# Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

#### What is the Artos?

It is our tradition to distribute and eat the Artos bread that represents Christ the Bread of Life. It is a loaf of leavened bread that is blessed during Matins services on Easter morning. The Artos is covered with a seal depicting the Resurrection. The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst (John 6:35). After His Resurrection, more than once Jesus appeared to His disciples, ate before them and blessed their own food. For example, as evening fell on the first day of His Resurrection, He was recognized in Emmaus by two of His disciples as He blessed and broke bread (Luke 24:13-35). On the 40th day after His Resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and His disciples and followers found comfort in their memories of the Lord: they recalled His every word, His every step and His every action. When they met for common prayer, they would partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, remembering the Last Supper. When they sat down to an ordinary meal, they would leave a place at the head of the table empty for the invisibly present Lord and would lay bread on that place. Remembering this custom of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church made it their custom to put out the Artos at the Paschal Feast in memory of the appearances of the Risen Lord to His disciples, and also in memory of the fact that the Lord Who suffered and was resurrected for our justification has made Himself the true Bread of Life and is invisibly present in His church always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:20). Whereas special Paschal breads, called Paska and Babka are broken and eaten on the first day of Pascha, the Artos is kept whole throughout the whole of Bright Week as a reminder of the presence of the Risen Savior in the midst of those who believe in Him and is only divided and distributed on Saturday. In this way Bright Week begins and ends with the eating of especially baked and blessed bread.



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of April 11 to 18, 2021

# Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, Apr 11	Thomas Sunday	Rick Sapko
Apr 12	No Liturgy	
Apr 13	No Liturgy	
Apr 14	No Liturgy	
Apr 15	No Liturgy	
Apr 16	No Liturgy	
Apr 17	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Apr 18	Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women	

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.

#### **Thomas Sunday**

Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31

*Troparion (Tone 7)* 

While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

Kondakion (Tone 8)

Glory be ...

With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimen (Tone 3)

Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia *Verse* Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For God is the great Lord
and the great king over all the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Sion. Alleluia. (3)

# **PARISH NEWS**

Weekly Collection - April 4, 2021 - \$2,134.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Safety Precautions** - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be Saturday, May 8, 2021.

10:00AM - Anyone 12 to adult 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

#### **Prayer List**

Parishioners: Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer,

Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt,

Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel,

Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

#### Notice about the Child Protection

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop, who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. You may also report it to the Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk at (412) 215-5372. For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/.

### Joke of the Day

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

The following caption was found written on a gravestone...
"As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me."

Then someone taped the following note on that gravestone...

"To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went!"