

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Thomas Sunday

SAT APR 15: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy Bright Saturday Blessings for Stella Patrick by John Mackar

SUN APR 16: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Thomas Sunday Blessings for His people

MON APR 17: Simeon of Persia Venerable Martyr READ John 2:1-11

TUES APR18: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +IMO Terrace Family by John Mackar

WED APR 19: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Toni & Dennis Lilik by Myronyuk Family

THURS APR 20: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Agnes Tillery by Joe Miclisicak

FRI APR 21: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings For Regina Kozel by John Mackar

SAT APR 22: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Ihor Shablovsky by Regina Kozel

SUN APR 23: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Ointment - Bearing Women
Blessings for His people

Collection Basket



4/8 & 4/9 \$16,961

Thank you to last week's counters

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Next Week's Counters are:

Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommes

Happy Birthday and Anniversary!

Birthday

Linda Pirritano - April 16

Anniversary

Mark & Leslie Izak - April 16

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning April 15, 2023

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp \$10	By: Izak Family For: I.M.O. + Michael and + Luba Boyko
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles \$10	By: Linda Pirritano For: I.M.O. + Esther Linko - birthday remembrance APR 20
3	Proskomedia Candles \$10	By: Mary Warholak For: Easter Blessings - Fr. Myron, Pani Iryna & Family
4	2 Tetrapod Candles \$10	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: Blessings of Health for Fr. Paul Wolensky
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Mary Warholak For: Easter Blessings & Good Health - Dorothy Fleck
6	Mary Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Biloskirka Family For: I.M.O. +Nicholas and +Nadia Biloskirka
7	St. Nicholas \$5	By: Laskowski Family For: I.M.O. + Joseph & + Marlene Laskowski, our parents
8	St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Regina Kozel For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky
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 & God's Blessings - Jeffrey Lyden & family
11	Mother of God Statue \$10	By: Daria and Maria For: I.M.O. + Nadia Biloskirka
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday \$5	By: Mary Warholak For: Easter Blessings & Good Health - Stella Patrick
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday \$5	By: Helen Pagnotti For: Birthday Blessings upon Linda Pirritano
14	Blessed Mother (side altar) \$5	By: Izak Family For: Health and God's Blessings for Levi Wilson
15	Jesus (side altar) \$5	By: Regina Kozel For: Health & God's Blessings - Sharon & Chris Calvey

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ANNUAL EASTER DINNER (SVECHENE)

Annual Easter dinner (Svechene) Scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 2023 The traditional menu will feature freshly baked ham, kovbasa, red horseradish, homemade potato salad, Paska bread and dessert. This will be a take-out dinner with optional limited seating available for dining in. Dinners are by reservations only. Deadline: - Tuesday, April 18th * Cost: \$15.00 pp Please call : (570) 503-1514 today! Pick up between the hours of 11 AM and 1 PM in the church hall. Tickets for basket raffles and 50/50 drawing available.

2. POCKET ROSARY FOUND

A pocket rosary was found in the parking lot on Good Friday. To claim, please see Daria, Mark or Maria.

3. EMAILING LIST

We continue to add to our informational emailing list. If you have not received any emails regarding church information, please see Jean Pedley or Mark Izak. Also, if you know of anyone who wishes to be added to our email information list, please let us know. They do not have to be a parishioner. Through this email, announcements for various fundraisers will be distributed.

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 (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.

5. PRAYERS FOR FR. PAUL

Please keep in your prayers our former Pastor, Fr. Paul Wolensky, who is experiencing health issues after recently collapsing at home. He is currently at Meadows Rehab Center in Dallas. Your prayers are very much appreciated.

Our Faith | Наша віра

**“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matthew 25:34) or
“Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” (25:41)**

At the Second and Glorious Coming of Our Lord God and Savior each of us will hear the Lord say either one or the other: “Come..” or “Depart...” Come and inherit the kingdom of God - Heaven, prepared for those called “blessed.” Or, to those the Lord calls “accursed,” they will hear the words: “Depart from Me.. into the eternal fire,” called hell, prepared for the devil and all his cohorts, the bad angels who followed Satan, the devil. In Christ Our Pascha, the official Catechism of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, we read in article 142: “God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell...deepest darkness. (2 Peter 2:4) The angels who opposed God are named devils, demons, evil spirits or fallen angels.” In the end, one’s final destination will be either Heaven or hell. If deemed worthy of entry into the Heavenly Kingdom, we shall live forever with God the Blessed Trinity, the Mother of God and all the saints. And this shall be for all eternity. If not deemed worthy of entry into Heaven, one will depart from the sight of Christ and enter into the dark abode where the devil and all his followers are sent. And that departure shall be forever. One’s eternity is at stake. Where will one wind up, reside for all eternity? It behooves us to pay attention to these words of Christ in today’s parable. What will the criterion be for determining who goes where? If you did it for one of the least brethren of Mine, you did it for Me (Christ). Did what? Perform the corporeal works of mercy, such as feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned. (verses 35-36) Those who showed concern, mercy, and love towards one’s neighbor, one’s brother or sister in Christ in need, are called “blessed” and “righteous”. They shall be forever happy in Heaven. The Lord goes on to tell

Our faith continued

us that the righteous will wonder just when did they personally encounter, meet the Lord when He was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, ill or in prison and come to serve the Lord in His need. The Lord shall reply inasmuch as you tended to the needs of your less fortunate neighbor, brother or sister in Christ, you served the Lord. And to those who had no compassion, no mercy shown to those in need, they shall not inherit eternal life in Heaven, but depart into the place of darkness where the devil and his angels, the fallen angels reside. Those deemed not worthy shall also wonder when did they personally encounter the Lord in need. If only they knew it was Christ and not just an ordinary person, a nobody in their estimation, things might have turned out differently. But the Lord will use the same criterion: If you did it for the least... you did it for Me and if you did not do it for the least.. you did not do it for Me. If you have led an ungodly life here and now how can you expect your future to be any difference. There is a link, a connection between our earthly life and the hereafter for all eternity. By our deeds so shall we be judged. And besides this the Lord is teaching us that if you say you love God, you must have love, mercy and compassion for your neighbor. In 1 John 4:20 we also read: for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God Whom he has not seen." Christ has shown us Christians what a close connection there is between the love for God and the love for one's neighbor. This parable also emphasizes the connection between faith and works. Ours is to be a lived faith, Faith in Action. As true-believing Christians we have the spirit of Christ within us. Having received the Eucharistic Lord, His Body and Body, our spiritual food and drink, may we then go in the spirit of Christ to share with others the good news of salvation. Let our Light shine before others. May they see the goodness of our deeds. May the wayward repent, convert and turn back to the Lord God and be saved. May we all have true love for God and neighbor. And may we give constant praise to the All-Good, Almighty Lord God.

Fr. D. George Worschak



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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

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Anastasia Korman

Andrea Geraghty

Stella Patrick

Stanley Krupinski

Helen Ewasko

Home

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Sophia Soniak

Jean Chomko

Julie Yevich

Charles Drumsta

Regina Kozel

Andrea Wells

Dorothy Fleck

Home

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Michael McConnell

Stephen Nidoh

Mary Tucker

Michael Seehock

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).

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 20:9-31)

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.