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## **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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**April 27, 2025**  
**Volume 61: Number 17**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of April 27 – May 4, 2025**  
**Celebrating our 98<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, April 27- Sunday of St. Thomas – Tone 1**

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Thomas Kasprzak (4 Yrs) – Irene Maskaly

Coffee Hour

12:30 PM – Riverview Cemetery

1:30 PM -Lawncroft Cemetery

3:00 PM - Gracelawn Cemetery

4:30 PM – Veteran Cemetery

**Tuesday, April 29**

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, May 4 – 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

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**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

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## 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.

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### Saint Thomas

As we "grow in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", there will come times during which we will question aspects of our Faith. We may question: our faith in God, the Church that we have materialized, the work of the Church, or even our place in the Church. Questioning aspects of our faith affords us the opportunity to seek out answers and to advance in our knowledge of Christ.

Does this questioning imply that we too have become like the Apostle Thomas who doubted the reality of our Savior Jesus Christ? To best answer this question we must first examine the life of Saint Thomas and then reflect upon our own lives in comparison to his. Ironically, today is the day that we should ask ourselves such a question as the Church celebrates and remembers Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Although Thomas hesitated and questioned his faith in the Risen Christ, he, upon receiving an answer through touching the wounds of Christ, accepted without hesitation his allegiance to our Savior. Thomas, in fact, traveled farther than any of the twelve, into the land of India where he established the Christian community in Mylapur in Madras. The history of these efforts are preserved in both the Acts of Thomas (a treasured chronicle of Christianity) and the well established community of Christians in India.

The missionary work of Thomas is characterized by both enthusiasm as well as the strict adherence to the rules of asceticism. He was so successful in his efforts that he eventually spread the message of Christ to the north of Bombay, and even to Ceylon, the pearl of the Orient. On account of the this, he was eventually cast into prison and executed.

Now, if we question: our faith in God, the Church that we have materialized, the work of the Church, or even our place in the Church we should as Thomas seek an answer to our question. We should commit ourselves to finding an answer through: turning to Christ in prayer, reading Scripture, reading the Fathers of the Church, and/or asking our Spiritual Father. Upon receiving the answer to our questions, we must as Thomas, affirm our allegiance to Christ and His Church and witness our faith through our attitudes and actions.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Kathy Duncan, 4/29; Kimberly Pabian, 4/30; Charles Roeth, 4/30; Anatolij Bazinov, 5/1; Katherine Chalfont, 5/1 & Christopher Belles, 5/2. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

**LOOKING FOR HELP** – Henry Ternove (Glen Riddle (Media,PA) is looking for help to care for his wife Carol who has Alzheimer's disease for a few hours so that he can run errands. If you are interested, please call him at (610) 358-3088. Thank you!

**PASCHAL FLOWERS** – Dawn Daniels – Health of the Family

**MEETINGS - PARISH BOARD** – Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:30 PM

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

April 27 - Sonya Patronik  
May 4 - David and Eve Lazaration  
May 11 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur  
May 18 - Kathy and Michael Chalfont  
May 25 - Sandy Cramer

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

April 27 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas  
May 4 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas  
May 11 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik  
May 18 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik  
May 25 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2025**

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day Dinner  
Sunday, May 18 – Boy Scout Court of Honor (2PM)  
Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day Dinner – Graduation Sunday  
Sunday, July 13 – Patronal Feast Day  
Saturday, August 2 – UOL Flea Market  
Saturday, August 23 – Boy Scout Car Wash at the Church (TTBA)

## **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

April 27 - John Plachuta  
May 4 - Andrew Duncan  
May 11 - Thomas Sulpizi  
May 18 – Pani Elizabeth Hutnick  
May 25 - Linda Hnatow  
June 1 - Jean Roeth  
June 8 - Thomas Scholz

## **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of April 28 - Mark & Laura Andreas  
Week of May 5 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of May 12 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi  
Week of May 19 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus  
Week of May 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of June 2 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly  
Week of June 9 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

**REMEMBEPLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL –**

Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Kozak, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Pani Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowski, 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, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Daniel Holoziak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynik, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic 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 LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN

**I**n Orthodox tradition, Bright Friday is referred to as the "*Feast of the Life-giving Fountain.*" On this day, we recognize the Theotokos as the source of life for all mankind. The new life that flows from the death and Resurrection of our Lord is symbolized as water flowing from a fountain which holds His Blessed Mother.

The history of this Feast can be traced back to a vision of the Virgin Mary by a young prince, who sought help for a blind man near Constantinople. In his attempt to find water for his thirsty friend, the young man heard the voice of the Theotokos directing him to a spring-fed well. The man was given the water to drink and was cured immediately of his blindness. The prince, who would later become the Emperor Leo, realized that it was the Mother of God who was responsible for this miracle. A great shrine was established on this site, with many miracles and healings attributed to the waters there.

The spiritual message of this Feast is beautifully captured in the words of the canon from Matins on this day: "**WE KNOW YOU TO BE A LUMINOUS AND HOLY TEMPLE OF THE MASTER OF ALL, O THEOTOKOS, AND A SPRING THAT CAUSES CHRIST, THE WATER OF INCORRUPTION, TO FLOW FORTH, SO THAT WE MAY COME AND DRINK OF THIS LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN.**"