

# 7th Sunday after Pentecost

2022-07-31

## 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 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 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.

### ***Apolytikion* of St. Eudokimos (Tone 4)**

The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell preserveth thy body uncorrupted after thy death, O saintly Eudokimos; for in living modestly and chastely, O blest one, thou didst keep thy flesh free of all stain and defilement; with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all be saved.

### ***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 Transfiguration (Tone 7)**

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

## **Epistle**

### **Romans 15:1–7**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even

the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 9:27–35**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

## **Synaxarion**

On July 31 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and just Eudokimos, Military Commander of Cappadocia.

Since Godly Eudokimos laughed at life’s vain pleasures,  
To translate him from life is the Godhead’s good pleasure.  
On the thirty-first, the tomb welcometh Eudokimos.

Born of devout parents, Eudokimos served as a young military officer in the time of Emperor Theophilus (829–842). He endeavored with his whole heart to live according to the precepts of the Gospel. He kept his purity unstained and avoided converse with any woman except his mother. He was generous to the poor, assiduous in reading holy books, and yet more assiduous in prayer to God. He fled vain chatter and idle talk. The emperor made Eudokimos military governor of Cappadocia because of his high virtues. By God’s providence, he died early, at the age of 33, and his relics were found to be miraculous. An insane man touched his tomb and was healed, and a paralytic child stood upright and was made whole. After 18 months, his mother opened his coffin, and found his body as though still alive—with no mark of

corruption — and a wonderful fragrance arose from the saint’s body. His relics were later translated to Constantinople and buried in the new church built by Eudokimos’ parents.

On this day, we also commemorate the Righteous Joseph of Arimathea; and Germanos, bishop of Auxerre. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Monday</b>	Paraklesis	18:00	St. Thomas
<b>Tuesday</b>	Paraklesis	18:00	St. Thomas
<b>Wednesday</b>	Paraklesis	18:00	Holy Trinity
	Parish Council	19:00	St. Thomas
<b>Thursday</b>	Paraklesis	18:00	Holy Trinity
<b>Friday</b>	Great Vespers	18:00	Transfiguration, Sioux Falls
<b>Saturday</b>	Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration	08:00	Transfiguration, Sioux Falls
	Great Vespers	18:00	St. Thomas

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



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