

SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS



Icon of Christ and Saint Thomas

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, April 25, 2022

Thomas Sunday

SAT APRIL 24: Bright Saturday 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy + Joseph & Ester Linko by Linda Pirritano

SUN APRIL 25: **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Thomas Sunday**

MON APRIL 26: Mark Apostle Evangelist John 2:1-11

TUES APRIL 27: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy + Camile Seccolish by Peter & Carol Pronitis

WED APRIL 28: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessings for Lilik Family

THURS APRIL 22: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy + Camile Seccolish by Melorie Pronitis

FRI APRIL 29: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessing for Toni & Dennis Lilik by Friends

SAT APRIL 30: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy + Betty & Joseph Smulek by Sharon Drumsta

SUN MAY 1: **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Ointment - Bearers**

Collection Basket 

4/16 & 4/17 \$9,113

Thank you to last week's counters

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Next Week's Counters are:

Paul Ewasko & Pat Waznak

Happy Birthday and Anniversary!

Birthdays April 23-29

Anne Minta - April 26

Timothy Myronyuk - April 28

Jason Wells - April 28

Anniversary

Edward & Jean Chomko - April 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. IMPORTANT CHANGE IN OUR DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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2. MONETARY DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE BEING ACCEPTED

Monetary Donations for Humanitarian Aid of Ukraine are being accepted here at St. Vladimir's Church. Please use the Canister on the Tetrapod to make your Donations. Also, Donations can be mailed to the Rectory.

3. 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 (pink sheet) located in the back of the Church and drop them into the collection basket or give them to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

4. APRIL PYROHY SALE RAISES OVER \$2,600!

This month's Pyrohy project was another big success for our Church. Thanks to the hard work of Parish Volunteers, 390 dozen were made and sold. Total sales were \$3,125. Expenses were \$455.99, for a Profit of \$2,669.01. Thank You to everyone who made and bought our delicious Pyrohy. Special thanks to Mike Seechock for sponsoring the luncheon and to Daria McDonnell for preparing the meal.

5. 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.

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6. THE GREAT MARTYR GEORGE HOLY DAY APRIL 23RD

The great martyr George was the son of wealthy and pious parents, who raised him in the Christian faith. He was born in the city of Beirut at the foot of the Lebanese mountains. Having entered military service, George stood out among the other soldiers by virtue of his mind, valor, physical strength, military bearing and beauty. Having quickly attained to the rank of millenary, an officer in the Roman army in charge of a thousand or more soldiers, Saint George became a favorite of the Emperor Diocletian, one of the cruelest persecutors of Christians. Once, when he heard in a court the inhuman sentence concerning the annihilation of Christians, Saint George became inflamed with compassion for them. Foreseeing that sufferings were also awaiting him, George distributed his property to the poor, freed his slaves, appeared before Diocletian and, having revealed himself as a Christian, denounced him for cruelty and injustice. George's speech was full of powerful and convincing objections against the imperial order to persecute Christians. After futile persuasions to deny Christ, the Emperor ordered that the saint be subjected to various tortures. Saint George was confined in a dungeon, where they placed him supine on the ground; his legs they confined in stocks, and on his breast they placed a heavy stone. But Saint George manfully endured the sufferings and glorified the Lord. Then George's torturers began to refine their cruelty. They beat the Saint with ox hide whips, subjected him to the wheel, threw him into quicklime and forced him to run in shoes with sharp nails inside. The holy Martyr endured everything patiently. Finally, the Emperor ordered the Saint's head to be cut off. Thus, the holy sufferer departed unto Christ in Nicomedia in 303 AD.

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7. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made next Weekend, April 30th & May 1st. 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.

8. ST. THOMAS SUNDAY APRIL 24TH

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.



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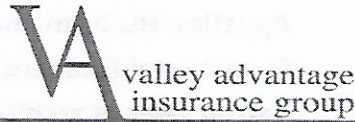
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Home

Andrea Geraghty

Stella Patrick

Stanley Krupinski

Helen Ewasko

Andrea Wells

Home

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Sophia Soniak

Jean Chomko

John Monsul

Ceil Harrison

Charles Drumsta

Regina Kozel

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

Home

Kathleen Izak

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Michael McConnell

Vera Krewsun

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning April 23, 2022

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp \$10	By: Paul and Helen Ewasko For: I.M.O. +Father Nestor and +Pani Tamara Kowal.
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles \$10	By: Biloskirka Family For: Peace in Ukraine
3	Proskomedie Candles \$10	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: I.M.O. +Soldiers and +Defenders of Ukraine
4	2 Tetrapod Candles \$10	By: Lilik Family For: Safety of the military, civilians, refugees of Ukraine
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Servant of God For: Special Intention
6	Mary Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Biloskirka Children For: I.M.O. +Nicholas and +Nadia Biloskirka
7	St. Nicholas \$5	By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church For: Birthday Blessings for Baby Timothy Myronyuk APR 28
8	St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Laskowski Family For: I.M.O. +Mr. & +Mrs. Joseph Laskowski, our parents
9	Jesus Entrance Vigil \$5	By: Stella Patrick For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick
10	Mary Entrance Vigil \$5	By: Laskowski Family For: Health and God's Blessings upon Andrea Wells
11	Mother of God Statue \$10	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: Protection of the clergy & humanitarian aid workers in Ukraine
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday \$5	By: Regina Kozel For: I.M.O. +Ihor Shablovsky
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday \$5	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: Pascha greetings to all celebrating on the Julian calendar APR 24
14	Blessed Mother (side altar) \$5	By: Paul and Helen Ewasko For: Health and God's Blessings upon Mary Warholak
15	Jesus (side altar) \$5	By: Linda Pirritano For: I.M.O. +Joseph and +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 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

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

635 North River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

The Good News Within Our Heart

Once, a famous violinist came out on the stage and made the unfortunate discovery that there was something wrong with his violin. He looked for a second and then saw that it was not his famous and valuable one. He felt paralyzed for a moment, then turned to his audience and told them, "Ladies and gentlemen: I will show you that the music is not in the instrument but in the heart."

He played as he had never played before and the music poured forth until the audience was overcome with enthusiasm and the applause almost lifted the roof off the building. Indeed, the man had revealed to them that the music was not in the machine but in his own heart.

Today, the joy of the Resurrection is still

within our hearts. And, we must take to heart the words that Our Lord spoke to His disciples when He appeared to them after His resurrection: "As the Father sent Me, so I send you ..." (John 20:21) Indeed, the Lord Himself sends us, like the apostles, to proclaim to the world that "He is risen!"

We proclaim Our Lord's resurrection not just in hymns and inspired songs, but by the very manner in which we live our lives. "Get rid of all bitterness, all anger, harsh words, slander and malice of every kind," says Saint Paul. "In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ!" (Ephesians 4:32) May the joy of the resurrection remain within our hearts every day of the year!