The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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St. Thomas Sunday

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Though it hasn't been heard in common parlance lately, many years ago, the term 'Doubting Thomas' was used to describe someone who was of a contrarian, doubting nature. 'I doubt it' was their catchphrase to any claim or statement that, at least to their ears, sounded incredulous. Those 'Doubting Thomases' owe this moniker, or nickname, to the Holy Apostle Thomas, to whom the Sunday following Pascha is dedicated. On this particular Sunday, the Holy Gospel Lesson is from St. John, chapter 20, verses 19 - 29. There-in we read of Jesus' second appearance to his

Apostles after His resurrection.
Jesus appeared to the disciples once, about a week earlier, on the evening of Resurrection Sunday. The Apostles, less Thomas, were gathered together in some house, behind closed doors, hiding, for fear of the Jews we are told, lest the same fate meet them as befell their beloved Master. Lo and behold, that same Master, who just two days before, on Friday, was crucified, died on the cross, was taken down and placed in a nearby tomb whose entrance was sealed with a heavy stone, now on Sunday evening stands before them. The shock and awe they must have felt is difficult to imagine. Fear gripped them as they see Jesus in their midst, the doors to the house still shut. Jesus dispels their fear, greeting them: "Peace be with you". He showed them the wounds on His hands and the spear wound in his side to prove to them that it was not an apparition they beheld, but truly, their recently crucified, and now resurrected, Master. Satisfied that it is indeed the Lord, the disciples' fear now turns to joy.
Thomas rejoins his fellow disciples at some point after this, and they tell him "We have seen the Lord". His thoughts may have been something like 'yeah, right', or 'I doubt it'. Thomas expresses his doubts by saying "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."
About a week after the first appearance to His disciples after His resurrection, Jesus appears to them again, like before, without opening shut doors, but this time with Thomas present. While the others might not have been as frightened, Thomas, no doubt, was astounded! Bidding peace to them all, Jesus turns to Thomas and says to him: "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."
What could Thomas have said, what could any one of have said to this invitation to proof and to truth, other than the reply given: "My Lord and my God!"
Thomas was not disbelieving of Our Lord by nature. Remember, that he was quite enthusiastic, and encouraged his fellow disciples about two weeks earlier to follow Jesus to Bethany, in spite of the threat of death, saying to them "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." Thomas might have willingly died with the Master. Yet, knowing that Jesus had died, and not yet fully understanding that these things were meant to happen, the grief was too much for Thomas, and the others, to bear. Thomas saw the miracles his Master, in loving kindness, performed and he heard what Jesus spoke to the disciples. Yet now, grief stricken and in fear of his own life, Thomas neither perceives, nor comprehends the events that led up to Jesus' appearance to the disciples. The Holy Apostle Thomas was one of those fishermen most wise, who, enthusiastically once again, and without doubt, ventured eastward spreading the Gospel.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday **April 19** 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours **10:00AM** **Divine Liturgy**	**Antipascha. 2nd Sunday of Pascha, of St. Thomas. Tone 1** St. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine (8th c.). Martyrs Christopher, Theonas, and Antoninus in Nicomedia (303). Hieromartyr Paphnutius of Jerusalem. St. George the Confessor, bishop of Antioch in Pisidia (813-820). St. Tryphon, patriarch of Constantinople (933). St. Nicephorus, abbot of Katabad. Matins (1): Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31;

Sunday **April 26** 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours **9:30AM** **Divine Liturgy**	**Third Sunday of Pascha, of the Myrrh-bearing Women. Tone 2** Sts. Myrrh-Bearing Women; Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus; Sts. Mary and Martha, sisters of St. Lazarus (1st c.). Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea (322). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra of Nicomedia (322). Matins (3): Mr. 16:9-20; Acts 6:1-7 Mk. 15:43–16:8;

Sunday **May 3** 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours **10:00AM** **Divine Liturgy**	Fourth Sunday of Pascha, of the Paralyzed Man. Tone 3 Martyrs Timothy & Maura (286). St. Peter the Wonderworker, bishop of Argos (10th c.). St. Theodosius, abbot of the Kyiv Caves Monastery and founder of cenobitic monasticism in Kyiv (1074). Matins (4): Lk. 24:1-12;Acts 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15; To St.: Heb. 13:7-16; Mt. 11:27-30

Saturday **May 9** **6:00pm**	Vespers

Sunday School Corner

Dear Miss Church Manners,
I have a question and my mom suggested that I ask you. She said your answer may also help other people who wondered the same thing. Every year my brothers & I decorate eggs in pastel colors to place in our baskets for Easter. According to mom, my grandma always wants us to include red eggs. She said this is the most important color. My question…Why?
Signed, Dyeing to Know

Dear Putting all Your Eggs in One Basket,
*Your grandmother is absolutely correct! And here is the reason why. Having red eggs blessed, shared and eaten is a custom shared by many Orthodox Christians. This custom had its beginning with Mary Magdalene. After the Ascension of Christ, she went to the Emperor of Rome and greeted him with, "Christ is Risen". As she gave him a red egg, she explained that the red represents the blood of Christ redeeming the world and our rebirth through the blood shed for us by Him. The egg is symbolic of the grave and life renewed by breaking out of it. The egg itself is a symbol of the Resurrection—while being dormant, it contains a new life sealed within it.**
Back in the day there were no colored food dyes that could be bought in the baking aisle of a grocery store. Instead, people turned to fruits, vegetables and plants found in nature to color eggs. For example, to obtain the red color—onion skins were used. Yes, onion skins! Eggs were boiled in water with the skins with a small amount of vinegar. The more onion skins used the deeper the color. Even though it may have smelt like onion soup when cooking the skins, the eggs did not taste like onions. They were simply hard boiled eggs with a beautiful red shell.
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Miss Church Manners (a.k.a. Miss Etta Kitt)

Parish Council

The parish council meets once a month. Next meeting is TODAY April 19 after the Coffee hour. Guests are welcome.

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause.
Month of April is dedicated to College care packages. Month of May is dedicated to sponsor a Seminarian at UOL Convention.

Advanced Education Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Applications

Application forms for a graduating high school senior who is a member of our church and is planning to further their education at a community college, university, or trade school are available from Pat Wolsko. She will be happy to answer any questions regarding the application and the process or applying. The deadline for accepting the form and its accompanying essay is April 19.
Recipients of this Church sponsored scholarship will be announced at the end of May.
Scholarship Committee

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your hard work.
Sisterhood will have an Annual Meeting and election of officers on Sunday May 3, 2026
If you would like to purchase perogies or stuffed cabbage please see Carol Redmerski

Work Schedule:
Monday April 20 8:00am
Tuesday April 21 5:30pm

Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and God's healing of Richard Kimak by PM Olenka
For the health and quick recovery of Alma Howard by PM Olenka
For the health and God's blessings for Anatoli & Pamela Omelian by Fr. Vasyl
For the health and God's blessings of Patti Faye

Thank you for your generosity : Donations

Easter Flower donation
by Andy Grzesiak in memory of Iryna -$250.00

Selfreliance Association

Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) Кожної Середи у Церковній залі з 9:00-17:00.За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега "Асоціація Самопоміч." або за телефоном (773) 692-1010

50/50

The winner for the month of March was Ukrainian School "Barvinok."
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday April 26, 2026**
We encourage to buy tickets for the whole year for a discounted price of $65.00. If you would like to buy for one or several months the ticket is $6.00 for a month. You can win $250.00.
All of the proceeds go to College Scholarship Fund of our parish.
Support children of our parish family.
For more info please see Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk

Prayer Corner for the Month of April

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:
Danylo Drapala, Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Mark, Judy Broud, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Bob Lewandowski, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzymski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara Bruce, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Rocky, Natalia, Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Petro Drapala, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Mykola, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, missing in action Vitaliy.

Pray for Our expecting mothers:
Maria, Bozhena, Viktoria, Olha

New moms: Tetiana, Natalia, Anna, Krystyna, Pavai, Myroslava, Nataliia, Maria, Michelle.

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl
If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory.
to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone.
Fr. Vasyl

Memorial Service

April 26 — In memory of all of those who have stepped into eternity in the month of April.

Coffee Hour Schedule

We are back to sponsored coffee hours

You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating $50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up the schedule is on the door of the church hall kitchen.

April 19– open
April 26— Beef & Chicken Roast
May 3 – open
*May 10 – **Mother's Day Luncheon***
May 17 – Fr. Vasyl & PM Olenka, Yurii & Nataliia Sendeha

Mark your calendars

Sunday April 26— Beef & Chicken Roast served after the Divine Liturgy
Sunday May 10– Mother's day Luncheon
Sunday, June 14 at 9:30am — First Confession and visit of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. Luncheon in honor of the First Confession Class.
Sunday, June 21— Father's day Luncheon

Free ESL Classes/Класи Англійської мови

ESL classes every Wednesday evening, in the Church Hall. Adults wishing to improve their English are welcome to join us at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Pat Wolsko or Athena Gordan.

Безкоштовні заняття КЛАСИ ESL Кожної Середи о 5:30 вечора в церковній залі. Запрошуємо усіх, хто хоче вивчити мову, хто хоче стати більш вправним в розмові, читанні та написання англійської мови. Реєстраційні форми знаходяться на столі при вході у церкві. Якщо у вас є будь-які запитання, зверніться до
Пет Волско, о. Василя або ПМ Оленки.