

## Divine Liturgy Guide

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**Thomas Sunday**

SAT APR 26: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Ukrainian Soldiers by Richard M. Popeck

SUN APR 27: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Thomas Sunday Blessings for His people

MON APR 28: Jason and Sosipater Apostles READ John 2:1-11

TUES APR 29: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Joseph Szastay by Dr. Kenn & Karen Lilik

WED APR 30: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Joan Morgan by Ann Ewanish

THURS MAY 1: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Ukrainian Soldiers by Richard M. Popeck  
6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy Moleben to the Mother of God

FRI MAY 2: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Jack Mackar by Regina Kozel

SAT MAY 3: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Stefan Tutka by John Tutka

SUN MAY 4: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers Blessings for His people

### Collection Basket



**4/19 to 4/20 \$5691**

Thank you to last week's counters

Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommes

Next Week's Counters are:

Dave Pedley & Linda Gerrity

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**April 26-May 2**

#### Birthdays

Anne Minta - Apr. 26

Timothy Myronyuk - Apr. 28

Jason Wells - Apr. 28

Dr. Helen(Olenka)Chandoha-Knott - May 1

#### Anniversary

Edward & Jean Chomko - Apr. 28

## VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning April 26, 2025

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| 1  | Hanging Eternal Lamp<br>\$10           | By: Linda Pirritano<br>For: I.M.O. + Joseph and + Esther Linko  |
| 2  | 2 Altar Vigil Candles<br>\$10          | By: Jean and Dave Pedley<br>For: Wedding Blessings for Kristen Waznak & Patrick Loughney                            |
| 3  | Proskomedia Candles<br>\$10            | By: Mark and Leslie<br>For: I.M.O. + Stefan Tutka - anniversary of repose MAY 2                                     |
| 4  | 2 Tetrapod Candles<br>\$10             | By: Mama<br>For: Helen's Birthday - God's Blessings MAY 1   |
| 5  | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5        | By: Mary Tucker<br>For: I.M.O. + Anna and + Anthony Tucker  |
| 6  | Mary Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5         | By: Biloskirka Family<br>For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka  |
| 7  | St. Nicholas<br>\$5                    | By: Family<br>For: I.M.O. + Salak Family and + Shablovsky Family  |
| 8  | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine |
| 9  | Jesus Entrance Vigil<br>\$5            | By: Stella Patrick<br>For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick   |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil<br>\$5             | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: I.M.O. + Pope Francis ETERNAL MEMORY. BLESSED REPOSE.            |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue<br>\$10           | By: Lilik Family<br>For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders                                       |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday<br>\$5         | By: Helen Pagnotti<br>For: God's blessings in marriage upon Kristen & Patrick APR 26                                |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday<br>\$5           | By: Regina Kozel<br>For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky   |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)<br>\$5     | By: Linda Pirritano<br>For: I.M.O. + Esther Linko   |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)<br>\$5              | By: Linda Pirritano<br>For: I.M.O. + Esther Linko   |

### CONFESSION

*For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.*

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***Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!***

**Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.,**

**Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin**

**OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**

### **EPISTLE (Acts 5:12-20)**

A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles:

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest rose up and all his companions, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and, filled with jealousy, laid hands upon the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out, and said, "Go and take your place in the temple area, and tell the people everything about this life."

### **Gospel: (Jn 20:19-31)**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

## THE PASCHA OR PASSOVER OF CHRIST

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The word “Pascha” is derived from the Hebrew word “pesach”, which means to pass by or to pass through. Yahweh God had desired to deliver His Chosen People from their bondage of slavery in Egypt. In the Book of Exodus 5:1, we read how Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh saying: “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Let my people go, that they may hold a feast\* for me in the wilderness.” (Exodus 5:1) When Pharaoh refused to grant this request, God sent an angel of death. In the Book of Exodus 12:11-13: “It is the LORD’s Passover.

For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn in the land, human being and beast alike, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD! But for you the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thereby, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.” The angel of death was sent to take the lives of the Egyptian first-born.

Our Catechism, Christ Our Pascha, explains that the angel of death passed by Israelite homes: “the door-posts of which by the direction of Moses had been anointed with the blood of a sacrificed lamb, so that no Hebrew child would die (see Exodus 12:12-13). The Jewish celebration of Passover is also a commemoration of the

Israelites passing through the Red Sea. (Exodus 14) God saved the Israelites fleeing from the pursuit of Pharaoh. The Christian understanding of Christ as Pascha is that He had conquered death by His death and new life came forth, an eternal life. Christ passed through suffering and death to “His glorification in the Resurrection and Ascension.” (Catechism, Christ Our Pascha, 215) During Resurrection Matins, we sing: “Pascha, Pascha of the Lord, for from death to life, from earth to Heaven, Christ has led us.” (Canon, Ode 1,

Irmos) We proclaim that Jesus Christ Himself is Our Pascha. Without Christ, there would be no liberation from the terrible powers of sin, death, and all forms of evil. The Old Testament Passover was a prefiguration of Christ’s Passover. The Old Testament Passover prepared the Chosen People for final and ultimate liberation and salvation. Christ the Lamb of God, the Totally Innocent One, shed His Blood to deliver mankind from sin.

Christ Our Redeemer took upon Him the sin of the world. The Lord is long-suffering. He willingly accepts death. Christ conquered death by death. And His Resurrection from the dead has become our passageway to new life, eternal life in the Heavenly Kingdom. From the time of our Baptism, we have put on Christ, beginning to walk in the footsteps of Christ. St. Paul in his epistles speaks about the Christ life in terms of “dying and rising with Christ.” In Baptism, we have died to sin and rose to new life, a life of grace. But the

Christian also throughout his or her lifetime continue to grow closer to Christ, to put off the old self and put on the new. We are called to die or put off any sinful inclination and selfishness and to rise or increase in virtue.

And our death is a future event that we prepare to receive in spirit of Christ, which is one of Love and truth. Haven died in and which Christ, our eternal life will be much of the same-living for all eternity in Heaven with

Christ. - Father D. George Worschak

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

- **May 18** - Easter Dinner/Sviachene - details announced at a later date
- **June 1** - First Solemn Holy Communion

### **Prayer For Peace in Ukraine**

Heavenly Father, You Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **1. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**

Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-Day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.

#### **2. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS NEXT WEEKEND**

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made next Weekend, May 3rd & 4th. Please use the specially marked envelope to make your contribution. Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward the upkeep of our buildings and property.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **3. SVIACHENE SOCIAL NEXT SUNDAY IN WILKES-BARRE**


Next Sunday, May 4th, after 11:00am Liturgy, Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre will have an Easter Brunch (Sviachene) Social. All are welcome. If you are interested in bringing an item to share, please contact Stephen Mykulyn (570) 899-7816.

### **4. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED**

We are now accepting Divine Liturgy requests for the Spring & Summer months. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

### **5. 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY IN SWARTHMORE**

Holy Myrrh Bearer's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 900 Fairview Road, in Swarthmore, will be holding their 10th anniversary celebration next Sunday, May 4th beginning at 12:00 Noon. Banquet featuring Breaded Pork Chops, Roast Chicken, Salad, Pasta, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable, Roll, Beverage, Dessert. Music by Jeff Bellfy and Company. Cost: Adult, \$25. Children 12 and under, Free



If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus... for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.

Saint John Chrysostom

## **THOMAS SUNDAY**

### **Troparion:**

While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, The Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen

### **Kontakion:**

With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

### **Prokeimenon:**

Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

### **Verse:**

Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

### **Alleluia verses:**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.  
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

### **Instead of “It is truly right” (page 507)**

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again, I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has risen up-on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

### **Communion Verse:**

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Sion.  
Alleluia (3).





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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

**Mountain View**

Irene Slagan

**Clarks Summit Senior**

**Living**

Sophia Soniak

**Green Ridge Nursing Home**

Mary Warholak

**Allied Rehab**

Regina Kozel

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