

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Thomas Sunday, April 3, 2016**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. Health of Ray Otlowski

r/by Galetta Family

Monday, April 4, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Joseph Kopi - Legate

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. Special Intention Nick Lyszyk

Thursday, April 7, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

Friday, April 8, 2016

8:45 AM Lit. + RJ Shumny

r/by Children: Sam, Andrew and Casey Shumny

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas, Martha,

John, Joseph, Steve Boyko-Yaremczak;

John, Anna, Stan Kmiec - Legate

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olena Kuch r/by Vera Gochal

Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers, April 10, 2016*Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16*

9:00 AM Lit. + Peter & Maria Palka r/by Lojko Family

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Ukrainian Festival Committee Meeting

Our fourth cultural festival will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 12 noon-9 p.m. As always, the festival will feature church tours, entertainment, dancing, family activities, vendors, traditional Ukrainian food/drink and more. The first festival committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

Childrens Easter Concert

Our parish children will have a short Easter concert today, Sunday, April 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. Please come and support our young artists.

Liturgical Custom

Please note that, because of the joy of the Paschal Season, there is NO kneeling in church. Starting today, the Feast of Pascha, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition - but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Spring Dance Concert

A concert organized by groups that are learning how to dance every Monday and Tuesday evening in the parish school will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Come support Ukrainian art and culture. Free admission.

Cataract Press

Lyubov Cheren, dba Cataract Press from Clifton, NJ, is visiting our parish next weekend, April 9 and 10, with a large selection of Ukrainian Books, both in Ukrainian and English, including religious, academic, history, literature, arts and crafts, dictionaries, and children's. CDs, DVDs, Maps, Greeting Cards, Jewelry imported from Ukraine, Embroidery, Scarfs, Keyrings, Magnets and much more also are available. These items will be displayed in the church hall. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our church.

Today: Thomas Sunday

Today we commemorate the Risen Christ's appearance to the Apostles and, among them, to doubting Thomas. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please come forward for the distribution of the Artos and Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

Easter Greeting

For the next forty days, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on May 5th, we greet each other with Christ is Risen! and respond Indeed He is Risen!

The Distribution of the Artos

The "Artos" is a special loaf baked for use only during Paschal services and Bright week. It is leavened, symbolizing the Resurrection; it is rich, made with lots of eggs, etc. symbolizing the richness and sweetness of the victory of the Resurrection and our salvation, and is also invocative of the "bread offerings" of the Old Testament. It is kept until the Divine Liturgy of Thomas Sunday and after the Liturgy the Artos is broken and distributed.

"Pray for Ukraine" Commemorative Concert and Religious Service

"Pray for Ukraine" will be the focus of a commemorative religious service and concert on Sunday, April 17, 2016, beginning at 3 p.m. in the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. "Pray for Ukraine" will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, Ukraine and will be a day of prayer for an end to the war in eastern Ukraine. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this solemn event of prayer, music, reflections and hope for peace in Ukraine.

Women's Evening of Prayer - Mark your Calendar

On Tuesday evening, May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann's Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God, followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Moleben is a prayer service and intercession for the living, offered to the Mother of God. During the Moleben service, Very Rev. John Fields, Director of the Office of Communications of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, will preach on "*The Theotokos in the Liturgical Tradition of Eastern Christianity*." It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall as guests for refreshments.

Mothers Day

On Sunday May 8, 2016 we will remember all of our Mothers at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our Mothers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. If you wish to have your living or deceased mother remembered during the Liturgy, please use your Mothers Day envelope and place it in the collection basket. The list of mothers and donors will be published in our bulletin provided the envelopes are turned in by Sunday, April 24.

Holy Name Society

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at 8:00 PM in the church hall.