

BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME

The study of the Gospel of St. John will resume on Thursday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Join us to complete this important study of the most "theological" of the Holy Gospels.

PARISH FESTIVAL

Our Spring Parish Festival is May 6 through 8. We remain in serious need of volunteers to work the festival. There are sign-up sheets in the main corridor. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME.** We **cannot have a successful festival without everyone's best effort.** **May 4th is the skewering party from 4 p.m. until finished.** We need people to sign up for the bar and the food line, as well as other needed tasks. Also, please spread the word about the festival. An **easy** way to do so, is to find the festival event page on facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=154312041292326>) and share the event invitation with all your facebook friends!

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation Sunday is May 22. We need the following information: for HIGH SCHOOL graduates: student name, graduating from what high school, going to what college/university, subject major. For GRADUATE and POST GRADUATE: student name, graduating from what college/university, what degree, and future plans. Please email the information to Chrysostom (cgunning@stgeorge) BY FRIDAY, MAY 13, AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST!

LITTLE ANGELS

We would like to welcome any moms/dads/relatives of with little ones from newborn to 4 years old to join us every first Wednesday of the month. Please bring your own snacks. Also, on Sundays while at church many caretakers are already meeting after communion in the preschool room for fellowship, so please join us. If you are already a member, please join our listserve and like us on Facebook for the most updated information and connect with other members: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Angels-of-Saint-George-Greek-Orthodox-Church/156982254356027?sk=wall> For more information please contact Eleni Alexiou at skaleni@gmail.com

50 PLUS CLUB

Our monthly brunch will be held on May 4 at 10:00am at the Ambrosia Grill, 802 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Don't forget to set aside items for Yia-Yia Attic. Items may be brought in before or during the Festival. **OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK PARTY DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 18 at 11:30am.** As always, please bring a special dish for all to share and enjoy. Again this year, Achilles Papaefthimiou will entertain us with his lively music. Of course, there will be usual singing and dancing. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing weekly and year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

April 20 through April 26, 2011

Income	\$ 0.00*
Expenses	\$ 6,344.93**

January 1 through April 26, 2011

Income	\$326,190.14*
Expenses	\$339,796.29**

*- Includes any income from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, General Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, and Harbor School Rent.

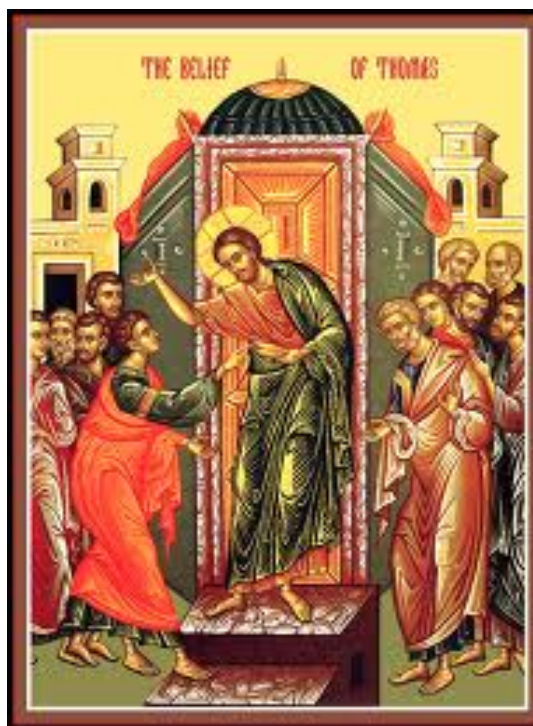
** - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Archdiocese Stewardship, For those Who Serve, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Liturgical, Maintenance, Mortgage Interest, Program Expenses, Taxes & Insurance, and Utilities.



THOMAS SUNDAY

MAY 1, 2011

THE HOLY PROPHET JEREMIAH



Who kept the Disciple's hand from being burnt up, when it approached the fiery side of the Lord? Who gave it the daring, and it was able to touch the flaming bone? By all means, it was the very side that was touched. For had not the side empowered the right hand of clay, how could it have touched the wounds that shook the world above and below? This grace was given to Thomas, to be able to touch it and to cry out to Christ, "*You are my Lord and my God.*" (**Oekos at Matins**)

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

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EPISTLE 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."

TODAY'S READER: JEANNE KITSOULIS

GOSPEL 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.

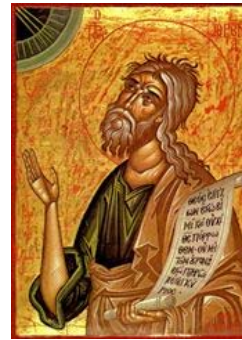
40-DAY BLESSING

A 40-Day Blessing will be given to **Avrilia**, daughter of Georgios Petikaris and Brandy McKinley. May God grant her many years!



**CHRIST OUR
LIGHT HAS
RISEN FROM
THE DEAD!**

PRAYER LIST: Sandi Treer, Constantina Speris, Spiro Gianniotis, Ralph Vallone, Christopher Bacas, **Antonia "Nitsa" Kempf**, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaios, Katherine Panagakos, George Virvan, Mariah Smiley, Doris Webb, the child Camille Feruzzi, the child Heather Greene, Irene Pappas, Marty Levine, Lindsey Reijsoo, the child Ashley Lyvers, the child Alexis Ross, Joseph Papadakis, the child Joseph Saxon, Francine Bruggeman, Stephanie Skanderis, Georgia Haldas, Eric Ricasa, Milton Kayafas, Mary Agis, Maureen Shriver, Tiffany Keiker, Mary O'Hara, William Coulopoulos, Matina Mantis, and Robert Shriver. **ARMED FORCES:** Rev. Fr. John Kalantzis, Lt. Nicholas Karnaze, Spc. Spiro Nino, John Xanthakos, Colonel James Karas, and Gary Hogman (Iraq) and his wife Cindy, 2nd Lt. Phillip Natsios, Private Louis Tiches, EG Robert Stock, and Lance Corporal Brett Hughes, and Lt. Cmdr. Michael Starsiak



THE HOLY PROPHET JEREMIAH

This great Prophet of God, Jeremiah, who loved his brethren and lamented for them greatly, who prayed much for the people and the Holy City, was the son of Helkias of the tribe of Levi, from the city of Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. He was sanctified from his mother's womb, as the Lord Himself said concerning him: "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee; I appointed thee a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5). He prophesied for thirty years, from 613 to 583 B.C. During the last captivity of the people in the reign of Sedekias, when only a few were left behind to cultivate the land, this Prophet remained with them by the permission of Nabuzardan, the captain of the guard under Nabuchodonosor. He wept and lamented inconsolably over the desolation of Jerusalem and the enslavement of his people. But even the few that remained behind transgressed again, and fearing the vengeance of the Chaldeans, they fled into Egypt, forcibly taking with them Jeremiah and Baruch his disciple and scribe. There he prophesied concerning Egypt and other nations, and he was stoned to death in Taphnas by his own people about the year 583 B.C., since they would not endure to hear the truth of his words and his just rebukes. His book of prophecy is divided into fifty-one chapters, and his book of lamentation into five; he is ranked second among the greater Prophets. His name means "Yah is exalted." Remember, in the Book of Jeremiah, God's promise: "*Behold, I have loved you with an everlasting love, and with loving kindness, have drawn you to Myself!*"

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY PROPHET

As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Jeremiah, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.



FROM THE AKATHIST TO THE LIFE- BEARING TOMB AND HOLY RESURRECTION

Rejoice, life-bearing tomb, for by thee was wrought the salvation of all the world;
Rejoice, for thou art venerated by all creation.
Rejoice, for coming unto thee from the North and from the sea the faithful glorify Christ;
Rejoice, for from the West and from the East all magnify the resurrection within thee.
Rejoice, for thou wast couch and repose unto the King of kings.
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