



Annunciation

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026



SUNDAY OF THOMAS

St. Paphnutius the Holy Martyr
Eothinon I

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Orthros 7:45 am ✦ Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Special Hymns at Liturgy

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs He has granted Life.

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καί τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday in the Grave Mode

The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις, Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Αθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄιδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Matins (Orthros) Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

At that time, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20.

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20.

Εν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεωv εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστάς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

Gospel Reading

Thomas Sunday

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As

the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

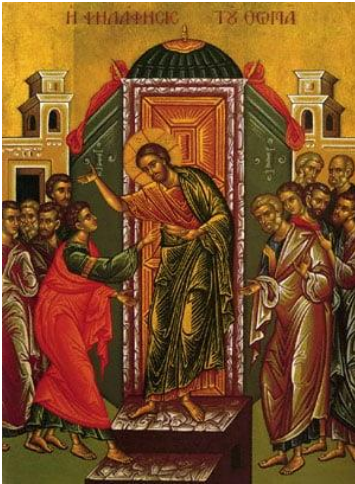
Thomas Sunday

Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Ο ὕσης ὀψίας τῆ ἡμέρα ἐκείνη τῆ μιᾶ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ· ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινων ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφιένται αὐτοῖς, ἄν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκρατήνται. Θωμᾶς δέ, εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταὶ Ἐώρακαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτῶ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἐρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾷ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ᾧδε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἐώρακάς με πεπίστευκας, μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες, καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστός ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.



Thomas Sunday (April 19)



Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Savior wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except

I shall 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." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

George the Great Martyr and Triumphant (April 23)



George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honored for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

ANTIDORON/BLESSED BREAD

The Church, in her wisdom, has always been conscious and has cared for both the Faithful and those not yet initiated into the Faith. Since the early church, *Antidoron*, which means “Instead of the Gift”, is bread that the Priest has blessed and is distributed to all who are present so that no one goes away without receiving a blessing. The *Antidoron* is for the Faithful who have received Holy Communion, for the Faithful who are not prepared to receive, as well as those who are not Orthodox Christians!

This is the appropriate time for non-Orthodox to receive a blessing from the Priest.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

It is always a blessing to welcome you to our Cathedral Parish.

Please introduce yourself to any member of the Clergy, Parish Council, or Welcome Table.

If you would like us to contact you for further information regarding our Faith, please fill out our Welcome Card found in the Narthex or Welcome Table.

Please silence all mobile devices while in the Cathedral. Thank you.

Parish News and Events

ACOLYTE Team

April 19, 2026

St. Theophan the Recluse

Luca Bonnen, Sebastien Bonnen, Alexander Enterline, Benedict Fasheh, Jordan Fasheh, Matthew Jimmy Katsaounis, Christos Love, Gabriel Papazis, Constantinos Patelis, Elias Patelis, Meletios Patelis, Nicholas Strickler, Adrian Summer, Damian Summer, Hudson Tate.

Kali Parea Luncheon

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 11:30 am

Carrabba's on Kirby

3115 Kirby Drive (77098)

RSVP: Mary Minas 713-681-4041

Helen Sgarbi 713-774-0363

AHEPA Scholarship Application Now Available

The AHEPA 29 Educational Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for 2026.

Graduating high school seniors, current college students, and vocational students are encouraged to apply.

Application deadline: June 14, 2026

Please download the application for full details, eligibility requirements, and submission instructions:

Visit <https://ahepa29edu.org/>



Clothing & Book Drive for the Specialty Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire

The **AGOC Ladies Philoptochos Society** will be collecting new clothing and flip-flops and new or gently used reading materials for the patients of the **Specialty Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire** from **February 22 – April 19**.

This hospital provides compassionate behavioral health services, helping adults develop the skills needed to lead fulfilling and dignified lives. As we are called to serve those in need with love and kindness, we invite our parish family to support this effort by donating essential items that will bring comfort to those in a challenging environment.

A **donation box** will be placed in **Martel Hall**. Please place all contributions there.

- **NEW Short-sleeve cotton T-shirts** for men and women (any color) – Sizes **Medium, XL, XXL**
- **NEW Sweatpants (without drawstrings)** for men and women- Sizes **Medium, XL, XXL**
- **NEW flip-flops** for men and women (variety of sizes)

Reading Materials

- **New or gently used books** (mystery, self-help, romance)
- **NEW or gently used magazines**
- **NEW, unused word search books**
- **NEW, unused adult coloring books**

Your generosity is a **blessing** to those in need. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Please contact **Poppy Cobanoglu-Padley** at kpcpadley@gmail.com for more information or questions.

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GRADES 10TH - 12TH

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CHOOSE ONE HYMN

- It is Truly Right/Axion Estin
- Holy, Holy / Agios, Agios
- We Praise You / Se Ymnoumen
- Body of Christ / Soma Christou
- Any 1 Resurrectional Apolytikia
- Champion Leader / Ti Ipermacho
- Awed by the Beauty / Tin Oreotita
- The Angel Cried / O Angelos Evoa

GUIDELINES

- Choose one hymn to sing
- Competition held over ZOOM
- Compete from your own home
- You may use music
- All singers must sing a cappella
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize per division
- Sing your hymn in English or Greek
- Use Western or Byzantine Notation

Questions? denvermetropolismusicministry@gmail.com

GRADUATES' Sunday May 17, 2026



**Congratulations
Class of 2026!**

**Join us as we honor and celebrate the
Class of 2026 at the Divine Liturgy
on Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Light brunch in the Martel Hall following Divine Liturgy.

**To be recognized on Graduates' Sunday:
Please complete this form by May 1, 2026.**

Questions? Contact Christina
@ ChristinaP@agoc.org



**Registration Link HERE
or QR code**

VBS 2026

Thine Own: We Offer Unto Thee



June 15th - June 19th

9:30-12:30 @ St George Church

Early Bird Registration

\$35 until May 1st!

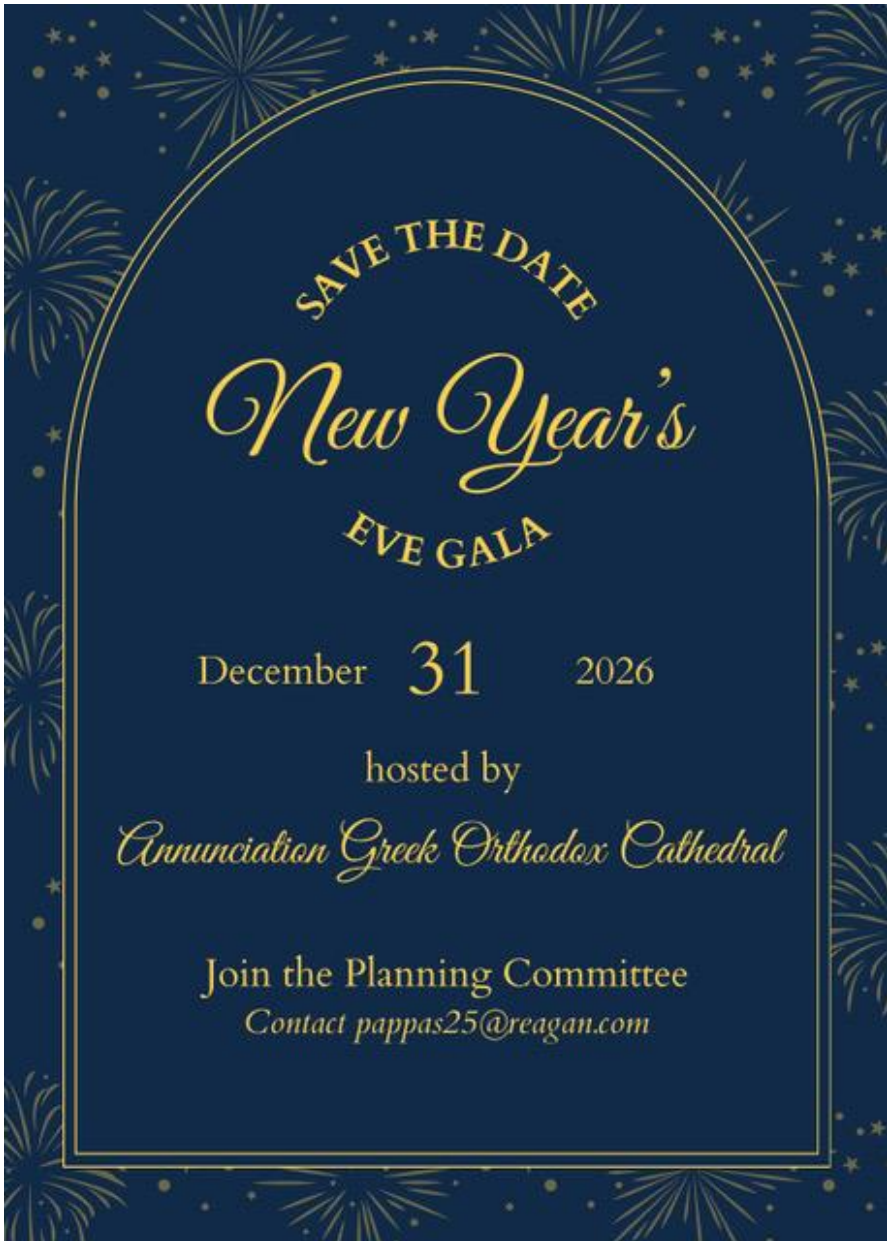


Register here



Kids Pre K4 - 6th grade. Register based on grade kids will have completed at end of this school year.

Children must be 4 yrs old by Sep 1, 2025 and have completed Pre K4 by June 2026.



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Fr. Efstratios J. Magoulis

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authenticity of an email, please call
the Cathedral Office immediately!
Thank you for your help and
vigilance.**

Today at the Cathedral

Please join us for the fellowship hour in the Martel Hall, following the Divine Liturgy.

This week at the Cathedral

Monday, April 20	12:00 pm – AGOC Clay Shoot, <i>offsite</i>
Tuesday, April 21	6:30 pm – Adult Greek Classes, Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced
Thursday, April 23	St. George Orthros 8:30 am / Divine Liturgy 9:30 am 11:00 am – Greek Class, <i>online</i> , Advanced Conversation 7:00 pm – Choir Practice, Choir Room
Friday, April 24	5:00 pm – Greek School - Children
Saturday, April 25	11:30 am - Kali Parea Luncheon, <i>offsite</i> , Carrabba's on Kirby, 3115 Kirby Drive (77098)