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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

### THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS

*INNOCENT, APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS; VENERABLE KENDEAS OF  
CYPRUS*

**TONE 6/EOTHINON 4**

#### PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### CHURCH ETIQUETTE

**O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.**

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God.

#### PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.

#### TROPARION OF THE PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH TONE 4:

O Angelic of body the founder and corner stone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the advent of Christ, O Elias, venerable and glorious, thou didst send grace from heaven to thy disciple Elisha to dispel diseases and to purify lepers wherefore he abounds with healing to all those who honor him.

أيها الملاك بالجسم قاعدة الأنبياء وركنهم، السابق الثاني لحضور المسيح، إلياس المجيد الموقر، لقد

أرسلت النعمة من العلى لأليشع ليطرد الأسقام ويظهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميته دائماً"

#### WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Michael.

أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجل الزوار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مُرشدي الكنيسة. وكتذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المُقدس المُبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب مايكل مباشرة.

#### PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations is being offered by Elias and Gloria Shamieh**, for the continued health and well being of Elias and Gloria Shamieh, Rula, Wadie Suleiman and their children, Lina and Mahfouz Abu-Manneh and their children. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Fahed, Thurayya, Bishara, George, Rami and Fady Shamieh. Also in memory of Jad and Fayzeh Dayeh. **May their memories be eternal.**
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially Simon Abboud, Janet Saba, Salwa Makhlof, Kawthar Shomar, Elias Shamieh, Nada and Rima Tadros, Evelyn Gabriel.
- **Please pray for all those** who have suffered and lost loved ones in Palestine and the Middle East.

## Venerable Romanus the Melodist, "Sweet-Singer"

Commemorated on [October 1](#)

Saint Romanus the Melodist was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city.

Saint Romanus was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanus, which devastated him.

On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography.

That evening at the all-night Vigil Saint Romanus sang, in a wondrous voice, his first Kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One..." All the hymns of Saint Romanus became known as kontakia, in reference to the Virgin's scroll. Saint Romanus was also the first to write in the form of the Oikos, which he incorporated into the all-night Vigil at his places of residence (In Greek, "oikos").

For his zealous service Saint Romanus was ordained as a deacon and became a teacher of song. Until his death, which occurred about the year 556, the hierodeacon Romanus the Melodist composed nearly a thousand hymns, many of which are still used by Christians to glorify the Lord. About eighty survive.



## THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle Thomas.

Thomas was also called "The Twin," one of the original Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The Lord said to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. Thomas converted many to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Before his martyr death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of the Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos' body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; and Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## THE EPISTLE

**Priest: Let us attend.**

**Reader: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.**

**Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.  
(4:6-15)**

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

حَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولْسِ الرِّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَمَرَ أَنْ يُشْرِقَ مِنْ ظُلْمَةِ نَوْرٍ، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا لِإِنَارَةِ مَعْرِفَةِ مَجْدِ

اللَّهِ فِي وَجْهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَلَنَا هَذَا الْكَنْزُ فِي آيَةِ حَرْفِيَّةٍ، لِيَكُونَ فَضْلُ الْقُوَّةِ لِلَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. مُتَضَائِقِينَ فِي كُلِّ

مُتَحَيِّرَاتٍ، وَقَفَّ بِهِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا بِلِبَاسِ مُشْرِقٍ، وَقَالُوا لَهُنَّ: لِمَ تَطْلُبْنَ الْحَيَّ مَعَ الْمَوْتَى؟ قَدْ قَامَ كَمَا سَبَقَ فَقَالَ. لِمَاذَا نَسِيتُنَّ كَلَامَهُ؟ فَلَمَّا تَحَقَّقْنَ قَوْلَهُمْ، كَرَّرْنَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ بِالْمَنْظُورَاتِ. إِلَّا أَنَّ بَشَارَتَهُنَّ حُسِبَتْ عِنْدَهُمْ هُزْأً. لِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ فَاهِمِينَ. إِلَّا أَنَّ بُطْرُسَ أَسْرَعَ، فَشَاهَدَ، وَمَجَّدَ فِي نَفْسِهِ عَجَائِبَكَ.

**Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

الآن وكلّ أوانٍ وإلى دهرِ الدهرين. آمين.

أَنْتِ هِيَ الْفَائِزَةُ عَلَى كُلِّ الْبَرَكَاتِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءِ، لِأَنَّ الْجَحِيمَ قَدْ سُبِّبَتْ بِوِاسِطَةِ الْمُتَجَسِّدِ مِنْكَ،

وَأَدَمَ دُعِيَ ثَانِيَةً، وَاللَّعْنَةُ بَادَتْ، وَحَوَاءَ انْعَتَقْتَ، وَالْمَوْتُ أُمِيَتْ، وَنَحْنُ قَدْ حَيِينَا. فَلِذَلِكَ نُسَبِّحُ هَاتِيئِينَ:

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتِ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، يَا مَنْ هَكَذَا سُرَّ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

## Apostle Ananias of the Seventy

Commemorated on [October 1](#)

The Holy Apostle Ananias of the Seventy (October 1), was the first Bishop of Damascus. The Lord ordered him to restore the sight of Saul, the former persecutor of Christians, then baptize him (Acts 9:10-19, 22:12). Saul became the great preacher and Apostle Paul. Saint Ananias boldly and openly confessed Christianity before the Jews and the pagans, despite the danger.

From Damascus he went to preach at Eleutheropolis, where he healed many of their infirmities. Lucian, the prefect of the city, tried to persuade the holy one to offer sacrifice to idols. Because of Ananias' staunch and solid confession of Christ, Lucian ordered that he be tortured. Harsh torments did not sway the witness of Truth. Then the torturers led him out beyond the city, where they stoned him. The saint prayed for those who put him to death. His relics were later transferred to Constantinople.



شَيْءٍ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ مُنْحَصِرِينَ. وَمُتَحَيِّرِينَ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ يَائِسِينَ. وَمُضْطَّهَدِينَ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ مَحْدُولِينَ.

وَمَطْرُوحِينَ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ هَالِكِينَ. حَامِلِينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ كُلَّ حِينٍ إِمَاتَةَ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، لِتَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضاً

فِي أَجْسَادِنَا. لِأَنَّ نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءَ نُسَلِّمُ دَائِماً إِلَى الْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِتَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ الْمَسِيحِ أَيْضاً فِي

أَجْسَادِنَا الْمَائِتَةِ. فَالْمَوْتُ إِذَنْ يُجْرَى فِيْنَا، وَالْحَيَاةُ فِيكُمْ. فَإِذْ فِيْنَا رُوحَ الْإِيمَانِ بِعَيْنِهِ، عَلَى حَسَبِ مَا كُتِبَ

"إِنِّي آمَنْتُ، وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ"، فَنَحْنُ أَيْضاً نَوْمُنُ وَلِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّمُ. عَالِمِينَ أَنَّ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ سَيَقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ

أَيْضاً بِيَسُوعَ فَتَنْتَصِبُ مَعَكُمْ. لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَتَكَاتَرَ النِّعْمَةُ بِشُكْرِ الْأَكْثَرِينَ، فَتَزْدَادَ لِمَجْدِ

اللَّهِ.

### GOSPEL

**Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ مُنْطَلِقاً إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ اسْمُهَا نَايْنُ، وَكَانَ كَثِيرُونَ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ

مُنْطَلِقِينَ مَعَهُ. فَلَمَّا قَرُبَ مِنْ بَابِ الْمَدِينَةِ، إِذَا مَيْتٌ مَحْمُولٌ، وَهُوَ ابْنٌ وَحِيدٌ لِأُمِّهِ، وَكَانَتْ أَرْمَلَةً، وَكَانَ مَعَهَا

جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا الرَّبُّ، تَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهَا وَقَالَ لَهَا: "لَا تَبْكِي." وَدَنَا، وَلَمَسَ النَّعْشَ فَوَقَفَ

الْحَامِلُونَ. فَقَالَ: "أَيُّهَا الشَّابُّ، لَكَ أَقُولُ قُمْ." فَاسْتَوَى الْمَيْتُ، وَبَدَأَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى أُمِّهِ. فَأَخَذَ الْجَمِيعَ

خَوْفًا، وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "لَقَدْ قَامَ فِيْنَا نَبِيٌّ عَظِيمٌ، وَأَقْتَدَى اللَّهُ شَعْبَهُ."

### THE FOURTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FOUR

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

Verily, the women came at early dawn to Thy tomb, O Christ, but they found not Thy body, precious to them. And as they were perplexed, behold there stood among them those who were in shining clothes who said to them: Why seek ye the living among the dead? He hath risen as He foretold. Why have ye forgotten His words? And when they were assured by their saying, they preached to the Disciples the things seen. But their glad tidings were received with ridicule; for they were still without understanding. But Peter hastened to behold, and glorified Thy wonders in himself.

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ.

إِنَّ النِّسْوَةَ وَأَفِينٌ إِلَى قَبْرِكَ سَحَرًا عَمِيقًا أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُنَّ لَمْ يَجِدْنَ الْجَسَدَ الْمَأْتُورَ عِنْدَهُنَّ. فَبَيَّنَمَا هُنَّ