

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!



Christos Voskrese!

Voistinnu Voskrese!

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SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2018 - SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday April 15 – *Saint Thomas Sunday* (Second Sunday of Pascha)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 199-200 (including the Antiphons from Pascha)

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Daniel will be away **this Tuesday April 17, 2018 until this Friday April 20, 2018 for the Diocesan Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth.** If you need the services of a priest, please call **Father Eli at (570) 947-3708.**

Saturday April 21 – (Apostle Herodion of The Seventy) – *Divine Liturgy in Memory of Denise Sovitch*

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns for the Departed (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 235-240 (no minor tones during the Paschal Season)

Epistle: Acts 5:21-33

Gospel: John 6:14-27

Sunday April 22 – *Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women and Joseph of Arimathea* (Third Sunday of Pascha)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 200-201

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:42-47, 16:1-8

Panachida for Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

Confessions: **(30 minutes) Prior to as well as following scheduled services.** When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. John Hrywnak. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Frank Shimo. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. Elizabeth Dutko. AnnMarie Tighe. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Mary and Patricia Snell given by Family.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

April 8, 2018

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

UPDATE! **9 BOXES OF FOOD** were delivered to the Bread Basket this past Wednesday (4/11/18)! The volunteers there are truly grateful for all the food that will go to help those families in need. Let's keep up the donations!

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food...'"

\$545.09	General Collection
\$173.00	7 Day Light
\$91.00	Pirohi
\$108.00	Holy Days
\$95.00	Church Dues
\$26.00	Taper candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$35.00	Palm Sunday
\$1,965.00	Easter Offering
\$205.00	<u>Patriarchal Pence</u>
\$3,250.09	Total Collection

PARISH NEWS

- The **Parish Board** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Church School** will be held **this morning, and Sunday April 29**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet **next Sunday, April 22**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Altar Society** will meet **Sunday, April 29**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!

Thank you to all those, especially the Men's Club, Nancy Barnett, and Christina Bracey, who made the Easter Egg Hunt on Pascha a possibility and so much fun for the children!

Also, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, cards, and gifts on the occasion of the Feast of our Lord's Resurrection! You are truly most kind!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Christina Bracey, who celebrated her birthday this past Friday, April 13, 2018! May God grant her many happy and blessed years!
Na M'nohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Christos Voskrese!

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE / DEANERY

- **Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat** at Camp Nazareth! Our Diocese is pleased to offer its first annual Senior Citizens' Retreat this year from April 23-25 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA, for all Seniors age 65 and older. Join His Grace Bishop Gregory for 3 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. For more information, visit www.acrod.org or see Father Daniel.
- **Young Adult Spring Retreat** – Friday May 4, 2018 to Sunday May 6, 2018 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. Topic: GOD'S PLAN...YOUR PLAN...WILL IT EVER MAKE SENSE? Keynote speakers: His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, and Stephen Christoforou. Register online at: pittsburgh.goarch.org/ya. For questions or more info please visit youngadultsretreats@gmail.com or phone (724) 662-4840 or (412) 621-8543.
- JOHNSTOWN, PA -- [Diocesan Chancery] - Plans are now in place for the **FIFTH Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter** which will take place from Sunday, July 1st to Wednesday, July 4th, 2018 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. We encourage our young women, ages 12 to 18 to attend. This engaging experience will highlight how young women can live our Orthodox Faith and serve the Church with their own unique gifts. This year we will particularly be focusing on prayer, with the Mother of God as a model for all Orthodox Christians, and the verse Romans 12:12, "... rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation and continuing steadfastly in prayer..."

Registration will be primarily online like last year and will be open soon. A link will be placed on the home page at www.acrod.org when registration opens. Space will be limited to the first thirty respondents, so participants are urged to register in a timely manner. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 8, 2018. All parishes of the Diocese are urged to underwrite the \$100.00 participation fee for their young women in recognition of all the ways that these young women serve their parishes. Kindly have registration fees paid by the registration deadline. Questions about the event may be directed to Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com or by calling (973) 627-1462.

Checks can be sent to:

Young Women's Encounter
66 Beach Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

- **2018 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat** – July 1, 2018 – July 4, 2018 in Johnstown, PA. **SAVE THE DATE!**

NEWS AROUND THE SCRANTON COMMUNITY

KINDNESS FOR KATHY! - Please join the Scranton Community in supporting Kathy Muto and her fight against Breast Cancer! On Saturday, April 21, 2018 there will be a Pasta Dinner (Eat In or Take Out) and Basket Raffle at the Eureka House Co. on 717 E. Grant St. in Olyphant, PA from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM (\$10.00 / person). You can also simply make a donation. For more information, please contact Michael Maceyko - (570) 954-7230, Kristal Sedlak – (570) 499-9342, Shari Kenny – (570) 351-5756, or Donna Butash – (570) 489-9609.

THE HOLY APOSTLE THOMAS

TEXT and IMAGE from: <https://www.goarch.org>

“ Introduction

The Orthodox Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

This Sunday is also called *Antipascha* (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6/19.

Biblical Story

The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews. On the evening of the Sunday after Passover, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, "*Peace be with you*" (v. 19). He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side (v. 20).

Thomas was not present with the disciples when Jesus appeared, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ's Resurrection. He stated, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (vv. 24-25).

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst He said, "*Peace be with you.*" He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, "*Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe*" (vv. 26-27). Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied by saying, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (v. 29). "

Kondak of Saint Thomas Sunday – Tone 8

Thomas placed his restless hand * into Your life-giving side, O Christ our God; * and since You entered, although the doors were locked, * he cried to You with the other Apostles: * "You are my Lord and my God."

