

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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THOMAS SUNDAY



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Sunday – April 16, 2023

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday April 16 **10:30 a.m.**	Thomas Sunday –Sviachene (For the Parish)
Wednesday April 19 9:00 a.m.	(+Fr. Stephen Shawel CSSR from Irene)
Thursday April 20 9:00 a.m.	(+Fr. Joseph Denischuk CSSR from Irene)
Friday April 21 9:00 a.m.	(+Horace Hitchens from Family)
Sunday April 23 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers (For the Parish) (+Roman Marynowych from Family)
Monday April 24 10:00 a.m.	Memorial Divine Liturgy +Jane O’Shea

TODAY – Sviachene and Easter Egg Hunt

ONE DIVINE LITURGY at 10:30 a.m.

\$15 adults, \$12 Seniors (65+), \$5 college students, \$1 youth (0-18)

IN YOUR CHRISTIAN CHARITY PLEASE REMEMBER +JANE O’SHEA IN YOUR PRAYERS

In your Christian Charity please remember our parishioner +Jane O’Shea (83), widow of +Walter O’Shea, and mother of Michael and Lisa, in your prayers. She entered eternity on April 28, 2022. Her Memorial Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery. May her Memory Be Eternal - Vichnaya Yi Pamyat!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

The 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.

We have all heard of “doubting Thomas,” and we all have a “doubting Thomas” in us. Doubt keeps us from faithfully committing ourselves to the Lord. We remember Thomas for his doubt, but the Church remembers him for his ministry as a faithful servant of God. After Pentecost, Thomas went on to serve the Lord faithfully, unto death, by preaching the Gospel in India. Let us, trusting in the Lord’s presence in our lives, be among those about whom Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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.