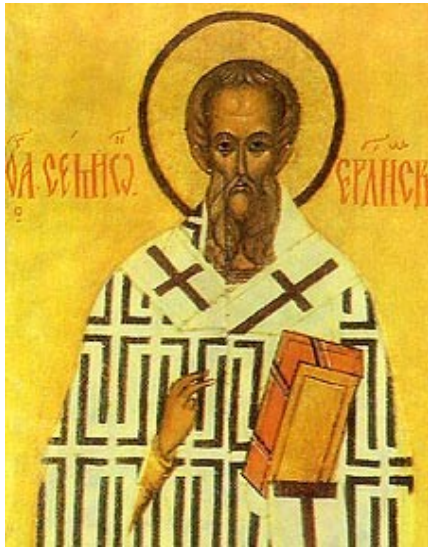


APRIL 27, 2025

**HIEROMARTYR SIMEON, KINSMAN OF THE LORD,
SECOND BISHOP OF JERUSALEM**

The Holy Apostle and Hieromartyr Simeon, a kinsman of the Lord, was the son of Cleopas, who was the younger brother of Saint Joseph the Betrothed. Thus, Saint Simeon is Joseph's nephew, and a cousin of the Lord. As an adult, he witnessed the miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ, believed in Him, and became one of the 70 Apostles. Saint Simeon proclaimed the teachings of Christ, was instructed in the truths of the holy Faith, and denounced idol worship. After the murder of the Holy Apostle James (October 23), the first Bishop of Jerusalem, Christians chose the Apostle Simeon to succeed him.



The Emperors Vespasian and Domitian had ordered that all descendants of King David be put to death. Emperor Trajan (98-117) renewed that decree, and certain heretics and some others denounced Saint Simeon as a descendant of King David, as well as a Christian.

The pagans arrested Saint Simeon, who at that time was more than one hundred and twenty years old. He astonished the judge and his attendants by enduring several days of torture, and then he was crucified in the year 107, during Trajan's reign, when Atticus was consul.

The Parisian Codices contain a Service in honor of Saint Simeon, the poem of the hymnographer Theophanēs. (Some Synaxaristes also commemorate him on September 18).

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His Grace Bishop THOMAS



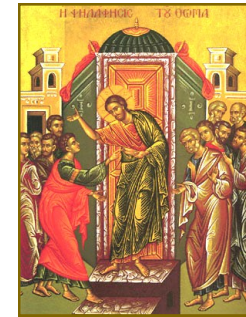
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**April 27, 2025
SUNDAY OF THOMAS**

CHRIST IS RISEN!



**Orthros Gospel: St. Matt 28:16-20
Eothion 1**

**Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

TROPARION OF ST. THOMAS - TONE 7 - 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!

TODAY:

Orthros 8:15 am

Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Sunday School & Coffee Hour 11:15 am

**Procession to Cemetery for Blessing of Graves,
1 pm (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (May 4):
COFFEE HOUR	Cemetery Team	???
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gamble-Anastasios' Birthday	Eisenhuth-Family Baptism Anniversary
USHERS:	John N. & Radu C.	Nick M. & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Justin & Kate G., Midena S., Kieth E.	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin S., Mary T., Maria S., Christian L.	Mike L., Dave & Darby S., Steven M.

- * **MANY THANKS** to all who made offerings for flowers and decoration; who provided palms and willows, olive oil, wine, rose water, and incense for the Holy Days, and red eggs for Pascha; and who gave their voices for singing and their time for cleaning.
- * **THOMAS SUNDAY CEMETERY OFFERINGS** this year will be used to fund one or more "mercy graves" to be offered to bereaved families when appropriate. Please be generous.
- * **IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS.** Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

This Week:

- Mon, April 28:** PC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Tues, April 29:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, April 30:** Little Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, May 1:** - - -
- Fri, May 2:** Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, May 3:** Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
GREAT VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, May 4:** **HOLY MYRRHBEARERS**
ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

OFFERINGS 4/20: Candles, \$1,031. Collections, \$1,757. Book Shelf Ministry, \$205. Flowers, \$65. Needy Fund, \$122.02. Women's Fund, \$18. Building Fund, \$342. One-Time Projects, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$2,133. Pastoral Discretion, \$333.54. Honorarium Fund, \$3,000. Stewardship, \$17,440.90. Total received: \$26,547.96.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- ✦ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.
- ✦ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
- ✦ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.
- ✦ There is a relaxed fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- ✦ In honor of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.

Mark Your Calendar:

Mid-Pentecost
Wednesday, May 14

Ascension
Thursday, May 29

Daily Liturgies for Fr. Luke's
Training
May 30 - June 29

Pentecost
Sunday, June 8

Sts. Peter & Paul
Saturday, June 29

Save the Date!
2024 Parish Life Conference
June 25-28, 2025

VCS 2024
July 28-Aug 1

APRIL OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Cleaning Supplies

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine N.I. John, Veronika, Anna, Lucretia, David Archpriest Joel Dn. Michael Nun Sergeia John Doris Michael John James Steven Paraskevi Elizabeth Michaela Elias Mary Maria Constantinos Coca-Lucia Gabriel Mary Helen Rebecca	+Nicholas +Mary +Haritos +Pani Susan (April Parish Diptychs) +Vasilios +Frederick +Mary +Vaseleka +Carl +Niemeh +Mary +Haydieh +Justin +Calin +Stavros +Marianne
	<u>Catechumens</u>
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries Dn Nathan, John, Samuel & all seminarians Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies Those searching for jobs and housing Those in mourning The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Ryan Michael Cassandra Rose Jasper Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Martin Meghan-Photini John Steven Robert Liara Asher Sarah Andrew Carolyn Martin James

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)