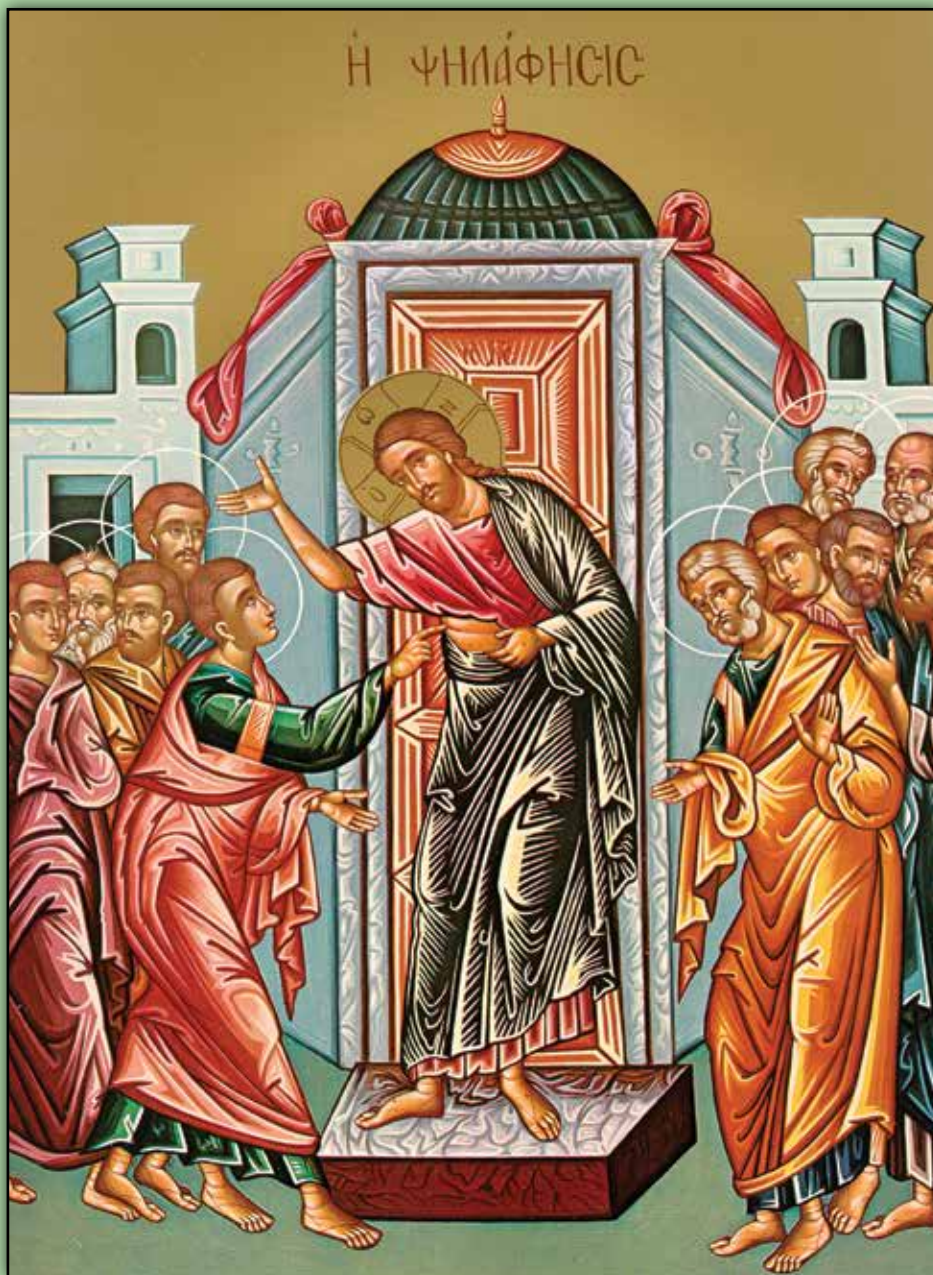


THOMAS SUNDAY



Icon of Saint Thomas and the Lord

April 11, 2021: Thomas Sunday

Epistle: Acts 5: 12-20

Gospel: Jn. 20: 19-31

Mon., April 12	9:00	+ John, Anastasia, Paul & Marie (Family)
Tues., April 13	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawko (Rosemarie Sember)
Wed., April 14		No Divine Liturgy Today
Thurs. April 15	9:00	+ Deceased Members of the Surkey Family (Gloria Jablonski)
Fri., April 16	10:00	Funeral: + Myron Krenitsky
Sat., April 17		No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Sun., April 18		Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers 10:00 + Matthew Kime (John & Mary Ann Turko)



SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS

The Sunday after Pascha is called the Sunday of Thomas. The name comes from the gospel that is read on this Sunday. The Gospel begins with Jesus appearing to His Disciples on the evening of His Resurrection.

When it was late that same day, the first day of the week. . . Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you".

...And after eight days, his Disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors be-

ing closed, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you!" (Jn. 20:19-27)

Thomas was not present when Jesus first showed Himself to His Disciples. When the Apostles told Thomas of the Lord's appearance, he said that he would not believe until he saw Jesus Himself. Eight days later, Jesus again appeared and called Thomas to Him and showed His hands and side that Thomas might believe.

The Church remembers this gathering of the Disciples and celebrates Thomas' confession on the eighth day after the feast of The Resurrection. Thomas' brief but pointed affirmation of belief "My Lord and my God," (Jn. 20:28) is the title often given to the Icon of St. Thomas. It portrays the greatest

confession of anyone in the Gospels. Thomas, who has seen Christ in His earthly existence, now is transformed to see Christ through the eyes of faith.

In the Icon, Christ shows Himself to Thomas. Christ, the dominant figure at the center, initiates the activity in the Icon as He bends toward Thomas and shows him His side. Thomas is called to see and believe. The remaining Apostles stand as witnesses to the Risen Lord. This event takes place in the upper room where the Disciples gathered, and the closed doors witness to Christ's entering even though the doors were locked. This Icon is a witness of the Resurrection. It is a witness to us and a call to believe and profess our faith in Christ, our Lord and our God.

OUR SINCEREST THANKS

Our sincerest thanks to all the members of our church who gave of their time and talent to decorate and prepare the church for Holy Week and the celebration of Pascha -- We thank

you for all your help. We also thank all those who helped with the singing. May God bless all of you for bringing the Risen Christ in our midst.

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

Easter Greeting - we greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!"

for 40 days, until Ascension Day.

No Kneeling - Please remember that here is NO kneeling during the entire Easter Season. Kneeling has been our position of prayer during the Holy Season of the Great Fast (Lent) as the

expression of our humility and our repentance.

The Paschal Troparion - “Christ

is risen from the dead” is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Eve of Ascension.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

1. The first book of the Bible never used the word “apple” when referring to the “forbidden fruit. Some believe it was a grape, fig, pomegranate, or mushroom. (Gen 2:16-17)
2. In 1238, the books of the Bible were separated into chapters by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro. Verse divisions did not come about until 1551 by Robertus Stephanus.
3. Sacred Scripture is historically accurate. During the time the New Testament was being written, the events of the time were also being reported by a secular Jewish historian by the name of Josephus. A Roman historian named Tacitus also confirmed the events.
4. All of the books of the Bible have been translated into more than 1,200 languages and is the best-selling book in history.
5. The shortest verse in the Scriptures is John 11:35 “Jesus wept.”
6. What came first, the chicken or the egg? The chicken, of course. Solved in Genesis 1:20-22.

THE GREAT CONFUSION:

“SPECTATOR” OR “PARTICIPANT”

It seems that when people go to a sporting event, a football, basketball, or baseball game where they are supposed to be spectators, they act like participants.

BUT...

When they go to church, where they are supposed to be participants, they instead act like spectators.

YOU may think this is funny and that perhaps this statement is meant to

be a joke. It Is Not!

You must Participate in church and let God Participate in Your Life.

Imagine half the members of your favorite team choosing to sit and watch the game instead of playing in it – Crazy, Yes? How much more ridiculous is it that men, women, boys, girls who have been

baptized, confirmed, blessed, saved by the blood of our Lord, VIEW

Church as merely an occasional spectator event.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW

TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY ASK,
SOMEONE WILL HELP!

MY CHURCH

My Church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring

them.

MY CHURCH will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church of noble spirit, if I, who make what it is, am filled with those things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

SPRING IS HERE!

It's time to order your spring/Mother's Day flowers. For only \$20, you can purchase a ten-inch hanging basket of flowers to beautify your porch or yard. At the same time, you will be donating a portion of that price to our parish. Order by Monday, April 19th. Pay for

and pick up a voucher on April 24th. Choose your hanging basket the week of May 2nd from among hundreds of beautiful flowers at Jerry's For All Seasons. To place an order, call: Julie (570) 357-6171; Michaelene (570) 209-2026; or Mary Ann (570) 313-1989.

TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN "SVIACHENE" TAKE-OUT EASTER DINNER

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church
430 North Seventh Avenue - Scranton

Sunday, April 25th
Pickup between 11:00am and 1:00pm

Kobasa - Sliced Ham - Red Horseradish - Potato Salad
Paska Bread - Dessert - Bottled Water

\$13.00 per person
By Advance Reservation Only
Phone Maria @ 570 503-1514
No Later Than Tuesday, April 20
As Reservations are Limited

Variety Basket Raffle and 50/50 Drawing Will Be Available

FURNITURE/RUMMAGE SALE 2021

Only 12 days away. Dates: Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24th, (9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.) for the 11th annual fundraiser rummage furniture sale at St. C rils Church/school gym. We need you to volunteer: parishioners, (men, women, teenagers) friends, family, and non-parishioners “Bodies” to help the CHURCH event, thr oughout the 2- day sale. People can help out by standing/sitting at the entrance to the gym, to count customers entering (CDC guidelines), customer service, helping on the selling floor, wrapping, and help to bag the items, cashier, offer help with the books/library, Jewelry area, selling soda/water only, being in the back yard of church/rectory helping out with our customers, carrying items to their cars, etc... (2 days out of 365 days) Wear a Mask and keep a social distance!

There are countless ways to lend a helping hand to this CHURCH event. We understand everyone has some reason not to help, (age, health, family obligations, etc...) Consider the importance of this major fundraiser, it is a continuous event that has financially supported the CHURCH. The net profit for the Rummages sales over the past 10 years, approximately \$165,000.00 Yes, quite an accomplishment considering “Trash to Treasure” and all merchandise has been donated. We are all 10 years older and feel aches and pains. WE are going to do the best we can, and have a successful Spring 2021 SALE. Contact Lauren (cell 646-241-9443) that we can have enough coverage throughout the day, each sale day. Come for a few hours, at your convenience. We are talked about this..... We are offering a 10% discount on your purchases when you volunteer for over 4 hours.

Volunteers are needed for the PRE-rummage sale setup. We open boxes and bins, items are categorized by price and put on the tables. Every helping hand is appreciated to accomplish our “to-do” list. We worked an average of 4 hours/day, in getting the gym ready for the “public” to come and shop. We still want

to opened more boxes, etc.....and do what we can do to get merchandise on the floor. Thank-you! All your efforts are appreciated. (1 to 12 days out of 365 days)

Schedule: Volunteers, Contact Lauren at Cell phone 646-241-9443

Monday, April 12th	10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 13th	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	closed
Wednesday, April 14th	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 15th	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	closed
Friday, April 16th	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 17,	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	closed
*Sunday, April 18th	Noon-4:00 p.m. *(5 days before the sale)	closed

Everyone is welcome to help out with the CHURCH fundraiser. Hours are available in the m nning and evening. Contact Lauren to ensure the gym will be open at that time, at cell 646-241-9443. Lauren will continue for the 11th year as our chairman with a lot of volunteers to make it happen.

TARPS NEEDED: We would like to borrow your tarps for the 2021 Sale. Please label them with your name so that we can return them. We need them before April 21st.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Joseph Smagula and Ron Barkofsky. the month of April 2021 is Team #4:

Sunday Collection for April 2 - 4, 2021: \$

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Incorruptible but Touchable

The Lord's body that made its entrance to the disciples through closed doors was the same as that which issued before the eyes of people from the Virgin's closed womb at His birth.

Is it surprising that He who was now going to live forever made His entrance through closed doors after His resurrection, who on His coming in order to die made His appearance from the unopened womb of a virgin?

But because the faith of those who beheld it wavered concerning the body they could see, He showed them at once His hands and His side, offering them the body that He brought in through the closed doors to touch.

By this action He revealed two wonderful and, according to human reason, quite contradictory things. He showed them that after His resurrection His body was both incorruptible and yet could be touched ...

By showing us that it is incorruptible, He would urge us on toward our reward, and by offering it as touchable He would dispose us toward faith.

He manifested Himself as both incorruptible and touchable to show us that His body after His resurrection was of the same nature as ours but of a different sort of glory.

St. Gregory the Great