

The Sunday after Pascha is informally called Thomas Sunday because of the Gospel read on this day. Many people assume this means that Thomas Sunday is the feast of St Thomas. In fact, St Thomas is remembered in the Byzantine calendar on October 6. What we remember today is rather St Thomas' confession of faith upon seeing the risen Christ, "My Lord and my God!". The meaning of this event is spelled out for us by the Lord in the following verse: "Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed'". And if we did not see the implications of that statement for ourselves, the Gospel concludes this passage by saying, "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name". In our culture the exclamation "My Lord and my God!" sounds like a rather banal exclamation of surprise. Sadly, we are used to hearing casually "Oh, God!" or even the Holy Name, "Jesus Christ!" taken in vain. Yet, in first-century Judea – and among many Orthodox Jews today – saying the name of God even in prayer would be considered presumptuous. Since the third century BC Jews have refrained from using the name of God even when reading the Torah. Only the high priest was permitted to read the name of God as written in the Torah, and only on Yom Kippur. Many Jews today simply say HaShem (the Name) when reading such passages or referring to God. Claiming to be the Son of God was blasphemy in the eyes of the Sanhedrin. The Gospel indicates that Jesus was condemned to death precisely for making this claim. Clearly Thomas' exclamation is presented in the Gospel as an act of faith in Jesus as Lord.




# Our Weekly Bulletin

## Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!  
Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of Apr 16 to Apr 23, 2023

<b>Sunday, Apr 16</b>	Second Sunday of Pascha Thomas Sunday	Mike Lutak
<b>Apr 17</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Apr 18</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Apr 19</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Apr 20</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Apr 21</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Apr 22</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Apr 23</b>	Third Sunday of Pascha 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 kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

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Anyone wishing to be a member of the parish, contact Fr. Andriy

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St. Mary's  
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## Thomas Sunday

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

### *Troparion (Tone 1)*

Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

### *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 9, 2023 - \$1,888.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Relief for Ukraine** - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - May 20: 10AM Adults 2PM Children

**Relief for Ukraine** - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:  
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

**Easter Dinner** - Today will be the Easter Dinner following the Liturgy.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt,

Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

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

### Joke of the Day

We Uber drivers never know whom we're going to end up with as a passenger. One day, I was driving over a new bridge, the design of which was very confusing. Completely confused, I muttered, "I'd love to meet the genius who designed this mess." With that, my passenger extended his hand in my direction and said, "Well, today is your lucky day. My name is Mike, I work for the county engineer's office, and I'm the genius who designed this!" Surprisingly, he still gave me a tip.