

## St. Thomas Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian  
Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday:	Matins	9:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Wednesday:	Daily Vespers	6:30 pm
Saturday:	Great Vespers	5:00 pm

*Confessions are heard before and after Great Vespers and during Matins.  
Counseling and consultation are available by appointment.*

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE  
COMEMORATION OF THE VENERABLE PAUL OF  
THEBES AND JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER

### JANUARY 15, 2012

#### To Our Visitor's Praying with us Today

Welcome! We hope your time with us is healing and worshipful. For those guests who are not Orthodox, 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 at the end of the Liturgy

### Announcements

- ❖ **Axios!** Congratulations to the newly ordained priest, Fr. Philip Begley ! Many years to our parish's native son and his wife, Kh. Sarah!
- ❖ **Baby Shower** - Everyone is invited to attend the Baby Shower of Nichole Headid. Sat, Jan 28, 2-4 pm at the Sgt. Bluff Community Center (903 Topaz Dr Sgt Bluff, IA).
- ❖ **Fatayer** - Attention Ladies Club members: please mark your calendars! On Sat, Feb 4, we be making *fatayer* starting at 8:30am. To place an order, please call Jane Kirwan at 276-6711.
- ❖ **Adult Education** - On Wednesday after vespers, we will have our second installment of series of personal stories of faith. Come. Get to know your Church family members a little better!
- ❖ **Home Blessings!** Fr. Lucas will be contacting each household to schedule home blessings. The goal is for *everyone's* home to be blessed within the next month! Please email or call if you would like to request a specific date or time.
- ❖ **Holy Bread** - There are still many dates available to offer holy bread – both for Sunday and weekday liturgies. Why not commemorate an important event or favorite saint by offering Holy Bread? The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?** - WHY WE BLESS HOMES?

"We, as Christians, are engaged in this struggle to reclaim fallen nature for the Kingdom of God. We often talk about this in terms of our own salvation, but the Church, addressing all of creation in an holistic manner, also reaches out and reclaims a bit here and a bit there of creation in general. We do this in order that we might restore the usefulness of creation for working out our own salvation. Hence we bless anything that might help us in our salvation - and by blessing it we reclaim it for the Kingdom of God."

-Fr. David Moser, St Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox Church, Boise ID

## Epistle

### Colossians 3:4-11

**B**rethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In



these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices, and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## Gospel

### Luke 7:12-19

**A**t that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them, He said to them,

"Go and show yourselves to the priests."

And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to Him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



## Today

- ❖ **Altar Bread** - Today's altar bread is offered by Maria Tudor.
- ❖ **Election of Parish Council Officers** - Immediately following today's Divine Liturgy (Jan 15), members of the 2012 Parish Council will meet in the Bbard room to elect the officers for the coming year.

## Upcoming Services and Events

- ❖ **REVISED TIME: Liturgy for St. Anthony** - We will celebrate a morning Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Anthony on Tue, Jan 17 at 7:00 AM.
- ❖ **REVISED TIME: Ice Fishing**- Catechumen Jim Vaughn has offered to host a local ice fishing trip to Crystal Cove (South Sioux City) on either Sat, Jan 28 or Sat, Feb 4 from 1:00-4:00pm. Please sign up in the parish hall!
- ❖ **Liturgy for St. Gregory the Theologian** - We will celebrate an evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Gregory on Tue, Jan 24 at 6:30pm.
- ❖ **Youth and Adult Event** - On either Fri, Jan 27 or Sat, Jan 28 (date pending) there will be a special event for our children, youth, and Adults. Each group will have a guided discussion about our faith, our parish, and how everyone can find love, healing, and hope at St. Thomas Church.
- ❖ **Liturgy for the Three Hierarchs** - We will celebrate a morning Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Three Hierarchs on Mon, Jan 30 at 7:00am.
- ❖ **Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord** - We will celebrate an evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast on Wed, Feb 1 at 6:30pm.

## Variable Hymns of the Divine Liturgy

### Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### Troparion of St. Paul of Thebes - Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Paul, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### Troparion of St. John the Hut-dweller - Tone 4

Since thou hadst with fervor longed after the Lord from thy youth, thou leftest the world with its delights and nobly didst strive in valiant ascetic deeds. Thou didst pitch thy hut before the gates of thy parents; thou didst break the demons' snares, O all-blessed Father. And therefore, as is meet, hath Christ glorified thee, O John.

### Troparion of our Patron, St. Thomas - Tone 3

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with the merciful God that he grant unto our souls, forgiveness of offences.



### Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord - Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.