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**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*“Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome,  
Thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear.  
While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions,  
God may grant us great mercy.”*

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<u>Schedule of Services</u>		
Daily Matins	Monday – Friday (Except Thursday)	6:00 am
	Saturday	7:00 am
Vespers	Tuesday & Friday	5:00 pm
<u>Divine Services</u>		
Great Vespers	Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday Matins (Orthros)	Sunday	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy	Sunday	9:15 am
*Special Services scheduled as appointed*		

**Inaugural Sunday or Anti-Pascha (April 26, 2009)**

**Commemoration of Thomas the Apostle, Called “The Twin”**

REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

**Refrain:** Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tomb bestowing life.

## APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN GRAVE MODE

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested 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 and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the 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.

**\*\*\* *Announcements for the Week of April 26th* \*\*\***

\* Ordinary weekday (Mon-Fri) calendar of services resumes this week:

Matins on Wed and Fri only; Vespers on Tues and Fri only. Weekend services do not change.

\* **Parish Council** session: NEXT Sunday, May 3.

\* **Readers** meet with Fr Patrick: Mondays at 5 PM.

\* **Chanters** meet with Fr Patrick: Saturdays at 3:30 PM.

\* **Catechumens and Inquirers Class** resumes: Saturday, April 25, directly after Great Vespers. We will hold these class sessions each Saturday evening, except on May 23, all the way through June 13.

\***Youth** meets every Monday at 5:30 PM.

\***SAVE THE DATE!** The evening of May 17 will be our St Peter's Dinner and Talent Show at 5pm. This event will take place to raise money for a summer Monastery Retreat to Arizona for our girls and young ladies. If you are interested in underwriting any of the costs for this event, please contact Kh Christina.

\*2009 Parish Life Conference will be held May 20 – 24. See bulletin board for details.