



St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

Antipascha. 2nd Sunday of Pascha. St. Thomas Sunday.
Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
Gospel: St. John 20:19-31
St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

On Mother's Day, thanking God for the incredible women of our parish: our Matushki, all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, aunts, nieces and friends.
Many Years and Memory Eternal!

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Today's Announcements

- We welcome all visitors and those who are entering an Orthodox Church for the first time. Please join us downstairs after the service for coffee, food and fellowship. We have a dedicated table for those who have questions about Orthodoxy or who just want to learn more by listening to and meeting others who are new to the church. Fr. John and the other clergy look forward to meeting you.
- Please continue to pray for the health of Sophia Radinsky, Daniel Casciato, Fr. Paul and Mat. Mary Suda, Vasily, Lindsey, Phyllis, and Fr. Joseph.
- Easter Egg Hunt – following Liturgy
- Catechism class – following coffee hour
- Parish Graduates – We will be honoring our parish graduates in June. If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring or summer, or graduated in December 2023, please contact Claudia Steeb (claudia9@consolidated.net or 412.496.5531) ASAP.

Monday – May 13

- Parish Council meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday – May 18

- Great Vespers – 5:00 pm, followed by Confessions

Next Sunday – May 19 – Holy Myrrhbearing Women

- Hours – 9:40 am / Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am
- Moleben – Following coffee hour

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar

- Golf Outing – July 15 – Please see the flyer in the church hall or newsletter or see Alex Glisan for further details.

Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

Epiphanius was a Jew by birth, but, seeing the power of the Christian Faith, he was baptized along with his sister Callithrope. At the age of twenty-six, he was tonsured a monk in the Monastery of St. Hilarion. Later, he established a separate monastery, where he became famed throughout all of Palestine and Egypt because of his asceticism, spiritual wisdom and miracle-working. Fleeing from the glory of men, Epiphanius withdrew to Egypt. On the way, he met the great Paphnutius, who predicted that he would become bishop on the island of Cyprus. Indeed, by divine providence, after many years Epiphanius arrived at Cyprus. There he was unexpectedly chosen as bishop. At the age of sixty, he became the bishop of Salamis and, as such, governed the Church of God for fifty-five years. He lived a total of 115 years on this earth and then rested from this life, so as to live eternally in the Kingdom of Christ. Before his death, he was summoned to Constantinople by Emperor Arcadius and his wife Eudoxia to an assembly of bishops, which, according to the wish of the emperor and the empress, should have condemned St. John Chrysostom. Arriving in Constantinople, Epiphanius went directly to the palace of the emperor. The emperor and empress detained him for a long while trying to persuade him to declare himself against Chrysostom. The citizens and Chrysostom heard that Epiphanius had agreed with the emperor against Chrysostom. That is why Chrysostom wrote him a letter: "Brother Epiphanius, I heard that you advised the emperor that I should be exiled; know that you will never see your throne again." To this, Epiphanius replied: "O suffering John, withstand insults; know that you will never reach the place to which you are exiled." And both prophecies of these saints were quickly fulfilled. Not wanting to agree in any way with the emperor on the exile of Chrysostom, Epiphanius secretly boarded a ship and departed for Cyprus, but he died on the ship. The emperor banished Chrysostom to Armenia, but the saint died en route. St. Epiphanius reposed in the year 403 A.D. Among the many works of St. Epiphanius, the most famous is The Medicine Chest [Panarion], in which eighty heresies are listed and refuted.

Troparion (Tone 4)

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Your mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of the hierarchs Epiphanius and Germanus.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

With faith, let us praise the pair of wonderful hierarchs, the divine Epiphanius and Germanus, for they subdued the godless pagans by proclaiming the wisest teachings to all, ever chanting the great mystery of piety in an Orthodox manner.