

Venerable Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Venerable Pachomius the Great

Saint Theodore was called “Sanctified” because he was the first in his monastery ordained to the priesthood.

Saint Theodore came from Egypt and was the son of rich and illustrious Christian parents. The yearning for monastic life appeared early in him. Once there was a large party at the house of his parents during the feast of Theophany. The boy did not want to take part in the festivities, grieving that because of earthly joys he might be deprived of joys in the life to come. He secretly left home when he was fourteen and entered one of the monasteries.



Hearing about Pachomius the Great, he burned with the desire to see the ascetic. Saint Pachomius received the young man with love, having been informed by God beforehand about his coming. Remaining at the monastery, Saint Theodore quickly succeeded in all his monastic tasks, particularly in the full obedience to his guide, and in his compassion towards the other brethren. Theodore’s mother, learning that he was at the Tabennisi monastery, came to Saint Pachomius with a letter from the bishop, asking to see her son. Saint Theodore did not wish to break his vow to renounce the world, so he refused to meet with his mother.

Seeing Saint Theodore’s strength of mind and ability, Saint Pachomius once told him to instruct the brethren on Holy Scripture. Saint Theodore was then only twenty years old. He obeyed and began to speak, but some of the older brethren took offense that a new monk should teach them, and they departed. Saint Pachomius said to them, “You have given in to the devil and because of your conceit, your efforts will come to naught. You have not rejected Theodore, but rather the Word of God, and have deprived yourselves of the Holy Spirit.”

Saint Pachomius appointed Saint Theodore as overseer of the Tabennisi monastery, and withdrew to a more solitary monastery. Saint Theodore with filial love continued to concern himself over his instructor, and he looked after Saint Pachomius in his final illness, and when the great abba reposed in the Lord, he closed his eyes. After the death of Saint Pachomius, Saint Theodore directed the Tabennisi monastery, and later on he was at the head of all the Thebaid monasteries. Saint Theodore the Sanctified was famed for his holiness of life and a great gift of wonderworking, and he was well known to Saint Athanasius, Patriarch of Alexandria. Saint Theodore reposed in his old age in the year 368.

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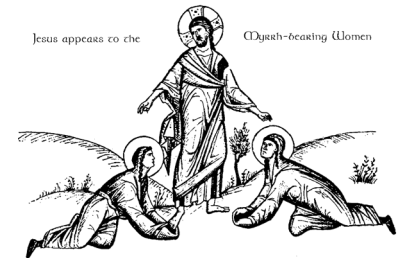


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May 16, 2021
SUNDAY OF THE
MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
AND SAINTS JOSEPH
AND NICODEMUS



CHRIST IS RISEN!

Matins Gospel:

Eothinon 4: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

RESURRECTION TROPARION - TONE 2 - When thou didst submit thyself unto death, O thou deathless and immortal One, then thou didst destroy hell with thy godly power; and when thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto thee, O Christ, thou Giver of Life, "Glory to thee!"

TONE 2 - Pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure Body from the tree, and wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, prepared it, and laid it in a new tomb. But thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting to the world the great mercy!

TONE 2 - Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment bearing women: "The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ has been shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye, 'The Lord is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!'"

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, & Catechism, 11:45 am
Parish Council, 12:45 pm

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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 (May 23): |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PROSPHORA BREAD: | Gabi & Catalin Tinjala | MaryLynne Black |
| ALTAR CANDLES: | ---- | ---- |
| USHERS: | Dan M. & Tom A. | Sdn. John & Rdr Nick Muz |
| ALTAR BOYS: | “Archangel Michael” | “Archangel Gabriel” |
| CLEANING TEAM: | Nathan & Rebecca; Teens | Sdn. John & Maxine; Tatiana |
| COFFEE HOUR TEAM: | Moody; Dale Y.; Jonathan Z. | Tatiana; Sh. Hannah; Gabe |

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.



Mark Your Calendar:

Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 25—2 pm-7pm

Mid-Pentecost

Wednesday, May 26—Liturgy 10 am

St. Justin Vigil

Monday, May 31—Vigil 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 1—Liturgy 10 am

Leavetaking of Pascha & Ascension

Tuesday, June 8

Paschal Vespers & Orthros, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 9

Paschal Liturgy, 10 am

Festal Vespers & Orthros 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 10

Ascension Liturgy 10 am

Pentecost

Sunday, Jun 20

Kneeling Prayers after Liturgy

Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul

June 28-29

Vacation Church School

August 9-13

Pray For:

| Living | Departed |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Preb. Anna | +Sh. Angela |
| Alexandra | +Yazew |
| Maria | +Lillian |
| HM Sylvester | +Stavros |
| Fr. Sergius | |
| Doris | (May Parish |
| John | Diptychs) |
| James | +Paul |
| Lasha B | +Bahia |
| Otari B | +Kh. Jane |
| Daniel H | +LuAnn |
| Peter | +Lida |
| Anesia | +Donna |
| Svetlana & family | |
| George, Victoria, & family | |
| Pulcheria | |
| Gabriela | |
| Anna | |
| Dn. Thomas & family | |
| Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, | <u>Catechumens</u> |
| Jesse, Bill, Elaine | Matthew, |
| & all Missionaries | Michael, |
| | Shaun, |
| New & Expectant Mothers | Tina, |
| & their children | Sara, |
| For the people of our land | Barry, |
| and their repentance, | Ryan, |
| healing & unity | Laura, |
| All who are suffering, | Taylor, |
| serving and rebuilding | Tim & Luke |
| from the pandemic | |

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- ✦ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.
- ✦ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
- ✦ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.
- ✦ There is a relaxed fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- ✦ In honor of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.

This Week:

Fr. Noah & Family on Vacation — May 17-28

Fr. James on call

Monday, May 17: Church open

Tuesday, May 18: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 19: Church open
COMPLINE & Patristic Reading, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 20: Church open

Friday, May 21: Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22: Liturgy, 10 a.m.
VESPERS at 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 23: SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Catechism

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Skin Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

"Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit"

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$274. Collections, \$20. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$149. Building Fund, \$4,000. Food for Hungry, \$301.39. Honorarium Fund, \$2,000. Stewardship, \$4,903.50. Total received: \$11,648.89.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)