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Sunday, April 15, 2018 | Second Sunday of Pascha

Tone 1 – Saint Thomas Sunday

Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens & Trophimus (67 A.D.)

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Blessing of Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery
(For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing, a Paschal picnic will be held near the Spack family gravesite)

(CANCELLED: Due to Cold Rainy and Windy Weather)

Saturday: April 21 – **NO** Great Vespers Scheduled!

Sunday: April 22 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha
Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: April 22 - Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.

Sunday: April 22 - Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling
All-American Themed Fundraiser [2310 South 24th Street]

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 7 – Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! / Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. / Renew in us through them an upright spirit, // by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion (Tone 8 - Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when Thou didst come to Thy Apostles through closed doors. // He cried out with all: “Thou art my Lord and my God!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! / His understanding is beyond measure!
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

- v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: 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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "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. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead." / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you. / Exult now, / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, / O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

Message from Father Mark:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

As many of you know Mat. Janet has been making annual visits to the Republic of Georgia for the past 30 Years. She and I will be traveling to Georgia next week for my fifth trip to visit spiritual family, friends and holy sites!

I will be away from **16-30 April**. Our dear friend, Father Emmanuel, will serving at Assumption for the **two Sundays** I will not be here. Our dean, Fr. Victor, will be available for emergencies during this time.

Our next major event will be the blessing of the numerous graves at the Mount Moriah this coming Sunday at 1:00pm after the Divine Liturgy. Weather permitting! We will meet there at 1:00pm and will bless the graves that we have knowledge of. Last year that was over one hundred of our family members and friends who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

May our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ bless you at this most beautiful time of the year!

Thank You from Choir Director Nina Patterson:

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

I just wanted to thank the choir for your participation in the Lenten reherarsals and for your dedicated effort in coming and singing in the many services during Lent and Holy Week. We sounded wonderful and I had many people inform me on Pascha how beautiful and great the choir sounded. Thank you also to all the parishioners for your lovely comments on the choir this Lenten season.

Lena Helen wanted to thank everyone who attended her Pascha Open House after the Pascha Services last Sunday. It was a great time by all and everyone enjoyed themselves who attended. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family members offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Anastasia Renzetti, Marc, William, Bruce, Anastasia, Family & Friends offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich & Family
Mary Popelak offered by Monica DeVito
Mary Popelak offered by Tracy DeVito

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Anna & Sam Sabato offered by Kathy Renzetti
William & Mary Zuzulock offered by Kathy Renzetti
John & Julia Jugan offered by the Pellack Family
Emelie Albrecht offered by John Drimak Jr.
Dolores and Lillian offered by Father Mark Koczak
Parents John & Anna Rabik offered by their son Joseph Rabik
Joanne Wanenchak offered by Kathy Renzetti
Renzetti Family offered by Kathy Renzetti
Michael Popelak offered by Mary Ann Brodie
Paul & Irene Kavcsak offered by M/M Rick LeRoy
Emelie Albrecht offered by Renzetti Family
Mary (Rabik) McKinney offered by Renzetti Family
William & Anna Zuzulock offered by Pellack Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father Vincent Saverino (retired); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon. In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Icon Fund (2016-18)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (April)

	<u>Week of Apr 2 to Apr 8</u>	<u>April Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	105	80 (average)
<i>Pascha Vespers (4/8)</i>	25	
Funds In:	\$ 3,398.00	\$ 5,842.00
Funds Out:	(\$ 242.94) reimbursement	\$ 3,290.69
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 3,640.94	\$ 2,551.31

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

Today - St Thomas Sunday – Blessing of Graves (CANCELLED due to Weather!!!!)

After Divine Liturgy and if the weather cooperates with us, we will have our annual Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery. For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing, a Paschal picnic will be held near the Spack (Onufer & Julia) family gravesite. Please bring your favorite Pascha foods, beverages, and lawn chairs. Please dress appropriately for that day's weather (jackets, windbreakers, hats, sunscreen, etc...).

Sunday, April 22 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd 4th Sunday this month – Please Note Change in Date)! All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-up from the previous meeting, and any additional action(s) that need to be taken.

**Sunday, April 22 - Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling Fundraiser!
[2310 South 24th St – Philadelphia, PA]**

Father Ed and the parishioners at Holy Ghost have invited our parish to their All-American Themed Auction Spring Fling Fundraiser on April 22. Doors open at 11am and Lunch will be served at 12pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults 13 and older and \$7 for children 12 and under. See the Flyers posted on our bulletin boards in the church and downstairs!

Sunday, April 29 - Church Life Discussion class after Divine Liturgy and Fellowship Hour. (The 4⁵th Sunday this month – Please Note Change in Date)! The Topic – Icons, Iconography, and Iconostas. It's history and the stories displayed on them.

Cleaning Teams: Today (Apr 15): Saint John Kochurov (Daria & Rick LeRoy and Michale Wanenchak). Next Week (Apr 22): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky (Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuck, and Pete Witiak) .



**ANTIPASCHA:
Saint Thomas Sunday**
[April 15th]

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as “Antipascha.” This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek.

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Father Mark wishes to thank **ALL** of those who offered their talent during Lent and Holy Week with the cleaning of the church, the setting up and breaking down of the tomb and flower stands, and all of the Pascha preparations. To Debbie Kavalkovich and Emily Gerasimoff for this year’s flower selections. To Nina Patterson and the choir for the lovely singing all throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. And finally, Matthew Andrews for all of the procession preparations last week!

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