

## Saint Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (March 21)

Saint Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople, was at first a deacon, and later under the holy Patriarch John IV the Faster (582-595) he was made "sakellarios" [sacristan] in the Great Church (Hagia Sophia). After the death of holy Patriarch Cyriacus (595-606), Saint Thomas was elevated to the Patriarchal throne in 607. The saint concerned himself in every possible way about the spiritual needs of his flock.



During the patriarchate of Saint Thomas, an ominous portent appeared in the land of Galatia (Asia Minor). The heavy crosses which were carried during church processions began to shake and to strike against each other. The clairvoyant Elder, Saint Theodore Sykeotes (April 22), explained the meaning of this portent. He said that discords and disasters awaited the Church, and the state was in danger of barbarian invasion. Hearing this, the saint became terrified and asked Saint Theodore to pray that God would take his soul before these predictions were fulfilled.

After the death of the holy Patriarch Thomas in 610, disorders started in the Church. Saint Thomas's successor, Patriarch Sergius (610-638), fell into the Monothelite heresy. Through God's dispensation, war broke out with Persia, which proved grievous for Byzantium. The Greek regions of Asia Minor were completely devastated, Jerusalem fell, and the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord was captured and taken to Persia. Thus, all the misfortunes portended by the miracle during the church procession came to pass.

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**March 21, 2021**

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

JAMES THE CONFESSOR  
THOMAS I, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE  
PHILEMON AND DOMNINOS  
NEW MARTYR MICHAEL

**Tone 8 - Eothion 8**

**Orthros Gospel:** St. John 20:11-18

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. John 1:43-51

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 -** From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - Tone 2 -** Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Synodikon of Orthodoxy  
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour  
Parish Council

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 28):
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Catalin & Gabi Tinjala	MaryLynne Black
<b>USHERS:</b>	Sdn. John & Todd M.	Steve K. & Ken G.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Tadessa & Hirut For blessings received	----
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Nathan & Rebecca; Teens	John & Maxine; Tatiana Y.
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Felicia S.; Abraham L.; Miriam K.	Moodys; Dale Y.; Jonathan Z.

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Bible Study on Sacrifice

Saturdays, 5 pm  
Mar 20-Apr 24

**We live Pascha to Pascha!  
May 2, 2021**

**OFFERINGS for Week of 2/28/21:**  
Candles, \$234. Collections, \$510.  
Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$37.  
Library, \$134. Pastoral Discretion,  
\$100. Teen Fund, \$175. Vestments,  
\$2,200. Women’s Fund, \$50.  
Stewardship, \$3,850. Total received:  
\$7,291.

**OFFERINGS for Week of 3/7/21:**  
Candles, \$262.91. Collections,  
\$1770.30. Youth, \$46. Book Shelf  
Ministry, \$3. Library, \$31. Vestments,  
\$850. Women’s Fund, \$1,386.  
Stewardship, \$6,280. Total received:  
\$10,629.21.

**OFFERINGS for the Week of 3/14/21:**  
Candles, \$294. Collections, \$267.  
Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$194.  
Library, \$4. Mortgage Reduction, \$250.  
Needy Fund, \$100. Vestments, \$300.  
Women’s Fund, \$30. Refunds, \$196.67.  
Stewardship, \$3,800. Total received:  
\$5,436.67.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR  
FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly Illumined	+Yazew
Penelope	+Christopher
Dn. Luke & Family	
AP Boris	+Najib
HM Sylvester	+Lorraine
Fr. Sergius	+Julia
AP Serge	+Helen
Doris & John	+Dina
James	+Robert Joseph
Lasha B	+Adele
Otari B	
Daniel H	
John	
Peter	
Anesia	
Svetlana & Family	
George, Victoria, & family	

#### Catechumens

Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Sara, Barry, Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke
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For the people of our  
land and their  
repentance, healing &  
unity

All who are suffering,  
serving and rebuilding  
from the pandemic

**TITHE YOUR STIMULUS CHECK** to these worthy endeavors of our parish:

- + St Corona Emergency/Expansion
- + St Justin Academy

**FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE** - Please keep your alms box in a prominent place as a reminder to thank God for your blessings and bless the hungry with your bounty.

### This Week:

**Great Lent continues! Blessed Struggle!**

**Confessions before services and by appointment.**

Masks encouraged for all services.

**Monday, Mar 22: Great Compline 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Mar 23: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
6th Hour Prayers, 12 noon**

**Wed, Mar 24: Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.  
Orthors for Annunciation, 7:30 p.m.**

**Thurs, Mar 25: FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION  
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.  
(Fish/wine/oil potluck)**

**Friday, Mar 26: Presanctified Liturgy, 10 a.m.  
Little Compline & Akathist Hymn 6:30 p.m.**

**Sat, Mar 27: Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.  
Bible Study on Sacrifice, 5 p.m.  
Youth Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.  
Vespers 6:30 p.m.  
Confession 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Mar 28: ST. GREGORY PALAMAS  
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, Catechism, & Coffee Hour**

#### OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Baby Care Items

#### CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”