



Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

April 19, 2026
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of April 19 - 26, 2026
Celebrating our 98th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, April 19- Sunday of St. Thomas – Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

12:15 PM – Memorial Service for All Who Are Buried at the Local Cemeteries

Tuesday, April 21

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Sunday, April 26 - Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women Tone 2

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

St. Thomas Sunday – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31

Monday – Acts of the Apostles 3:19-26; John 2:1-11

Tuesday - Acts of the Apostles 4:1-10; John 3:16-21

Wednesday - Acts of the Apostles 4:13-22; John 5:17—24

Thursday - Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; John 5:24-30

Friday –Acts of the Apostles 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:2

Saturday - Acts of the Apostles 5:21-33; John 6:14-27

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

The Sunday following Easter Sunday has several names including The Sunday of St. Thomas.



In church services the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the words of the gospel. "Then he said to Thomas "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, " have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20: 27-29)

We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched his risen body with our physical hands, yet in the Holy Spirit we have seen and touched and tasted the word of life (I John 1:1-4), and so we believe. St. John Chrysostom eulogizes St. Thomas in one of his homilies thus: " Of all the other Apostles he was, at one time, the weakest in faith but with God's grace, he became more courageous and more untiring than the rest. He traversed almost the whole known world, preaching the word of God fearlessly to nations that were fierce, savage and blood thirsty." St. Thomas is believed to have died a martyr's death for the Christian faith in India.

Among our people there exists a custom of commemorating the dead with a special memorial repast and praying for their souls at the cemetery.

Other names --**The Sunday of the Anti-Pasch** -- Anti-pasch is a Greek word signifying " in place of, instead of the Pasch". For to the Christians, this Sunday was so to speak a repetition of the feast of the Resurrection. The Gospel relating to the conversion of St. Thomas was read on this day. **The New Sunday or the Sunday of Renewal** -- On this day says the Synaxry of the Sunday, " the first Sunday after the Resurrection, we celebrate the renewal of Christ's resurrection and the touching of His wounds by St. Thomas.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Robert McConaghy, 4/20; Matthew Andreas, 4/21; Daniel Boitsov, 4/21; Mariya Moldavanova, 4/21; Julianne Pecorella, 4/22; Nancy Bahr, 4/23; Laura Walsh, 4/24; Joyce Belles, 4/25 & Ksenia Kaliakin, 4/25. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

SPECIAL THANKS – are expressed to Linda Hnatow for helping with the set up for the lunch for our Deanery Clergy and for cantoring the Divine Liturgy. May God reward her kindness a hundredfold!

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER – 510 Duncan Road is sponsoring a DEA Drug take back event on Saturday, April 25 from 10AM -2PM as a way to dispose any unused prescription drugs. For more information, call (302) 762-1391.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

April 12 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 19 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 26 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

May 3 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patroniik

May 10 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

May 17 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

May 24 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

May 31 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of April 20 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of April 27 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of May 4 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of May 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of May 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of May 25 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of June 1 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Corrections to the Flower Listing

Barbara Mancuso In Memory of +Dale Mancuso, Sr.

Barbara Mancuso In Mmemory of the +Matsko and +Mancuso Families

Sokoluk Family In Memory of +Samuel and +Julia Sokoluk

Sokoluk Family In Memory of +Samuel Sokoluk, Jr.

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

100th ANNIVERSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts (\$10) polo shirts (\$15) and sweat shirts (\$20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

MEETINGS

Parish Board – Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 PM

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 19 - John Plachuta

April 26 - Linda Hnatow

May 3 - Jean Roeth

May 10 - Andrew Duncan

May 17 - Thomas Scholz

May 24 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

May 31 - Thomas Sulpizi

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026

Sunday, April 19 – St. Thomas Sunday – Service Inside the Church

Sunday May 10 – Mother’s Day Dinner

Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost

Saturday, June 6 – Scout Car Wash at the Church

Monday, June 8 – Apostle’ Fast

Saturday, June 13 – Hall Rented

Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day Dinner

Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast

Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 19 - David and Eve Lazaration

April 26 - Sandy Cramer

May 3 - Sonya Patronik

May 10 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan

Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyi Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

THE STORY OF ST. THOMAS

Each year, on the Sunday following the Resurrection, our Church remembers the incident involving St. Thomas, with its remarkable turning of doubt into faith. When Christ was crucified, the apostles fled in fear. For all of them, life had lost its meaning; their hopes and dreams were shattered as the Lord was laid in the tomb. But they came together Sunday evening after the crucifixion, seeking comfort in their sadness.

It was then that the Risen Christ suddenly appeared in their midst. They looked at Him and couldn't believe their eyes. But Jesus spoke to them, showed them His wounds, and convinced them of the reality of His presence. They rejoiced with renewed hope.

But Thomas was not present that evening. Later, when the Apostles told him the good news of the Resurrection, he replied: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails . . . and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

A week passed by. On the Sunday after the Resurrection, once again the apostles were gathered together. This time Thomas was there. In spite of the locked doors, the Risen Christ again suddenly appeared amongst them and greeted them with words of peace. He called Thomas to His side and had him place his fingers in the wounds and see for himself, saying: "Do not be faithless, but believing."

Thomas did as the Lord had asked. Then he fell to his knees and cried out: "My Lord and my God!" His doubts were gone, replaced by a deep and abiding faith. Jesus then responded, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed."