

# THOMAS SUNDAY



*Icon of Saint Thomas and Christ*

## *Our Exodus, Our Passover*

We have been released not from physical but from spiritual bondage. We have been freed not from earthly labor but from worldly defilement. Our flight has not been from Egyptian taskmasters, nor from a godless and savage tyrant who is nonetheless a human being like ourselves, but from wicked and unclean demons who urge us to sin and from their commander, who is Satan himself.

We have passed through the sea of this present life with its pleasures and idle distractions. We have eaten spiritual manna, the bread from heaven which gives life to the world. We have drunk water from the rock, for we have found our delight in the spiritual stream flowing from Christ. By the grace of holy baptism we have crossed the Jordan and entered the land promised to the saints and worthy of them, the land the Savior himself

spoke of when He said: "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the land."

Therefore, in honor of a new happening a new hymn should be sung by the Lord's kingdom, that is, by those subject to Him and governed by Him. A hymn should be sung, worthy praise should be given, not only in the land of the Jews but from one end of the earth to the other; in other words, everywhere in the world. Of old God was known in Judaea and His name was great only in Israel, but now that we have been called by Christ to the knowledge of the truth and His glory fills all heaven and earth, fulfilling the prophecy of the Psalmist: "The whole earth shall be full of his glory."

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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Khristos Voskres!  
Christ is Risen!

April 15-16, 2023  
St. Thomas Sunday

THIS WEEKEND our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine will celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, according to the Julian Calendar. We join with them in loving solidarity, even as we all pray for peace and justice in Ukraine. SLAVA UKRAININI!

POPE FRANCIS delivered his Easter greeting last Sunday called "Urbi et Orbi", Latin for to the City and World. The Pope called for the fighting to end in Ukraine and sought for prayers for the "martyred Ukrainian people". The Pope added: "Help the beloved Ukrainian People on their journey toward peace...comfort the wounded and those who have lost their loved ones..."

THIS WEEKEND we plan to livestream the Divine Liturgy on YOUTUBE AT 6 PM Saturday. Next weekend we plan to again livestream the Liturgy on Sunday at 9 am. Please tell all your near and dear ones about this schedule so that we all can sing and pray together this Easter Season..

2023 CALENDARS AND DONATION BOXES still remain to be claimed in the church. Please check out these items today and take yours home for yourself and all your family and friends.

THIS SATURDAY the parish women will serve a benefit gala in our Parish Hall from 6 to 10 pm. If you cannot come and help our women this week, mark Saturday, the 29th, on your schedule, when we will serve another benefit banquet for our neighbors. Come and help us, Ladies, so that we can help others, such as the struggling Ukrainians!

WE THANK ALL our dear Faithful, both those in the pews and those miles away, for their generous donations this Eastertide. Father Ronald also thanks you for all the Easter cards, prayers and gifts this Easter Season. We pray and trust that the Resurrected Lord will bless all of you with much love and health this year!

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL PARISH AILING folks: Jim Patzuk, Jimmy Deskiewicz, the Timbarion Boys, Dottie Dolgash, Vera Tryciecky, Sophie Tomchick, Gina Plisiewicz, Olga Danko, Luba Jackson, Pat Paschall, the Katarynick, Ed. Tomchick. Perhaps a prayer, a card and kind word...!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Ap. 15, 6 pm

For all the Faithful

Sunday, April 16, 9 am

+Fonnock, Maruszczak Family

Saturday, April 22, 6 pm

Mediha Agolli (Somits Fam.)

Sunday, April 23, 9 am

+John morenko (Roman Mykyta)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

O Christ God, although the grave was sealed, You rose from the dead. Although the doors were locked, You appeared to the Disciples, You Who are the Resurrection of all, Thus, You renewed our spirites according to Your great mercy.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

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

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Great is the Lord and mighty is the Lord  
and His Wisdom is unfathomable.

Слава Україні!

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