Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Protomartyr Thekla	08:30	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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