

# 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2022-08-21

## 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 the Dormition (Tone 1)**

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

## ***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 Dormition (Tone 2)**

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

## **Epistle**

### **I Corinthians 4:9–16**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## Gospel

### Matthew 17:14–23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”

## Synaxarion

On 21 August, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos and we commemorate the holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy.

O Thaddeus! What other fair laurel shall I weave thee,  
Than to call thee the Word’s initiate and eyewitness?  
Thaddeus on the twenty-first flew up out of life.

After His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, the Lord sent Thaddeus to his birthplace of Edessa, in fulfillment of His promise to Prince Avgar, which He made when He sent him the napkin with the imprint of His face (see Aug. 16). By kissing this napkin, Avgar was healed of his leprosy, though a little remained on his face. When Thaddeus visited Avgar, Christ’s Apostle instructed him in the true Faith and then baptized him. When the baptized Avgar came up out of the water, the remaining leprosy fell from him. Glorifying God, Prince Avgar desired that his people should come to the knowledge of the true

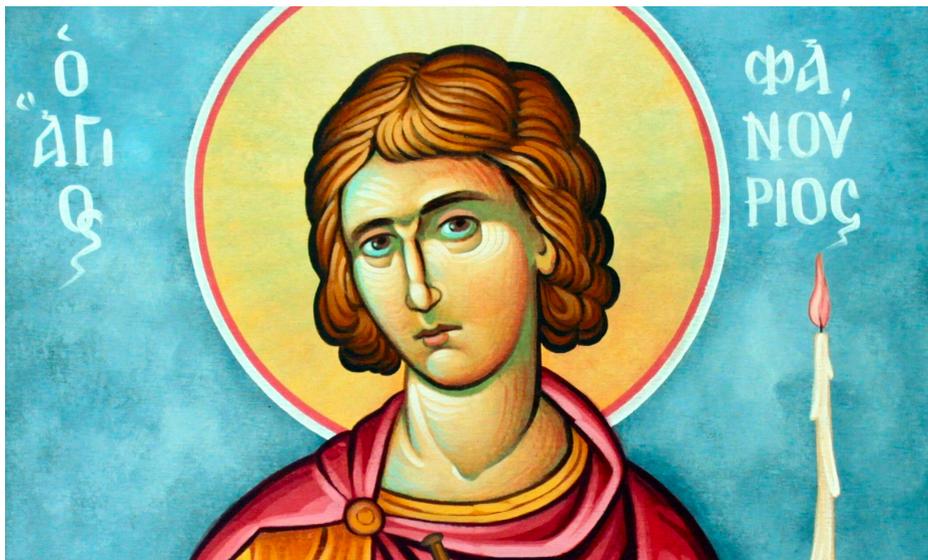
God and glorify Him. Hearing the Apostle's words about Christ and seeing their miraculously-healed prince, the people of Edessa cast away their idols and their unclean living, embraced the Christian faith and were baptized. Thaddeus preached the Gospel throughout Syria and Phoenicia, and entered into rest in the Lord in Beirut.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Bassa and her sons Theognios, Agapios, and Pistos of Edessa. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Tuesday</b>	Paraklesis	18:00	Holy Trinity
<b>Wednesday</b>	Daily Vespers	18:00	St. Thomas
<b>Saturday</b>	Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Phanourios	08:30	Holy Trinity
	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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