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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

May 01, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of May 1 - 8, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, May 1 – St. Thomas Sunday – Tone 1

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Panakhya: +Paul Andreas (1 Yr.) – Mark, Laura and Sons

Panakhya: +John Wardigo – Fr. Stephen, Pani Liz and Daughters

12:30 PM - Riverside Cemetery

1:15 PM - Silverbrook Cemetery

2:00 PM - Lawncroft Cemetery

3:00 PM - Gracelawn Memorial Park

4:30 PM – Veteran’s Cemetery

****In case of rain, the Service will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon in the Church and all the names from all the Cemeteries will be taken during that Service.

Wednesday, May 4

6:00 PM – Sisterhood Board Meeting

Friday, May 6 – Feast of St. George

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Veneration of the Relics

Saturday, May 7

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Fund Raiser for Ukraine at the ACME

Sunday, May 8 – Sunday of the Holy Myrrh Bearers – Tone 2

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Very Rev. Bazyl Zawierucha (4 Yr. An.)

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Sunday of St. Thomas – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 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 – ST. George – Matins: Luke 12:2-12; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; John 15:17-16:2; Day - 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. Mark the Apostle & Evangelist: 1 Peter 5:6-14; Mark 6:7-13

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.

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.

RECIPROCAL LOVE

St. John the Apostle tells us that God's love for us should beget reciprocal love for God and others. He writes: "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love...As long as we love one another God will live in us and His love will be complete in us...God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him...We are to love, then, because He loved us first (I John 4:1 ff.).

St. John emphasizes the importance of this love. He says, "In this way we distinguish the children of God from the children of the devil. Anyone not living a holy life and not loving his brother is no child of God's. This is the message as you hear it from the beginning; that we are to love one another. We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the Evil One and murdered his own brother" (I John 3:10).

Our lives reveal whether we are truly children of God. There is no way of telling what a tree is other than by its fruit. There is no way of telling what people are like other than by their conduct.

Love identifies a true Christian. It is the sole test. It is, therefore, to be the mainspring of each life. Life without love is death. To love is to be in the light; to hate is to remain in the dark. The person, therefore, who loves is a follower of Jesus; the man who hates is not. A true Christian is one that imitates Christ. "Let that mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

PRAYER POWER

The ways of God are sometimes difficult to understand. For a certain time and for His own purposes, God has set limits on the exercise of His power to let us play an important part in unlocking that power. As partners with God in achieving His will, our prayers do make a difference.

Mysterious indeed are the ways in which God works through prayer. Zechariah and Elizabeth were childless, having lived with the heartache for many years. They took this problem straight to God and prayed fervently that God give them a son. God was attentive to their prayers. When He needed a special man for an exceptional task, He chose this opportunity to fulfill the prayers of Zechariah and Elizabeth. They became partners with God in bringing John the Baptist into the world to prepare the way for the Messiah.

For Jesus, the Son of God, prayer was of the highest priority. When we read the Gospel, this becomes very apparent. Jesus deliberately left behind pressing matters to go off to pray. St. Luke tells us, "His (Christ's) reputation continued to grow, and large crowds would gather to hear Him and have their sicknesses cured, but He would always go off to some place where He could be alone and pray" (Luke 5:15-16). He made time for prayer to His Heavenly Father.

There is no doubt that we are a busy and active generation. But we must remember that we can always manage to find time to do those things that we consider important to us. We profess our belief in the importance of prayer but, is this really so? Is there a discrepancy between what we say and what we do? This was not the case with Jesus. He not only taught us about prayer; He practiced it. In fact, before He chose the twelve Apostles, He spent all night in the hills praying. Jesus wants to teach us and speak to us as well as to instruct not only in matters of eternal significance but also in other practical matters in order to make our life worth living.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Christopher Belles, 5/2; Irene Maskaly, 5/3 & Swiatoslav Alexander Billon, 5/4. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of May 2 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of May 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of May 16 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of May 23 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of May 30 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of June 6 - Mark & Laura Andreas

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 1 - Linda Hnatow

May 8 - Jean Roeth

May 15 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

May 22 - John Plachuta

May 29 - Andrew Duncan

FUND RAISER FOR UKRAINE – The Claymont Fire Company together with our Parish will host the event at the ACME on Marsh Road on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9AM – 3PM. We need volunteers to help collect the money. Please see Father Stephen.

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 may not occur.

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

WHEAT FIELDS OF UKRAINE – by artist Andrew Duncan is on display in the vestibule of the Church. The prints which are 11 X 14 will be available for a donation of \$50.00 which will be donated to the Humanitarian Relief Fund for Ukraine. There is a rich symbolism involved with the print: the gold and the blue is obvious, the red is for the blood of the soldiers defending Ukraine, three clouds in the sky represent the Holy Trinity, white is for hope, the wheat is hard and prickly representing the hardness of the people after eight days of war, green is for the broken peace, black and dark brown is for the cheap oil to Europe which mixes with the blood. There is also a suggestion of a heart in the clouds. You can see Andy after Church or get onto his web site: andrewduncanartist.com to order prints. Thanks for your support.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 1 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

May 8 - David and Eve Lazaration

May 15 - Zina Twardus

May 22 - John and Sandy Cramer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

May 1 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

May 8 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

May 15 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

May 22 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

May 29 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

June 5 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

June 12 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPOSE OF METROPOLITAN CONSTANTINE

– May 21st at St. Vladimir UO Church, 1810 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh, PA 10:00 AM – Archpastoral Divine Liturgy; 12 Noon, Service at the Grave. All are invited to attend.

RULES FOR ATENDING SERVICES BY OUR SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Those who have **not been vaccinated** must voluntarily wear masks at liturgy or other parish family events. Those who **have been vaccinated** but have been part of any gathering of people – indoors or outdoors – which includes individuals whose vaccination status is unknown to them should voluntarily wear masks during liturgy or other parish family events.

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

- Sunday, May 1 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries
Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day
Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day
Sunday, June 19 – Graduate Sunday
Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner
Saturday, August 6 – UOL Flea Market
Sunday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins
Saturday, September 24 – 50th Anniversary of Troop #70 (Tentative)
October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor
Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar
Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

Слава Україні	Героям слава
Glory to Ukraine	Glory to the Heroes
	
Dependable Friends of Ukraine in Delaware Please help Ukraine Stand Up	
<i>An Evening to Support Ukraine</i>	
Buffet Style Dinner with Open Bar Included Learn About Ukrainian History Hear Live Ukrainian Folk Music	
May 14, 2022 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
<i>Raffles</i> <i>50/50</i> <i>Door Prizes</i>	Chambers Memorial Hall of Millcreek Fire Co. 3900 Kirkwood Hwy. Wilmington, DE 19808
Tickets: \$50 per person (Children 13 and under are free)	
Call Ivan Otamas to purchase 215-962-7236 Paypal and Venmo available	
 venmo <small>Join the code to pay</small>	
All proceeds will go to directly support Ukraine	

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley & James Zook.

ABOUT DOUBT AND FAITH

Today is known as ST. THOMAS SUNDAY. Two great but contrasting themes present themselves on this Sunday following our Lord's Resurrection.

The first theme we will explore is DOUBT by this Apostle. Informed that Jesus had risen from the dead and had in fact appeared to the other disciples, Thomas proclaimed: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails . . . and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Yes, Thomas doubted. Indeed, it is human to doubt, but this imposes an obligation to search and resolve the doubt. Thomas returned to the company of believers, and in the end falls at the feet of the Risen Savior, proclaiming: "My Lord and my God!"

The other theme is our Lord's COMPASSION and LOVE. He did not forget Thomas and wipe his name off the slate of Apostleship. Eight days after the Resurrection, when the Apostles had again gathered behind locked doors, the Risen Lord appeared and quickly called for Thomas to come . . . "Reach here your finger, and behold my hands, and reach here your hand and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless but believing."

But there is also an appeal to people today: Jesus said "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed." Among those "blessed" we may number ourselves if we proclaim with St. Thomas: "My Lord and my God!"