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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**APRIL 27, 2025**

ANTIPASCHA

2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

St. Thomas Sunday

Hieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem

## 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.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Daniel, Robert

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

DEPARTED: Archpriest Paul, Tom, Anton

NEWBORN: Winona Laura

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. ALESSANDRO OUT OF TOWN: Please note that Fr. Alessandro is currently traveling to Rome to represent the Orthodox Church in America at the Funeral of Pope Francis. He will return on Tuesday. We are grateful to Fr. Sean for presiding at the services

21st ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL: The 21st All-American Council will take place in Phoenix, AZ on July 14-18. As in the past, there will be a youth program that week. For more information and to register, please visit [oca.org/aac](http://oca.org/aac).

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Apr 26, Sat  
5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Apr 27, Sun  
9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

May 1, Thu  
7:00 PM

Parish Council

May 3, Sat  
5:00 PM

Great Vespers

May 4, Sun  
8:45 AM  
9:30 AM

Church School & Adult Ed.  
Divine Liturgy

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Mittlefehldt	Garber
<i>Reader:</i>	Garber	Barr
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Mittlefehldt	Easton
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Barr/Garber	Mikhalevsky/Easton

*Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment*