

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Camp Emmanuel Registration is Open!** Camp will be June 23-29, 2024. Join the GOYA OneChurch Group, or visit the Metropolis website and click on the Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministries page to access the registration. Contact Maja Buck with any questions, [maja@stcatherinechurch.org](mailto:maja@stcatherinechurch.org).
- **Men's Retreat** at the Denver Metropolis Retreat Center-August 18-21st.
- **St. Catherine's 40th Anniversary**, October 5 - 6, 2024!

## Prom Drive Donations

You have the opportunity to make prom magical for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). From now until May 14, join us for a prom clothing and accessories drive benefiting Laradon- a local nonprofit that empowers kids and adults in the IDD community. They are seeking donations of gently used prom dresses (bridesmaid dresses work too), suits & ties, dress shoes, accessories, and grooming items. Donations in a variety of sizes- with sizes large and x-large being the most requested, are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off directly with Toulia Stathopoulos-Contact her at: 303-792-5661 or: [TStathopoulos@comcast.net](mailto:TStathopoulos@comcast.net).

## Contribute to Coffee Hour - Where the Body of Christ Connects!

Thank you to all who made our Lenten Coffee Hours such a success! We will continue signing up in the same manner for the rest of the year. Select a Sunday on the SignUp Genius, then choose one or two of the listed items to bring. When everyone takes a turn, the work and expense remain manageable for all. Remember that set up and clean up are necessary and inexpensive ways you can contribute. Questions?  
Text or call Suzanne Magerko 719-337-2113



## SAINT CATHERINE STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

For 2024, as of May 8th we have 352 stewards pledging \$974,244 and we have received \$412,113. If you did not receive a stewardship packet at home, you may pick one up in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Jenée Horan at: [Jenee@stcatherinechurch.org](mailto:Jenee@stcatherinechurch.org).

## **ST. CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **WELCOME TO SAINT CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*“There are no strangers here; only friends you have not met!”*

**SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS-MAY 12, 2024**  
**Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus**

**Doubt. Doubt. Let it all out.**

The day Jesus was resurrected from the dead, his friends and disciples each had unique experiences of this life changing event. Mary with the other myrrh bearing women were at the tomb in early morning while it was still dark, confused because they could not find Jesus in the tomb. Simon Peter and John ran to the tomb at hearing this strange message and saw the empty tomb for themselves then went home. Mary stays at the empty tomb weeping in grief and is the first to encounter the risen Messiah. Some of the other disciples were gathered later in the evening of that same day. Thomas, however was not with them and he missed the risen Lord's visit and blessings. Understandably when Thomas joined the others and heard that they visited with Jesus who was resurrected from the dead, Thomas insisted the only way he would believe that tale is if he himself saw Jesus with his wounds standing in front of him.

Eight days later, Thomas and the other disciples were gathered when Jesus appeared in their midst-without using a typical entrance. After sharing the greeting of Peace, Jesus invites Thomas to do exactly what he needed to do in order to believe. Thomas thundered, “My Lord and my God!”

### Discussion Question and Topic:

1. Doubting and questioning our faith, God and our tradition is OK. Doing so is essential for knowing deeply. Struggling and wrestling with paradoxes and illogical events in the scriptures and with divine interactions can lead to deeper understanding IF we are trying to know God and His wisdom. What are you doubting and questioning about our faith, God and our tradition these days?
2. It is difficult to reach into woundedness, especially our own. Jesus invites Thomas to reach, look at and to put his hand into Jesus' wounds to know a deeper wholeness and peace of resurrected life. So too for us, we are able to reach into and look at our own wounds to experience a deeper wholeness and peace of resurrected life especially when done with a trusted counselor, spiritual director, medical professional and/or friend who are able to journey with us and help us carry our cross(es) all the way through to resurrection into new experiences of this life.



### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SUNDAY, MAY 12

- **SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS-Orthros 8:15am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am**
- Memorials: Today we have a 40-day memorial for Sue Alexander Simos. May her memory be eternal!
- **Happy Mother's Day!**

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14

- Men's Spiritual Discussion 7am-(Hybrid)-In person or on Zoom link at: [stcatherinechurch.org/calendar](https://stcatherinechurch.org/calendar)
- No Bible Study

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- **Choir Practice 7:00pm**

#### THURSDAY, MAY 16

- **THEOLOGY THURSDAY 6:30pm**

#### SATURDAY, MAY 18

- **GREAT VESPERS**

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19

- **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN Orthros 8:15 am, Divine Liturgy 9:00am**
- **Last Day of Church School & End of Year Cook Out Celebration**

# SAINT CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GRADUATION CELEBRATION



**CLASS OF 2024**

**GRADUATE SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH**

We are honoring our 2024 graduates! We would like to recognize our high-school, college and post graduates. If you have a graduate in your family please use the QR code to fill out the graduate submission form or email: [Valerie@stcatherinechurch.org](mailto:Valerie@stcatherinechurch.org)



# Theology Thursday

May 16, 2024



Fr. Alexander Vallens from St. Tikhon  
will present on the topic of Iconography.  
We will explore how iconography proclaims  
Theosis.

Refreshments and Fellowship at 6:00pm,  
followed by the presentation at 6:30pm.  
St. Catherine Fellowship Hall.  
Scan QR code to register:



## HYMNS AND READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS

**APOLYTIKION MODE PL. 1:** Christ is Risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

**APOLYTIKION GRAVE MODE:** O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. Then, although the doors were shut, You came to Your Disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

**KONTAKION OF PASCHA MODE PL 4:** Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

**THE EPISTLE READING IS FROM THE ACTS OF THE 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 READING IS FROM 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.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### The Holy Apostle Thomas—Today (Antipascha) & October 6th:

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior. According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says Saint John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations." Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur, the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.



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ST. CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 5-6, 2024

*Formal invitation to follow*

