

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE APOSTLE TIMOTHY AND
ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN

JANUARY 22, 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

- ❖ **Memory Eternal** – Yesterday, our beloved sister, Nina Baker fell asleep in the Lord. Funeral details are forthcoming. Please remember her in your prayers. May her memory be eternal!
- ❖ **A Note from Sue** – Sue Stevens would like thank everyone for the cards and visits. In mid-February, she will distribute the form that specifies your total charitable contribution for 2011.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **Scouting Sunday** – February 5th is Orthodox Scouting Sunday. All of our Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, etc, and adult scout leaders) are invited to wear their uniforms to Church.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 - ST. DOROTHEOS OF GAZA

"The more one is united to his neighbor the more he is united to God."

Epistle

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.



Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”



Today

- ❖ **Altar Bread** - Today's altar bread is offered by Carol Border.
- ❖ **Special Collection** - After the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a special collection for the newly ordained priest, Fr. Philip Begley.

Upcoming Services and Events

- ❖ **Adult Education** - This Wednesday after vespers, we will have our third installment of series of personal stories of faith. Come. Get to know your Church family members a little better!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.

Variable Hymns of the Divine Liturgy

Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. Timothy - Tone 4

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befiteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish the course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St. Anastsios the Persian - Tone 4

Thy Martyr, Anastasios, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.