



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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*Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.*

**April 7, 2024**

**Web Site: [www.stspucc.org](http://www.stspucc.org)**

**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor***

Second Sunday of Pascha. Thomas Sunday. Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene (829-42).  
Passing into Eternal Life (1919) of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevska, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

***We Stand for all Serves till Pentecost!***

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20. Gospel: John 20:19-31 Tone: Sheet

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**WEEKDAYS:** MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

**Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy: Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education** – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Sunday After 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

**Preservation** – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young or Robert Jaskilka.

**Address or Name Change/New Phone Number**  
– Please update your records. See Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.  
Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee per check.**

**Bulletin Notices** – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

**Parish Council** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

**Rectory Office Hours** - Thursday 1:00 to 3:00 PM or by Appointment on other days

\*\*\*\*Please Note \*\*\*\*

**Mass Offerings**, Sorokousty  
Mother's Day, Father's Day  
Checks must be made out to the Fr. Edward Young **not the Church!** Thank You...

**Baptism** Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

**Marriage** – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

**Sick Calls** – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

**In your Estate planning** – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

**Stewardship** - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

**Special Share in the Eucharist \*– Bread & Wine**  
offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00  
Donors/intentions will be listed.

Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young  
**Eternal Light** \*– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young  
**Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp**\* also available for offering!  
Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each. Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

**All start on Monday to Sunday!**

**\*Offering must be made when dates are reserved on a first come first served basis !!!!**





A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please fill out the form below .Each household must be registered at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**From This Sunday's Vespers:** Thomas, who is called the twin,\* was not with the disciples, Christ,\* when You came to them through closed doors.\* Therefore he doubted their word.\* You did not reject him for his faithlessness!\* When he saw Your side and the wounds in Your hands and feet,\* his faith was made certain!\* Having desired to see You,\* he confessed You to be truly God, not only man,\* crying: My Lord and my God, glory to You! The disciples were assembled on the eighth day,\* and the Savior appeared to them!\* He gave them peace and said to Thomas:\* Come, apostle! Feel my hands, which were pierced by the nails!\* Most wonderful doubt of Thomas!\* It brought the hearts of the faithful to knowledge!\* My Lord and my God, glory to You!

### *Bread and Wine Offering - No Offering*

04/06	Bright Saturday		No Liturgy
04/07	St. Thomas Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i> +Alfreda Garbren req. by Dale & Monica Dimon
04/08	Monday		<i>N Liturgy</i>
04/09	Tuesday		No Liturgy
04/10	Wednesday		No Liturgy
04/11	Thursday		No Liturgy
04/112	Friday		No Liturgy
04/13	Saturday		No Liturgy
04/14	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i> +Lee Gebuza req. By Luba Pisarczyk

 ETERNAL LIGHT Bright week	In loving memory of +Deceased Members of the Gebuza Family Beata Gebuza & Family	
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory +Michael Symochko by John &amp; Helen Zanowiak &amp; Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +William P. Flood by Patricia Holtz &amp; Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 8/5/24-8/11/24	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 3/11/24-3/17/24 3/18/24-3/24/24 3/25/24-3/31/24 4/8/24-4/14/24 5/6/24-5/12/24 5/20/24-5/26/24 6/17/24-6/23/24 8/5/24-8/11/24 9/9/24-9/15/24 11/11/24-11/17/24 11/18/24-11/25/24	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 3/11/24-3/17/24 3/25/24-3/31/24 4/8/24-4/15/24 5/6/24-5/12/24 5/20/24-5/26/24 7/1/24-7/7/24 8/5/24-8/11/24 11/11/24-11/17/24	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 3/18/24-3/24/24 4/29/24-5/5/24 10/28/24-11/3/24
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**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION** Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen the Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.

The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLOR YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.**



**PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION:** O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: *"Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them."* But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.

**Kitchen and Hall Renovation 2024:** The Board of Directors are continuing to update Our Church.

We Started with restrooms and now the kitchen will get a much needed renovation with more space and a serving counter. The Church Hall will get a new look with a new floor, ceiling tiles and fresh coat of paint. The committee has done a great job with the choices they have made. Walter Gebuza is doing a great job getting the work done.



Help Wanted **Our Treasurer**

Robert Jaskilka has retired, and we are looking for someone with bookkeeping or accounting experience. If you know anyone who can help Our Parish, please

contact Scott Walker at [sjjawalk@aol](mailto:sjjawalk@aol)



***“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.” (Troparion)***

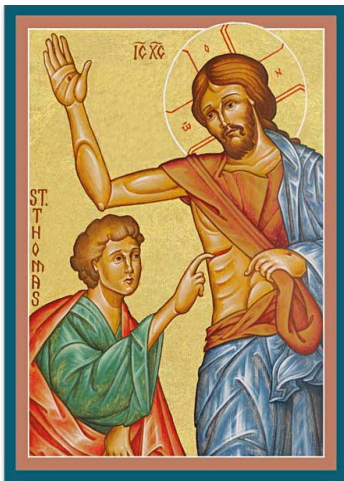
As we continue to celebrate the glorious, good news of this season of Pascha, we recall how Christ called doubting Thomas to faith in His great victory. “He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side; do not be faithless but believing.’ Thomas answered Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” Still bearing His wounds even in His glorified body as the God-Man, the Risen Christ brought Thomas to faith through the witness of His own deified flesh.

We have probably heard the story so many times that we have become deaf to its importance. Nonetheless, it remains the case that the Savior’s resurrection is not an escape from the body or the physical world, but instead their healing and sanctification. Likewise, St. John referred in his epistle to that “which we have seen with our own eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it...” The Apostles saw the Lord after His resurrection with their eyes, touched Him with their hands, heard His voice with their ears, felt His breath on their skin, and even saw Him eat food. (Luke 24: 36-43) The good news that “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all” comes from a resurrection in glory of a complete Person with a human body marked by the wounds of torture and crucifixion. His resurrection is not an escape from the body, but its fulfillment. The Eternal Word Who created us by breathing into the dust of the earth now breathes physically on His Disciples as He empowers them to carry out His ministry of bringing salvation to the world, even to the point of forgiving sins in His name. Here are powerful signs of what it means for human beings to be in the likeness of God and partakers of the divine nature by grace. has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

We participate in the new life of our Risen Lord by walking into His light, by embracing as fully as we can the blessed healing of the human being that He has brought to the world. Christ’s Passion was not a matter simply of His feelings, words, or ideas, but of His complete Self-offering through crucifixion, burial, descent to Hades, and resurrection from the dead. He rises in glory with His wounds, and we cannot begin to make sense of His salvation without speaking of the most bodily of realities, such as torture, execution, death, and burial in a tomb that was later found to be empty.

Remember that the Savior has taken upon Himself even the worst bodily wounds. It is through them that He has brought life out of death and brilliant light out of the darkest tomb. He has conquered even death itself. Do you see what that means? The same Lord Who conquered Hades and the tomb for our salvation, and Who invited Thomas to touch His wounds, will bring us as whole, embodied persons into the new day of His Kingdom if we will only keep turning as best we can from the darkness as we struggle to live faithfully each day amid the problems, pains, and The good news is that Christ does not ask us to conquer sin and death by our own power, for He has already done that. But He does ask us truly to have faith, which requires a faithful life, even as we constantly ask for His mercy and strength to participate as fully as possible in the joy of His resurrection. So let us celebrate Pascha by walking in the light as best we can with all our wounds, for that is how we will open ourselves to the light that has made even the tomb radiant with the divine glory. If He can do that to a grave, just imagine what He can do with us.

**CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY’S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON : [PASCHA:](#)  
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The Gospel reading today tells us, ***"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week... Jesus came (to his disciples) and stood in the midst of them and said "Peace be with you". After showing the disciples the nail marks on His hands and the gash in his side, again He said to them "Peace be with you".***

Then He started to commission them; this was the beginning of the **Great Apostolic mission** to the world. **"As the Father sent me" he told them, "I also send you"**. Jesus then told His Apostles, **"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained"**. What a great thing happened that day, the power to forgive sins, the authority of judgment was given to the Apostles to pass on, from generation to generation, from Apostle to Apostle.

However, where was St. Thomas, the other Apostle, when all of this was happening? Unfortunately we do not know, however, we are told by the Holy



Fathers that it was "by divine economy" that "he was not there."

Nevertheless, as soon as the other disciples saw St. Thomas they cried out, "We have seen the Lord!" However, the missing disciple Thomas was not so easily convinced and probably thought, 'perhaps it was an illusion a ghost of some sort'. St Thomas then told his fellow disciples, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails, and my hand in his side, I will not believe". Within eight days however, Jesus appeared to the disciples again just as suddenly as He did the last time, but this time St Thomas was present. Although the doors were all shut and there was no possibility of entry, Jesus appeared to them, from nowhere, and stood amongst them. St. Thomas most probably thought 'surely He must be a ghost, a vision, a false Christ'. Jesus then spoke "Peace be with you" and He said to St. Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe". And St. Thomas answered with such assurance and convictions.

## LITURGICAL PRACTICES DURING PASCHA

**THE ARTOS** ~ Today, the **Artos** will be broken and distributed to the faithful with Myronvannia. The **Artos** is a loaf of leavened bread impressed before baking with a seal of an icon of the Resurrection that is blessed during the Paschal Vigil. This seal symbolizes the physical presence of the Resurrected Christ among the Apostles. This Artos is kept in the church during Bright Week, is found on the Tetrapod. Throughout the week, whenever anyone enters the church, he or she kisses the **Artos**, symbolically greeting the resurrected Christ.

**KNEELING** – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 19). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord's death and resurrection "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, "here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1) We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the "Kneeling Vespers" celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost.

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