



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

May 9, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of May 9 - 16, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, May 9 – St. Thomas Sunday – Mother’s Day – Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Thomas Kasprzyk

Panakhyda: +Very Rev. Bazyl Zawierucha

Mother’s Day Dinner

Friday, May 14 – St. Metropolitan Macarius

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 15

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, May 16 – Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

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 3:19-26; John 2:1-11

Tuesday – Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21

Wednesday – Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24

Thursday – Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30

Friday – Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:2

Saturday – Acts 5:21-33; John 6:14-27

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Rob Coppock, 5/11; Chuck Redden, 5/12 & Steven Andreas, 5/14. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – I am cancelling this month's meeting.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER – Today after Services.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are offered to Irene Maskaly on the sudden falling asleep in the Lord of her husband, +Thomas Kasprszak on Holy Thursday. Funeral Services were celebrated this past Wednesday. Let us pray asking God to place the soul of His newly departed Servant, +Thomas, in the abode of the Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

ELECTRONIC 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.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of May 10 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of May 17 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of May 24 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of May 31 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of June 7 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of June 14 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

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 Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 9 - David and Eve Lazaration
May 16 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus
May 23 - John and Sandy Cramer
May 30 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 9 - Andrew Duncan
May 16 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
May 23 - Linda Hnatow
May 30 - Jean Roeth
June 6 - John Plachuta

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

May 2 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

May 9 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

May 16 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

May 23 - Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

May 30 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

June 6 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

June 13 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 9 – Mother’s Day Dinner

Sunday, June 20 – Pentecost – Father’s Day Dinner – Graduate Sunday

Monday, June 28 – Apostle’s Fast Begins

Sunday, July 18 – Metropolitan Antony Blessing of the Patron’s Path

Saturday, August 7 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

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RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE:** if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** Contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. We shall continue to stream all services until the pandemic is over. **HOLY COMMUNION – YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions.** * After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. * **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!** * If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **CALL ME (302) 798-4455.** I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, 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, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie 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, 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, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, 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, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Michael Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

❖ ❖ **SEEING IS BELIEVING** ❖ ❖

Seeing is believing. We have all heard that age old adage, haven't we? It is quite possible that this saying originated with the story of St. Thomas, who expressed a similar philosophy in today's Gospel when he skeptically proclaimed in regards to Christ's asserted Resurrection: "Unless I see in His Hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His Side, I WILL NOT BELIEVE."

We know, of course, that Thomas got his wish, for Christ appeared to the Apostle eight days later when the doubting disciple was in their midst. He received sufficient proof to cry out with the others: My Lord and My God! Thomas SAW . . . Thomas BELIEVED.

In reality, however, "believing" has absolutely nothing to do with "seeing." When we experience something visually, we are dealing within the

realm of FACT and KNOWLEDGE. Faith does not enter the picture at all if something is proved to us beyond a shadow of a doubt. This is precisely why the words of our Lord in response to Thomas are so significant to us: "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN, AND YET STILL BELIEVED."

We all fall into this category. We have not been blessed with "first-hand" knowledge of our Saviour. His words never directly touched our ears. Our eyes never witnessed His miracles. We neither saw His Crucifixion, nor experienced His Resurrection. Still we continue to believe! We have shown FAITH in the writings of those who had KNOWLEDGE of our Lord. And for this, we will be rewarded, for the Gospels were written ". . . that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that BELIEVING, YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME."