

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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2nd Sunday of Pascha – Thomas Sunday

Epistle: Acts 5, 12-20 Gospel: John 20, 19-31

HRISTOS VOSKRESE! – CHRIST IS RISEN!

VAISTINU VOSKRESE! – INDEED HE IS RISEN!

John 20:19-31

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My LORD and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.. (KJV)

Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Hristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!

God's Holy Church seeks an unbroken remembrance and certainty of the Lord's Jesus Christ's Resurrection. The Resurrection is of central importance to the Orthodox Christian faith.

Thomas Sunday is the Sunday immediately following Pascha. The Holy Gospel reading verifies that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. The Gospel describes Apostle Thomas' convincing experience with the Risen Christ.

Holy Apostle Thomas' doubt was resolved and put to rest when he saw the Risen Christ. Thomas was invited by the Risen Lord to reach out with his finger and hands to touch the Risen Christ.

Holy Apostle Thomas' experience is recorded in St. John's Gospel. The Church proclaims this certainty every year on the Sunday immediately following Pascha,

Apostle Thomas' encounter with the Risen Lord serves to renew believers' faith in the Resurrection. Believers' doubts are removed and their faith is renewed when hearing the Gospel on Thomas Sunday.

The Church reinforces the certainty of Christ's Resurrection with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays throughout the year. The hunger of the soul is addressed in each Divine Liturgy.

Believers are transformed when partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus Christ is alive and enlivens communing believers. The Risen Christ exhorted Thomas to not be faithless but to be believing.

The Church provides every generation with the opportunity to learn of Apostle Thomas' experience with the Risen Christ. Believers hearing the Gospel can say with Thomas "My Lord and my God."

In these days of uncertainty and anxiety, the certainty of Jesus' Resurrection offers hope, light and joy. The Risen Jesus reassured and comforted the Holy Apostles including Thomas with His message of peace.

Peace, love and joy exist in the Risen Christ. Jesus Christ's triumph over death once and for all established and verified His durability and the durability of His message.

God's Holy Church is where believers learn more about the Risen Christ and the way of life desired for His followers. The Divine services of the Church are instructional and educational in addition to enriching the soul.

Attentive believers benefit from the content of the Church's Divine services. The more attentive and open the believer, the greater the benefit. Change and growth in Christ occurs through the Church's Divine services.

The Divine services of the Church proceed in an orderly way throughout the year. Pascha is the Feast of Feasts and captures the attention of believers. Paschal joy radiates throughout the Church, the world and the centuries.

Jesus Christ is timeless. The life in Christ intends eternal life. The Risen Christ broke the barrier of death. Jesus convinced Thomas of death being destroyed.

Believers have the Resurrection verified with each celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The Church stands through the centuries until Christ's Second Coming in witness of His triumph over death.

Each believer witnesses to Christ's Resurrection with the Paschal greeting: "Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Vaistinu Voskrese! Indeed He is Risen!" Each believer has a part in verifying the certainty in life of Christ's Resurrection.

Each believer adds to the joy of the Resurrection when expressing and proclaiming, "Christ is Risen!" Faithful believers join with the Risen Christ in repelling darkness in the world.

The Apostle Thomas' resounding profession of faith, his words, "My Lord and my God" have penetrated the centuries. Each believer makes a beneficial difference when saying: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"

Thomas Sunday. Holy Hieromartyr Basil of Amasea. April 26/May 9, 2021.
Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Services this Week

*St Basil of Ostrog (May 12th) - 9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy
Third Sunday of Pascha - Myrrhbearers - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy*

Donations Sunday April 25, 2021

Offering - \$3930

Candles - \$201.00

Dues - \$150

Donations - \$250

Building Fund

Nick & Emma Saula - \$25

In Memory of Tom Luy – Nick & Emma Saula - \$25

In Memory of Vinny Czubak – Nick & Emma Saula - \$25

In Memory of Julie Lambrinos – The Pheasant Family - \$50, Donald & Sally Porter - \$25, and
Steve Purich - \$25

In Memory of Parents – Eli Cvijanovich - \$100

In Memory of Sally (Uzelac) Sharpe – Pamela Brown - \$25

In Memory of Richard Uzelac – Pamela Brown - \$25

In Memory of Donald (Dino) Uzelac - \$50

Donations

In Memory of Bud, Mildred, Sadie, Eli – Milan Moncilovich - \$100

Pascha Donation in Memory of Milos & Milka Tumbas – Dianne Dunnington - \$100

Bell Tower Fund

Buck a Day Contribution - \$68

Large Candles

In Memory of Amelia & Joseph Kondash – Richard Kondash

In Memory of Charles, Helen, Christina & son Charley – Olga Bulich

In Memory of Parents Nick and Sara Davich & Brother Nick – Carole McAllister

In Memory of Stella & Steve Baich – Kathy & Gerry Szmyd

In Memory of Damjena & Lazo Gjurich – Dan & Dyne Tomak

In Memory of Bosa & Lazo Vuckovich – Dan & Dyne Tomak

**Thank you to Milo and Annabelle Kermin for their very kind donation of the Pussy
Willows for Palm Sunday and the chocolate crosses for the children**

**Thank you to the Men's Club for their hard work in clean-up and beautifying
our Church grounds.**

**Please keep the following in your prayers: Linda Palmer, Dragich Banda, Ranka Banda, Danica Wess,
Joanne Uzelec, George Moncilovich, and Irene Martinovich**

A very special thank you to the following for donating or purchasing flowers for Easter. It helped make our Iconastas more Beautiful!

Dan & Dianne Tomak – In Memory of Bosa & Lazo Vuckovich and Damjena & Lazo Gjurich

Linda Freidhoff & Joanne Uzelac – In Memory of Patricia Freidhoff, Wayne Fredihoff & Dino Uzelac

Richard Kondash – In Memory of Amelia & Joseph Kondash

Joe & Connie Bartis – In Memory of Deceased Family Members

Eli Cvijanovich – In Memory of Parents, Martha & Ilija Cvijanovich

Carole McAllister – In Memory of Nick & Sara Davich

John & Patricia Pavich

Danica Wess

Cameron & Linda Palmer – In Memory of Eva Johnson (Vicnich)

Diane Thomas

Pete & Joanne Todorich – In Memory of Nikola, Milka & Nick Jr. Todorich

Evelyn Walat – In Memory of Father Sam Vuckovich & Aunt Mim

Father Rodney Torbich

Gary & Rose Marinkovich & Kristina

Pat Niel – In Memory of Milos, Millia, Radovan, Milos Jr., Christine, David & Michelle

Golden and Vuchev Families

Michelle Nesdore – In Memory of Rober, Peter, Marta & Mary

Melissa Komar

Radojka & Vanco Nikolic

Richard & Suzette Gardenhour – In Memory of Deceased Family Members

Mary Kelly

Olga Bulich

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR FLOWERS AFTER LITURGY TODAY –
NAMES ARE PRINTED ON FOIL**

TASTE OF SERBIA UPDATES....

Please see or call Suzette Gardenhour (814-421-1276) to schedule your work time.
Everyone's help is needed!

Taste of Serbia


WORK SCHEDULE

=TO GO


Monday, May 10th –

 8:00 AM Marinate the Lamb

Wednesday, May 12th – 11:00 AM

 Cookie Making Day!

Thursday, May 13th –

 8:00 AM – Roast Lamb

 Noon - Gibanica Prep, Serbian Bean Prep & Sarma Baking Day!

Friday, May 14th –

 8:00 AM – Slice Lamb

 Noon – Bake Gibanica

 4:00 PM - Serbian Donuts & Palicinka Prep...and Dessert Packaging....

 WE NEED LOTS OF LOVING HANDS

Saturday & Sunday May 15th & 16th

 ALL DAY

ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ST. CLAIR ROAD, JOHNSTOWN, PA

JOIN US FOR



SATURDAY, MAY 15TH NOON TO 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH NOON TO?

LAMB SANDWICHES,

SARMA (STUFFED CABBAGE), MASHED POTATOES,

CEVAPI (GRILLED PORK & BEEF SAUSAGES)

SERVED WITH A PITA,

COLESLAW, SERBIAN BEANS, PALICINKA, GIBANICA,

SERBIAN COOKIE & SERBIAN DONUTS!!!!

TO GO ONLY!

CASH OR CHECK!!