

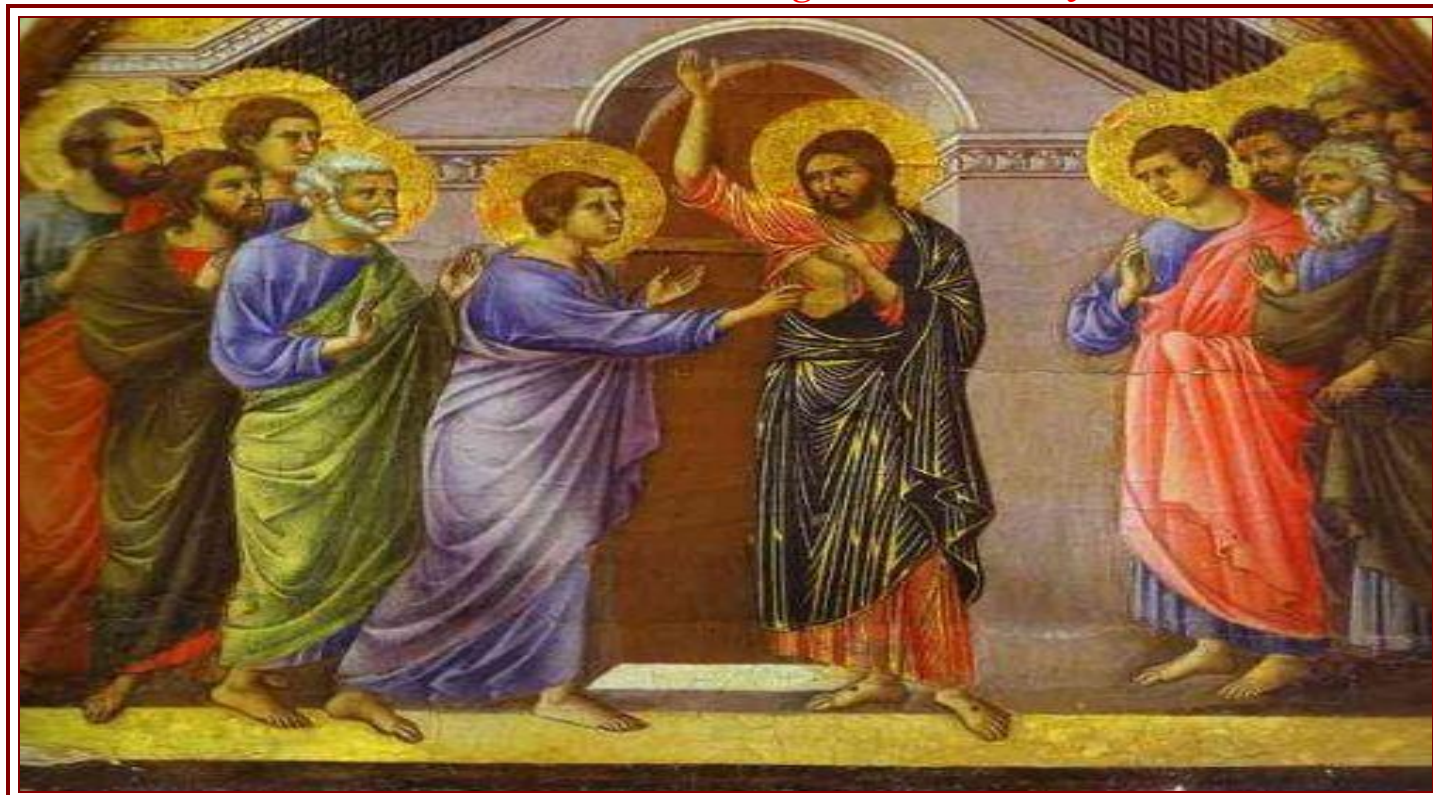
+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

+ May 12th 2013 A.D. – Sunday of St. Thomas +



Above: **St. Thomas** receiving the Holy Belt of the Mother of God

Below: **St. Thomas** encountering the Risen Lord Jesus



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+ The Holy Epistle (Acts 5:12-20) +

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

جَرَتْ عَلَى أَيْدِي الرُّسُلِ آيَاتٌ وَعَجَائِبُ كَثِيرَةٌ فِي الشَّعْبِ. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ فِي رِوَاقِ سُلَيْمَانَ. وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُونَ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُمْ يَجْسُرُ أَنْ يَلْتَصِقَ بِهِمْ لَكِنْ كَانَ الشَّعْبُ يُعْظَمُهُمْ. وَكَانَ مُؤْمِنُونَ يَنْضَمُونَ لِلرَّبِّ أَكْثَرَ جَمَاهِيرُ مِنْ رِجَالٍ وَنِسَاءٍ حَتَّى إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَحْمِلُونَ الْمَرْضَى خَارِجًا فِي الشُّوَارِعِ وَيَضَعُونَهُمْ عَلَى فُرْشٍ وَأَسِرَّةٍ حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءَ بَطْرُسُ يُخَيِّمُ وَلَوْ ظَلَّهُ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ. وَاجْتَمَعَ جُمْهُورُ الْمَدِينِ الْمُحِيطَةِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ حَامِلِينَ مَرْضَى وَمُعَدَّبِينَ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ نَجِسَةٍ وَكَانُوا يُبْرَأُونَ جَمِيعُهُمْ. فَقَامَ رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ الَّذِينَ هُمْ شَيْعَةُ الصَّدُوقِيِّينَ وَامْتَلَأُوا غَيْرَةً فَأَلْقَوْا أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَلَى الرُّسُلِ وَوَضَعُوهُمْ فِي حَبْسِ الْعَامَّةِ. وَلَكِنَّ مَلَكَ الرَّبِّ فِي اللَّيْلِ فَتَحَ أَبْوَابَ السِّجْنِ وَأَخْرَجَهُمْ وَقَالَ: «أَذْهَبُوا فِقُوا وَكَلِّمُوا الشَّعْبَ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ بِجَمِيعِ كَلَامِ هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ»

+ The Holy Gospel (St. John 20:19-31) +

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, 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. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

وَلَمَّا كَانَتْ عَشِيَّةُ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَهُوَ أَوَّلُ الْأَسْبُوعِ وَكَانَتْ الْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةً حَيْثُ كَانَ التَّلَامِيذُ مُجْتَمِعِينَ لِسَبَبِ الْخَوْفِ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ جَاءَ يَسُوعُ وَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «سَلَامٌ لَكُمْ». وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا أَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَجَنْبَهُ فَفَرِحَ التَّلَامِيذُ إِذْ رَأَوْا الرَّبَّ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا: «سَلَامٌ لَكُمْ. كَمَا أُرْسَلَنِي الْآبُ أُرْسَلُكُمْ أَنَا». وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَفَخَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «اقْبَلُوا الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ. مَنْ غَفَرْتُمْ خَطَايَاهُ تُغْفَرُ لَهُ وَمَنْ أَمْسَكْتُمْ خَطَايَاهُ أُمْسِكْتُمْ». أَمَّا ثُومَا أَحَدُ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ التَّوَامُ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ مَعَهُمْ حِينَ جَاءَ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ: «قَدْ رَأَيْنَا الرَّبَّ». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِنْ لَمْ أُبْصِرْ فِي يَدَيْهِ أَثَرَ الْمَسَامِيرِ وَأَضَعُ إصْبِعِي فِي أَثَرِ الْمَسَامِيرِ وَأَضَعُ يَدِي فِي جَنْبِهِ لَا أُوْمِنُ». وَبَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ كَانَ تَلَامِيذُهُ أَيْضًا دَاخِلًا وَثُومَا مَعَهُمْ. فَجَاءَ يَسُوعُ وَالْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةً وَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: «سَلَامٌ لَكُمْ». ثُمَّ قَالَ لِثُومَا: «هَاتِ إصْبِعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا وَأُبْصِرْ يَدَيَّ وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ مُؤْمِنًا». أَجَابَ ثُومَا: «رَبِّي وَالْهَي». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي يَا ثُومَا أَمَنْتَ! طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَرَوْا». وَآيَاتٍ أُخَرَ كَثِيرَةً صَنَعَ يَسُوعُ فَذَكَرَ تَلَامِيذُهُ لَمْ تَكْتَبْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَأَمَّا هَذِهِ فَقَدْ كَتَبْتُ لِثُومَا أَنْ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَلِكِي تَكُونَ لَكُمْ إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ حَيَاةً بِاسْمِهِ..

*** For the entire 2013 Calendar, visit our new website: www.stnicholasmtl.com ***

- May 14 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
Antiochian Women Meeting at 7:30pm
- May 19 Sunday of the Holy Myrrh Bearers: The Holy Myrrh Bearers are the Patron Saints of our Antiochian Women! All members of the Antiochian Women and all women are asked to come and bring their favorite Icon of the Virgin Mary (or the Myrrh Bearers) and join Fr. Mark in leading a joyful procession around the Church to honor the Holy Myrrh Bearers, who were the first to bear witness to the Holy Resurrection of our Lord! ALSO: Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party
- May 21 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- May 26 Sunday School Staff Meeting after Liturgy
- May 28 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- June 2 Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party & Soccer Picnic
- June 4 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- June 9 AGM (Annual General Meeting)
- June 11 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- June 13 Feast of the Holy Ascension
- June 16 Father's Day BBQ
2nd Tray Collection
- June 18 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- June 22 Soul Saturday: Grave Blessings at Mt. Royal Cemetery
(Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment)
- June 23 Feast of Holy Pentecost: Kneeling Prayers at the end of the Divine Liturgy
- June 25 Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- July 2 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm
Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- July 4-7 PLC: Parish Life Conference (hosted by St. George Church - Montreal)
Note: St. Nicholas Church will be closed this Sunday only as all Clergy will be serving at the PLC
- July 22-28 Archdiocese Convention held in Houston, Texas.
Fr. Mark will be attending and not available in Montreal
- August 12-23 Camp Transfiguration - The Camp website is on our "Orthodox Links" page for more information. Fr. Mark will be at the Camp on August 14 & 15 for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.
- August 27 **ANNUAL RAFFLE** at 6:30pm

The following is a thank you note from Hala Zakaib concerning the Bake Sale:

"Thank you to all who supported our annual Antiochian Women Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Due to your generosity this year the event was a tremendous success. Thanks again and God bless you and have a good summer!"

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***** HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! -- FROM FR. MARK *****



We continue to pray for the safe release of H.E. **Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi** - Antiochian Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria (*he is the brother of our Patriarch*) & of H.E. **Metropolitan Gregorios-Youhanna Ibrahim** - Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria. Both were abducted together by armed terrorists in Syria on Monday, April 22 2013, while on a humanitarian mission to liberate two other abducted Priests. Candles are being lit all over the Orthodox world! A petition has been created by the Orthodox Faithful in North America to the White House/Obama for intervention to have them released. The petition was blessed by H.E. Metropolitan PHILIP for you to sign it and it is available on our Church Website. **Please sign it!**

An excerpt from the Paschal Message of H.B. Patriarch Youhanna X: "Priests and lay persons are still being held by their kidnappers. A number of priests and lay persons have been killed here and there, and thousands of believers have been displaced from their homes. We are carrying the cross of what all of them have suffered and are still suffering. We share the grief and the tragedy of the Archdiocese of Aleppo, as well as every parish. However, **we should use this grief to make a way to a greater steadfastness and an occasion to proclaim our faith in the Resurrection.** We have made until today every effort with international and local authorities, asking them to help in the release of the kidnapped. This is the least of what we could do. We need to work for peace to prevail in our regions and we call for an immediate cessation of violence in actions between fellow citizens. We will not surrender to these circumstances as the Lord did not succumb on the way to Golgotha. We shall continue in our way and we shall always claim the rights of man to a decent and peaceful life, mindful that the resurrection is certainly going to happen. For these reason **I call upon you for more unity, more prayer, more steadfastness in your faith, more love for your homeland and more openness toward your fellow citizens.** Only then can we be more powerful and more efficient in asking for the removal of oppression, a safe return of the kidnapped and the removal of every tear from the faces of those who are sad."

