

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Apostle Thomas -- October 6th

St. Thomas the Apostle

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).

Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous – since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown – but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to

Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of His enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, "Let us also go to die with him" (John 11:16b).

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father – indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting and loving one.

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"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

October 6, 2019
The 17th Sunday

OUR TERRIFIC SUNDAY SCHOOL is now beginning the fall semester, as we teach our parish youth about Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. All parish children, from PreSchool through Highschool, are expected to attend this wonderful program. In addition to the truths of the Faith, we teach our students the principles of morality, i.e. right from wrong in their daily lives. Good parents will never allow their children to grow up without learning the moral laws of Jesus Christ. Come and enroll your children in our school Sunday morning at 10 am. This school program is all free and all for you!

ON WEDNESDAY Father Pastor will attend the conference on the recent meeting (Sobor) of our Bishops in Rome. Our Parish will be represented by Dottie Dolgash, Yuriy Daniliw, John Kopcha, Borys and Neonila Pawluk. We will inform you on the outcome of this Philadelphia meeting in the coming weeks.

OUR SUNDAYS WITH Father program will be held next Sunday, Oct, 13, at 10:15 am in the School Library. Our topic will be the Divine Liturgy, its meaning and importance. You will surely be surprised and enlightened by all you will learn in this seminar. There will be some great gifts, treats, coffee/tea and a whole lot of fun for all.

THE WEEKEND our local Council of the Knights of Columbus will visit our Parish, both Saturday and Sunday, to seek your help in promoting their Pro-Life ministry. Please be generous to this worthy cause.

THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 6, the good Basilian sisters at Fox Chase will host their annual pilgrimage in honor of Mary, the Theotokos. Archbishop Borys will celebrate the Holy Liturgy at about 11 am, to be followed by other prayer services and food service of various Ukrainian dishes. All our faithful are cordially invited to attend this event.

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 12, at 12 NOON, the holy rosary will be recited publicly to honor Mary, the Mother of God, at 500 Ford St. (The former Mt. Carmel Church). Come and pray with us next Saturday in the "public square" to witness to our Christian-Catholic Faith.

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU is due today to all our good folks who attend the Holy Liturgy, sing and pray with us, donate and support our growing church. Father Ronald may be the arms and legs of the Parish, but you are the heart and soul of our vibrant Christian community. God bless all of you good people for your love for our Lord!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

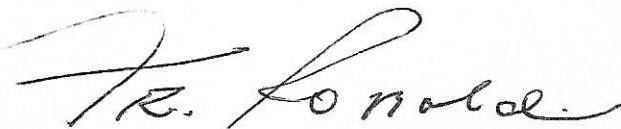
Saturday, 6 pm ++Strouse-Tarhovicky Family (The Parish Auxiliary)
Sunday, 9 am Health of Barbara, the Plush Family (Kathy and Ted)
Thursday, 7 am +Wasył and Anastasia (The Maruszczak Family)
Friday, 7 am +The Fedoryshyn Family (Oksana Fedoryshyn)
Saturday, 8 am +Anna and Michael Chomiak (Son Russell)
Saturday, 6 pm +Pasquale DiGrazio (Maryann and Debbie)
Sunday, 9 am +Ivan, Anna (The Berezowski Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: You did descend from on high, O Good-Hearted One,
Jesus. You did accept a three-day burial, that You
might free us from all suffering, O Lord and Our Resurrection, amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: You did rise again from the grave; You did raise up
the dead, including Adam and Eve. All the ends of
the world exult now in Your Resurrection, O Most Merciful One Jesus.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Pray and give Glory to the Lord our God, amen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Ronald".