

St. Thomas Orthodox Church

*A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian
Archdiocese of North America*

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Fr. Lucas Rice, Pastor

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.*

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

FEBRUARY 05, 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

- ❖ **Clean Week** - Forgiveness Vespers officially marks the beginning of the first week of Great Lent, also known as *Clean Week*. See the calendar insert for the worship schedule (or visit the church website).

Announcements

- ❖ **Fatayer** - Thanks to all those who came yesterday and donated their time and their energy to our fundraising endeavor!
- ❖ **Fr. Lucas Out of Town** - Fr. Lucas will be out of town from Tue, Feb 14 through Fri, Feb 17. He will be attending the DOWAMA Clergy Brotherhood retreat in Wichita, KS. The Wednesday Night program of Vespers and Study will continue as usual. Please call his cell phone in the event of an emergency.
- ❖ **PLUS 2 for February** - During the Annual Meeting, everyone was challenged to attend Church, "Sunday plus 2" - in other words, their usual Sunday morning commitments plus (at least) two additional services per month. Please see the insert in today's bulletin and schedule your "**PLUS 2.**"
- ❖ **New Arrivals in Bookstore** - (1) Several copies of the Holy Week Service Book. This elegant, hardback service book has the word-for-word text of all of our Holy Week services. (2) *Prayer Book* published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery. This beautiful, hardback, sewn bound prayer book has the daily services, Sunday services, services to the Mother of God (such as the Akathist and Paraklesis) and special services (such as the Preparation for Holy Communion). Pick one up today!
- ❖ **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.

A WORD FROM THE SAINTS - JOHN OF KRONSTADT

"Leave all human injustices to the Lord, for God is the Judge, but as to yourself, be diligent in loving everybody with a pure heart..."

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



Gospel

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



Today

- ❖ **Altar Bread** - Today's altar bread is offered by Michele and Todd Mechling.
- ❖ **Scouting Sunday** - Today is Orthodox Scouting Sunday.

Upcoming Services and Events

- ❖ **Liturgy for St. Theodore the General** - We will celebrate an evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Theodore on Tue, Feb 7 at 6:30pm.
- ❖ **Adult Education** - This Wednesday after vespers (6:30 - 7:00pm), we will have the first of a three-part lesson on the Prayer of St. Ephraim. The class will be from 7:00-8:00 pm. In preparation for Great Lent, why not give 1 hour this week to learning more about our loving and living God?
- ❖ **REVISED TIME: Youth and Adult Event** - On Sun, Feb 12, at 5:00pm 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.
- ❖ **Saturday of Souls Liturgy** - We will celebrate a Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls on Sat, Feb 18 at 10:00am. Please provide Fr. Lucas with the names of departed loved ones or friends that you would like to have commemorated – either by hardcopy or by email – please submit the names by Wed, Feb 15.
- ❖ **Liturgy for the St. Polycarp** - We will celebrate a morning Divine Liturgy for the feast of the St. Polycarp on Wed, Feb 22 at 7:00am.
- ❖ **Forgiveness Vespers** - We will celebrate the service of Forgiveness Vespers on Sun, Feb 26 at 12:30 pm. This early time should allow for fuller participation in this beautiful – and vitally important –service.

Variable Hymns of the Divine Liturgy

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Meeting of the Lord - Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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.

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