



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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Second Sunday of Pascha. Thomas Sunday

Epistle: ACTS 5: 12-20 Gospel: JOHN 20:19 – 31 Tone: Sheet



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.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

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

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

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

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

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 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
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. 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.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

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# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____




(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

From the Matins of Thomas Sunday KONTAKION, TONE 8: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

IKOS: Who stopped the hand of the disciple from being melted when he approached the fiery side of the Savior? Who gave him such boldness, to be able to touch this blazing door? Surely it was the One who was touched, for if He had not given this power to a handmade of clay, how could it have touched the wounds which shook both heaven and earth? And Thomas received the grace to touch Christ and shout out to Him: You are my Lord and my God.

*Bread and Wine Offering - In loving memory of +Mary Nyscot
& +Stephania Cirkot by Carol Stumpf*

04/10	Bright Saturday	10:00 AM	+Mary Rita Kelly Young req. by Fr. Edward Young & Family
04/11	Thomas Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Thomas Bruderman req. by Monks Family
04/12	Monday		No Liturgy
04/13	Tuesday		No Liturgy
04/14	Wednesday		No Liturgy
04/15	Thursday	10:00 AM	+John & Anna Comcowitch
04/16	Friday	10:00AM	+Janet Comcowitch
04/17	Saturday	10:00 AM	+Joseph & Eva Brenia
04/18	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Anna B. Petriw req. by Scott & Jean Walker & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Mary Nyscot, +Mildred Stumpf, +Mary Cirkot, & +Stephania Cirkot by Carol Stumpf</i>		
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Cirkot,+Nyscot & +Stumpf Families by Carol Stumpf</i>		
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Stephen, +Sam & +John Cirkot from Carol Stumpf</i>		
BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/3/21-5/9/21 11/1/21-11/7/21		ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/3/21-5/9/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 5/31/21-6/6/21 6/14/21-6/20/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 9/20/21-9/26/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 4/19/21-4/25/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/3/21-5/9/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 5/17/21-5/23/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 8/23/21-8/29/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 4/19/21-4/25/21 4/26/21-5/2/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 6/7/21-6/13/21 7/26/21-8/1/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 11/15/21-11/21/21

2021 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.

Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

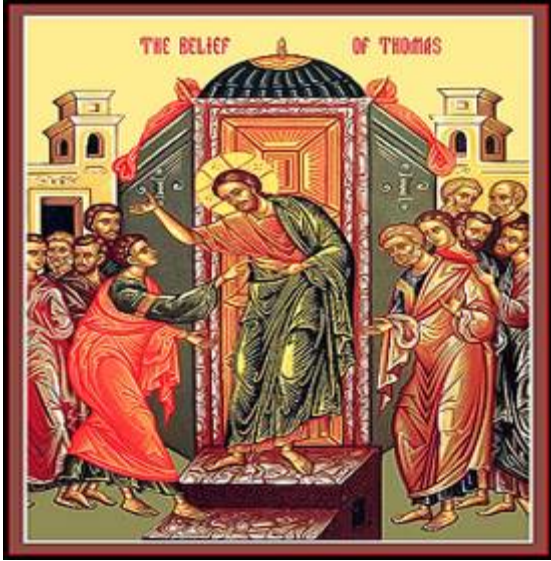
Church Donations - \$200.00 by Shirley Guliuzza

Preservation Donations - In memory of +Barbara Lypen \$295.00.00 - by Sylvia Foster \$100.00; Roman Platosz & Family \$100.0; Carol Stumpf \$50.00; Mary Barna \$25.00 & Anna Nalysnyk \$20.00

THOMAS SUNDAY

Epistle - ACTS 5: 12-20 ~ Gospel - JOHN 20:19 - 31

"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 in the midst of the problems, pains, and weaknesses that beset us. We must all take that journey one day at a time.

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.

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 conviction, "My Lord and my God!"

Today, the Artos will be broken and distributed to the faithful. 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 reverence the Artos, symbolically greeting the resurrected Christ.

NO KNEELING – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 23). 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.

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

HOLY SPIRIT: Page 92, Section 258; Page 93, Section 261

FAITH: Page 143, Section 416

MISSION: Page 20, Sections 33-34

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Our awareness and prayer for vocations should continue even more fervently and with the commitment to keep our prayers focused on the Vocation Crisis. We ask you to continue to fully commit to deep, sincere prayer for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the monastic and religious life. As a community we should strive that our prayers be raised in unity ~ unity in mind, heart and soul, praying that the will of God will send workers into His vineyard.

******* DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS *******

MONDAY'S INTENTION - Increased vocations to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

TUESDAY'S INTENTION - Prayers for all Seminarians to sustain their Vocations

WEDNESDAY'S INTENTION - Increased vocations to the Redemptorists

THURSDAY'S INTENTION - **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

FRIDAY'S INTENTION - Increased vocations to the Sisters of St. Basil the Great

SATURDAY'S INTENTION - Increased vocations to the Order of St. Basil the Great

SUNDAY'S INTENTION - Increased vocations to the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God

Daily, please add your private and personal intentions for our Church, our Hierarchy, Clergy, Religious and all who lead and serve Christ and all His faithful.

From an Easter homily by an ancient author Christ the source of resurrection and life

Saint Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to the human race. Just as death entered the world through Adam; so life has been given back to the world through Christ. And again: The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven and is heavenly.

He adds the following: As we have borne the image of the earthly man, (that is, the image of human nature grown old in sin) so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: that is, human nature raised up, redeemed, restored and purified in Christ. We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. As the Apostle himself says: Christ is the beginning (that is, the source of resurrection and life); therefore those who belong to Christ (those who model their lives on His purity) will be secure in the hope of his resurrection and of enjoying with him the glory promised in heaven. As our Lord Himself said in the gospel; Whoever follows me will not perish, but will pass from death to life.

Thus the passion of our Savior is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live forever. In the fullness of time it was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him forever.

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed-for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble. That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.

Such was the prayer Christ made to the Father while he was still on earth: Father, I desire that where I am they also may be, those who have come to believe in me; and that as you are in me and I in you, so they may abide in us.

The first man was made of the dust of the earth; the second man is from heaven.* As we have worn the likeness of the man made of dust, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly man, alleluia. The man made of dust is the pattern of all men of dust, and the heavenly man is the pattern of all who are heavenly.* As we have worn the likeness of the man made of dust, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly man, alleluia.



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