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## Commemoration of the Day:

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Saint Mocius was a presbyter in Macedonia in the city of Amphipolis. During a persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian, Saint Mocius exhorted the pagans who had assembled for the pagan festival of Dionysus/Bacchus, to abandon iniquity and the vile customs which accompanied this celebration. He urged them to repent and be converted to the Lord Jesus Christ, and be cleansed through holy Baptism.

The saint was brought to trial before the governor of Laodicea. When threatened with torture, he replied, “My death for Christ is a great accomplishment for me.” Saint Mocius was subjected to torture, which he bore with marvelous endurance, and did not cease to denounce the idol-worshippers.

Taken to the pagan temple of Dionysus, the saint shattered the idols when he called upon Jesus Christ. After this he was put into a red-hot oven, where he remained unharmed, but the flames coming out of the oven scorched the governor. Again the commander subjected Saint Mocius to fierce torture, which he endured with the help of God. He was given to wild beasts to be eaten, but they did not touch him. The lions lay down at his feet. The people, seeing such miracles, urged that the saint be set free.

The governor ordered the saint to be sent to the city of Perinth, and from there to Byzantium, where Saint Mocius was executed. Before his death he gave thanks to the Lord for giving him the strength to persevere to the very end. His last words were, “Lord, receive my spirit in peace.” Then he was beheaded. Saint Mocius died about the year 295. Later, the emperor Constantine built a church in honor of the hieromartyr Mocius and transferred his holy passion-bearing relics into it.

-from OCA.org

## Announcements

May parish council meeting will be Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, which is today after coffee hour.

Anyone interested in assisting at Providence Pregnancy Center please speak to Fr. Nathan for contact information.

Graves at the parish cemetery in Blakely will be blessed on the Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women, May the 19<sup>th</sup>.

April/May charity collection is for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. Suggestions for the June charity should be given to a member of the parish council during coffee hour.

A special thank you to Nancy and Thom for their contribution of flowers in memory of departed family members. And to Tom in memory of his departed son Nathan. Please forgive me the oversight in the previous bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made food for the BBQ on Friday night, it was truly wonderful to enjoy time together as a parish family.

In honor of Mother’s Day; Panikhida and Many Years to be sung at the end of Divine Liturgy for all the mothers of St. Nicholas parish.

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## Spiritual Food for Thought:

“Not every quiet man is humble, but every humble man is quiet.”  
-St. Isaac the Syrian

## Prayers for the Sick:

Archbishop Nathaniel  
Archpriest Vladimir  
Priest John  
Archpriest Michael  
Archpriest Gregory  
Matushka Gloria  
Matushka Myra  
Thom  
Nancy

Julie  
Joan  
James  
James  
Thomas  
Diane  
Cathy  
Dimitrios

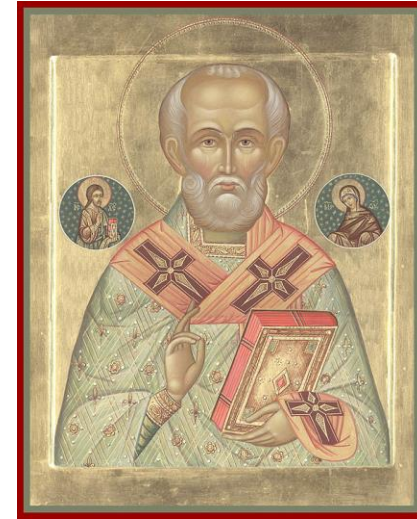
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha: Antipascha - St. Thomas Sunday

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Upcoming Services:

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am



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