



SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY MISSAL FOR APRIL 26, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον
πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶνῃ
χαριστάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling
down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has
granted life.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. 2nd Mode.

When you descended to death, O immortal Life, then
you slew Hades with the lightening of your divinity,
and when you raised the dead out of the depths of the
earth, all the hosts of heaven cried out: O Giver of
Life, Christ our God, glory to you.

2nd Mode.

The noble Joseph took your most pure body from the
Cross and wrapped it in clean linen; preparing it with
spices for burial, he laid it away in a new sepulcher.
But on the third day You rose, O Lord, and granted to
the world the great mercy.

2nd Mode.

The angel standing by the sepulcher cried out to the
myrrh-bearing women: Why have you come with
myrrh as befits the dead? For Christ has proved a
stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen,
granting the world great mercy.

For St. Nektarios. 1st Mode.

Let us faithful show honor to that son of Selyvria,
Aegina's protector, who appeared in these latter
years: Nektarios, the virtue-loving saint, and God-
inspired servant of the Lord. He pours forth abundant
healings to those who pray and cry out with a
reverent voice: "Glory to Christ, who glorified you!
Glory to him for your miracles! Glory to him for all
the cures that he works through you!"

As we joyfully commemorate the welcome arrival of
your sacred Relics, holy Hierarch Nektarios, we call
upon the grace of God in you, which sanctifies our
bodies and our souls. You alleviate our suffering and

you cure the illnesses afflicting us. Glory to Christ,
who glorified you! Glory to Him for your miracles!
Glory to Him for all the cures that He works through
you.

For the Holy Unmercenaries.

O HOLY Unmercenaries and wonderworkers, visit
our infirmities; freely you received, freely give to us.

Kontakion of Pascha. 4th Mode.

Though You descended to the tomb, Immortal One,
You then completely tore the strength of Hades down,
and You rose up, as one who conquers all, Christ our
God, calling out to the myrrh-bearing women:
"Rejoice, it is I", and You gave Your divine peace to
all Your Apostles, too, You, who have granted the
fallen to rise again.

APOSTOLIC READING · Acts 6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in
number, the Hellenists murmured against the
Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the
daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the
body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we
should give up preaching the word of God to serve
tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you
seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of
wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we
will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of
the word." And what they said pleased the whole
multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith
and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and
Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a
proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the
apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon
them. And the word of God increased; and the
number of the disciples multiplied greatly in
Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were
obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL READING · Mk. 15:43-16:8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius

Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

COMMUNION PRAYERS

(Read aloud by the Congregation)

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown and make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen. How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of future life and Kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper. I will not reveal your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief, I confess to You: Lord, Remember me in Your Kingdom.