

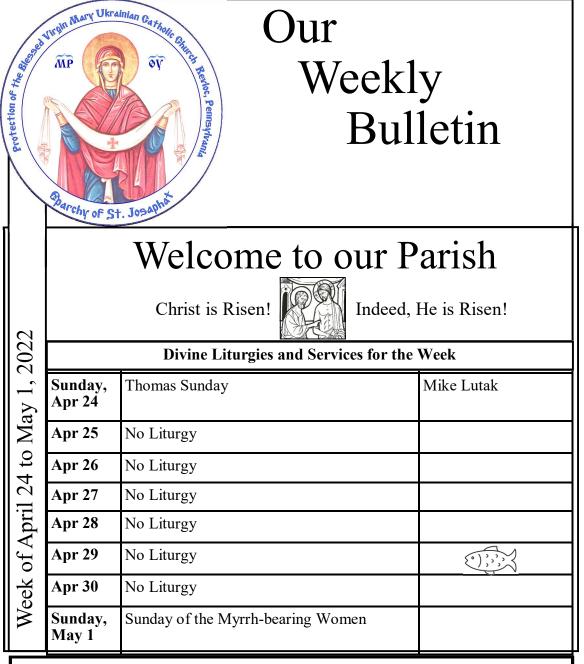
# Pray for Peace in Ukraine

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Sunday of St. Thomas

The Eastern Catholic 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. 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." He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side. 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." 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." 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." The icon of the Sunday of Thomas depicts Christ standing in the midst of the disciples. He has appeared to the eleven in the upper room, and he is inviting Thomas to come and examine his hands and his side. Thomas is reaching out to touch the side of Jesus. He is also looking to Jesus in a manner that indicates his faith and the proclamation recorded in Scripture. The Sunday of Thomas is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. On this Sunday and throughout the Paschal period until the Apodosis or leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Feast of the Ascension, the services begin with the chanting of the troparion of Pascha, "Christ is risen..."

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#### **Thomas Sunday**

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 ...

Acts 5:12-20

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 17, 2022 - \$1,417.00 Thank you for your generosity. Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$2,537.00. Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies. Saturdays with Jesus - Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:00AM - Adult class Saturday, May 21, 2022 2:00PM - Children from 5 and up Relief for Ukraine - Anyone wishing to help send financial help to Ukraine may do so by writing a check to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine. Place it in the collection basket and it will be sent to the chancery.

### **Prayer List**

Parishioners: Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family,

#### Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family, Lindsey Lamer. To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

