

ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Sunday, May 1, 2022 | Second Sunday of Pascha

Tone 1 – Saint Thomas Sunday

Prophet Jeremiah (6th c. B.C.) | Martyr Bata the Persian (4th c.)

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)
(Weather Permitting!!!)
- Today: The Broad Street Run is being held this morning in the city.
Be safe driving home after Liturgy with all the traffic.
- Saturday: May 7 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: May 8 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha | Holy Myrrhbearing Women
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday: May 10 - Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement
and on the ZOOM media platform.

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

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting. Apologizes for the late notice regarding this meeting date.

Thank You ALL who donated towards the Easter Flowers this year. The arrangement looked absolutely beautiful. Also, a special Thank You to Debbie Kavalkovich who oversaw the Easter Flower Project this year.

Congratulations to James Pittman who was Chrismated last Saturday, April 23 (before the Holy Saturday services). May God Grant James and his Godparents Many Blessed, Healthy, and Joyous Years! Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Vigil Cross Votive Candles: We still have availability for the vigil cross votive candles to be lit for services on Sundays and Feast Days. As of this morning, the following dates and cross sizes have been reserved:

- * **Mother's Day (May 8) = Both Large Crosses have been reserved**
- * **Memorial Day (May 29) = Both Large Crosses are available**
- * **PENTECOST (June 12) = Both Large Crosses have been reserved**
- * **Father's Day (June 19) = Both Large Crosses are available**

Please see Simon Herbert for details of cross sizes and schedule cross lightings!

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of April 24)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 from the Candy Sale

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Katie Torpey offered by Nina Patterson
Peggy Walker offered by David Pellack
Family and Friends offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
Lila Rabik on her birthday offered by her Baba Nancy Brasko Rabik
Anastasia & her Unborn Child, Colin, Alexander, Selena, Family, Friends,
and Parishioners offered by MM K Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

John and Margaret Pellack offered by David Pellack
Albert Kavalkovich offered by the Kavalkovich Family
Family and Friends offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
Marc Sr, Marc Jr, Albert, Ann, Helen, Andrew offered by MM K Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Today - Vigil Cross Candles – 5/1/22:

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of Parents William & Dolores, and Jesse & Jayne
offered by Father Mark & Matushka Jan Koczak

One Large Votive Cross – Health of Thomas, Kimberly, Brendan, and Brianna Herbert
offered by MM Herbert

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Please remember in your prayers:

Anastasia Jones & her unborn child; Heather Parsells & her unborn child; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Anne (Homa) Killoran (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Dr. Gale Rutan; Joseph Rabik; Peter Witiak; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Attendance during PASCHA & Bright Week

Saturday, April 23 – Holy Saturday – Divine Liturgy w/Old Testament Readings = 24
Sunday, April 24 – PASCHA Procession, Matins, and Divine Liturgy = 79
Sunday, April 24 – PASCHA Vespers = 29 (WOW...Nice Turnout!!!)
Monday, April 25 – Bright Monday Divine Liturgy = 9

Announcements (cont.)

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

*******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. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held on Sunday, October 10, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule will begin on Sunday, October 17.

Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

Cash Flow Activity (April)

Week of Sun Apr 17 to Sat Apr 23

April Month to Date

Attendance:	57	45 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,767.00	\$11,629.96
Funds Out:	\$ 230.00	\$11,217.32
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,537.00	\$ 412.64

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 either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich 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 – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
5th Sunday of each quarter – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (May 1)</u>	<u>Next Week (May 8)</u>
3 rd Hour:	John Spack	Michael Spack
6 th Hour:	Michael Wanenchak	Reader Mark Klus
Epistle:	Michael Wanenchak	Reader Mark Klus and Michael Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour in the white/clear 3-ring binder which is located on the display case outside of the office room.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in May/June 2022.

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15 – Spring General Parish Meeting scheduled after Divine Liturgy

Friday May 27 thru Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Weekend

Monday, May 30 – Saint Tikhon's Monastery 118th Pilgrimage

Sunday, June 12 – Pentecost: The Parish will have a traditional Pascha dinner after Liturgy. Planning for this event will begin in two weeks (Sunday, May 15). A sign up sheet will be made available for you to volunteer and schedule to bring Pascha food / beverages on this day.



**ANTIPASCHA:
Saint Thomas Sunday**
[May 1st]

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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The Hieromartyr Macarius, Metropolitan of Kiev (Commemorated on May 1), was earlier the archimandrite of the Vilensk Holy Trinity monastery.

In 1495, after the death of Metropolitan Jonah of Kiev, Macarius was chosen and ordained in his place by an assembly of hierarchs; Vassian of Vladimir, Luke of Polotsk, Vassian of Turov and Jonah of Lutsk. Papers of blessing were sent from Constantinople by the Patriarch Niphon, confirming the election of Saint Macarius to the metropolitan See of Kiev. On May 1, 1497 Tatars invading Russia killed Metropolitan Macarius of Kiev and All Rus in the village of Strigolovo, at the River Vzhischa, where the saint was conducting divine services. Many of his flock were killed with him, or taken into captivity. The holy incorrupt relics of Saint Macarius, glorified by God with miracles, rest now at Kiev at the Vladimir cathedral church.

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**TODAY - Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery
after Divine Liturgy - (*Weather Permitting*)**

A reminder for those who will go to the cemetery, whether it’s just to bless graves or to also stay afterward for the Paschal picnic:

- * bring your favorite Pascha food and beverages, or anything people will enjoy;
- * bring chairs or lawnchairs if you wish to relax afterwards;
- * dress appropriately for that day’s weather (jackets, hats, sunscreen, etc...); and
- * bringing a change of comfortable clothing and most importantly, comfortable shoes or sneakers (it doesn’t hurt)!