

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Thomas Sunday, April 23, 2017**

9:00 AM Lit. + Mychailo Tabak r/by Family

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

Monday, April 24, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. + John, Sophie Terefenko - Legate

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. + John & Helen Bulecza - Legate

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled - Clergy Conference

Thursday, April 27, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, April 28, 2017

8:45 AM Lit. + Nicholas Koval r/by Linda Coyne

Saturday, April 29, 20178:00 AM Lit. and Pan. + Lahola, Stempel Families
r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

5:00 PM Lit. + Charles, John Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

Sunday of the Ointment Bearers, April 30, 2017*Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16*

10:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

PASTOR'S CORNER

- *Where do we find testimonies that Christ rose from the dead?*

There are twelve indisputable resurrection appearances recorded in the New Testament which spanned a time period of forty days following the event of the resurrection. They are to the following people:

1. Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-18)
2. The Myrrh-bearing women (Mt. 28:9-10)
3. Two disciples on way to Emmaus (Mk. 16:12-13; Lk. 24:13-32)
4. Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:4)
5. Ten disciples (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25)
6. Eleven disciples (Mk. 16:14; Jn. 26-29)
7. Seven disciples (Jn. 21: 1-23)
8. Eleven disciples on the mountain (Mt. 28:16-20)
9. Over five hundred disciples (1 Cor. 15:6)
10. James, the brother of our Lord (1 Cor. 15:7)
11. Disciples in Bethany at Ascension (Lk. 24:50-53; Acts. 1:2-12)
12. Paul (1 Cor. 15:8)

Over a period of forty days Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.

- *When did they see the resurrected Christ?*

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

- *Where was the risen Christ seen?*

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen: Near His tomb, On a well travelled road, The seashore, Inside a home, A mountain, A city, Outdoors, Judea, Galilee.

- *How did they see the risen Jesus?*

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood. 1. The Apostle John writes in 1 Jn 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ. 2. The Apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.

Chicago Bishop Announcement

The hierarchy, clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA joyfully rejoice with the good news of the Holy Father Pope Francis' appointment of the Most Reverend Venedykt (Valery) Aleksyichuk, M.S.U., as the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Nicholas in Chicago. Bishop Aleksyichuk has up until now served as Auxiliary Bishop of Lviv, Ukraine. He will be the 5th Bishop of St. Nicholas Eparchy, succeeding the Most Rev. Richard Seminack, an American born bishop who served the St. Nicholas Eparchy for 13 years until his death on August 16th, 2016 from illness. The St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy includes most of central and western USA, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Let us ask offer prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessing of a new chief shepherd for the St. Nicholas Eparchy.

Sviachene -LAST CHANCE TODAY

The annual Sviachene, a traditional Easter Dinner, will be held next Sunday, April 30, 2017 following a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Only one liturgy will be held that Sunday. (Saturday liturgy remains the same). The dinner will consist of traditional Easter food, such as ham, kobasa, eggs, paska, cold salads, beets with horseradish, etc. Tickets for the Sviachene are on sale today following liturgies. The cost is \$10 per adult, children under 12 free, \$5 for children age 12 to 18.

Women's Evening of Prayer

On Tuesday evening, May 9, 2017 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. The homilist at the Moleben will be Rev. Taras Svirchuk, member of Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.) and a pastor of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark, NJ. His preaching topic will be "*Mary in the Gospel of St. Luke*". All are welcomed for prayerful devotions and a fellowship afterwards in our church hall.

Ukrainian Festival in Our Parish

The 5th Annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival is set for Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. on our parish grounds. With free admittance the festival will feature dazzling performances of traditional Ukrainian dances by dance groups from the parish school, Bound Brook, and Perth Amboy, NJ. The 2:00 p.m. show will be performed by children from our school and a group from Bound Brook, NJ. At 4:00 p.m. the show will be by Perth Amboy groups. The live music band "Anna Maria Entertainment" will play outdoors from 5-9 p.m. There will be delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour and a Beautiful Baskets raffle. The Parish Festival provides a fun, family atmosphere that brings our entire parish together. All proceeds from this annual event support the operation of our parish.

Today: The Sunday of St. Thomas.

The Eastern 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. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please come forward for the distribution of the Artos Bread and Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.