

SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS



Icon of Christ and Saint Thomas

The Good News Within Our Heart

Once, a famous violinist came out on the stage and made the unfortunate discovery that there was something wrong with his violin. He looked for a second and then saw that it was not his famous and valuable one. He felt paralyzed for a moment, then turned to his audience and told them, "Ladies and gentlemen: I will show you that the music is not in the instrument but in the heart."

He played as he had never played before and the music poured forth until the audience was overcome with enthusiasm and the applause almost lifted the roof off the building. Indeed, the man had revealed to them that the music was not in the machine but in his own heart.

Today, the joy of the Resurrection is still

within our hearts. And, we must take to heart the words that Our Lord spoke to His disciples when He appeared to them after His resurrection: "As the Father sent Me, so I send you ..." (John 20:21) Indeed, the Lord Himself sends us, like the apostles, to proclaim to the world that "He is risen!"

We proclaim Our Lord's resurrection not just in hymns and inspired songs, but by the very manner in which we live our lives. "Get rid of all bitterness, all anger, harsh words, slander and malice of every kind," says Saint Paul. "In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ!" (Ephesians 4:32) May the joy of the resurrection remain within our hearts every day of the year!

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St. Thomas Sunday
April 23-24, 2022

WE ARE SCHEDULED to livestream the Holy Liturgy this Saturday and Next Saturday, 6 pm, April 23 and 30. And we plan to livestream the Holy Liturgy on Mothers' Day, May 8 at 9 am. Please tell all your friends and neighbors and relatives about this great service that we render to all our shut-ins, elderly and distant faithful.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL be in session this Sunday at 11 am. We expect that all our students will on line at GOOGLE MEET, ESPECIALLY if they expect to receive the Holy Sacraments this spring.

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL to all our Faithful for their donations to aid our suffering Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. We have submitted some \$50,000 to our Chancery in Philadelphia for dispensing among our refugees and churches in Ukraine. We have most recently collected \$10,000 more for these purposes, which sum we will submit for the same purposes very soon. There is still time to donate, either in person or by mail. Please make your check payable to SS. Peter and Paul Church.

FATHER JOSEPH LOYA, OUR Ukrainian Augustinian priest will celebrate the Saturday evening liturgy this weekend, since Father Pastor is under the weather. We trust that you will welcome Fr. Joseph with gracious hearts and prayers.

ARCHBISHOP BORYS from Philadelphia will celebrate the Holy Liturgy here this Sunday, Ap. 24, 9 am. He is coming to our Parish to give Father Ronald a break and thank all of you for your generous donations to aid our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. Be sure to bring your singing voice to church Sunday morning!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL OUR Faithful for their monetary gifts to our Parish on Easter, as well as for your donations for our strugglin Folks in Ukraine. We thank you from the bottom of our priestly heart. And we thank those good people who donated in person in church and those who donated via the Mail. God bless one and all of you!

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 23, 6 pm

+Anita Chomiak (Russell Chomiak)

Sunday, April 24, 9 am

For all the Faithful

Saturday, April 30, 6 pm

+Danylo Berezovski (Tatianna, Wolodymyr)

+Joseph Dudas (Margaret, Daughters)

Sunday, May 1, 9 am

For all the Faithful

+Maruszczak Family (Bill and Bridget)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and bestowing life upon those in the grave.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Christ God, Thomas put his searching hand in Your Life-giving Hand. When You entered through the locked doors, he cried out with the other Apostles: O My Lord and my God."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Great is our Lord and mighty in strength, and His Wisdom is beyond measure, amen.

Вітаю Вразко!

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