

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Thomas Sunday, April 19, 2020**

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

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Natalia (9 days) r/by Family

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas, Martha, John, Joseph, Steve Boyko-Yaremczak; John, Anna, Stan Kmiec - Legate

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + John and Sophie Terefenko - Legate

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + John and Helen Bulecza - Legate

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko r/by Peter &amp; Allyson Fizer

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Lahola/Stempel Families

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

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, April 26, 2020**

Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16

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

**Many Thanks to All!**

Dearly beloved, in my sixteen years as a priest, this is the first time I have celebrated Holy Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services without the people of God in God's house. Regardless of the restrictions of this time due to the Covid-19 coronavirus, I continue to pray and offer services for you every day. Please remember, that while we cannot be filling our beautiful church together, we can still worship together, by you joining our live streaming services on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ivan.turyk> To make your online worship experience an expression of our "Church of the Home," please consider the following:

- Watch the services in a special place, such as in your icon corner or the prayer space of your home.
- Prepare yourself as if you were coming to the church, perhaps even dressing as you usually do for service at the church.
- Turn off distractions such as other media and your phone.
- Most importantly, tune in spiritually as participants, not just observers. This is still your church!

The responses to our streaming Lenten services and Sunday's Liturgies have been overwhelmingly positive and grows each day. At this time, I want to thank Deacon Paul Makar, Thomas Dochych, Anna Lawrence, Sub deacon Alex Bricki and his mother Terri for helping with cantering all our services. Thanks to Maria Alvarez for changing altar linens and Colette Baginsky for baking the Artos bread. I also want to thank all of you who have continued your financial support of our parish. Your labors, time, and offerings did not go unnoticed but instead are greatly appreciated! May the Risen Lord bless you all!

**Remember to Support Our Parish.**

During these challenging days of this coronavirus outbreak, it's important that we practice social distancing and encourage one another to stay healthy. It is also important to mail your weekly offerings to our parish until public services are resumed. With your sacrificial giving we'll be able to pay our bills and continue our mission during this challenging period. Last week we received over \$4,500.00 in donations to support our parish during this trying time. Thanks for your generosity.

**"LIGHT A CANDLE"**

Do you miss lighting candles in church during the current COVID-19 "Stay At Home" time? Now you can have a real candle lit for you during daily and weekdays services at Assumption Church.

At this time while we are not physically able to be in the church, we are praying at home but dearly miss the ability to do so in our parish's spiritual home. And one of the first things most people do upon entering the Church is to light their candle and offer prayers for one's personal needs or that of a family member or friend. We also light candles to pray for divine protection and safety as an affirmation of our trust in the "Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16).

• *Even though we are not able to light a candle ourselves during this time, it is still possible to have a candle lit for you!*

Offer a donation to have electrical or a beeswax taper candle lit for you during the next service along with a prayer for the name(s) you submit. Donations can be directly send to the Assumption Parish address with a notation/candles.

Thank you and God bless you!

**HAPPY EASTER!**

Long have you and I been waiting to say those words, hear those words, at least read those words. Unfortunately, it may well be longer still for us to feel those words. During these days of confinement, everyday feels a lot like every other day. Sometimes you just can't tell one day from another without a calendar. Still, it is Easter—the day of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Just as we have celebrated and proclaimed his victory over death every other Easter, this Easter offers us the same opportunity. Yes, many of the ways in which we embraced the holiday are dramatically different from former years. That being said, perhaps our first sense of the holiday is to note what is missing, and there is much to ponder. Can't go to church; can't dine out; can't gather with family and friends beyond those sharing the life of our homes.

The more such things occupy our minds, the less we feel like Easter is the most important holiday of the liturgical year. But it is the most important, for the resurrection is the defining doctrine of our Christian faith. Saint Paul writes that if Christ is not raised, our faith is useless.

So, instead of focusing on what is lacking in our observance of Easter 2020, let's focus instead on what isn't lacking, and that, my friends, is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Even in confinement, we have resurrection. Even amidst anxiety, we have resurrection. And even with the terrible toll Covid-19 has taken in terms of human life and livelihood, yes, resurrection is happening.

Easter hope fill up emptiness, and Easter love, love that transcends social distancing, keep us united with all those for whom Jesus went to the cross and emerged from the tomb. Easter 2020: different-- yes, but it can still be truly a HAPPY EASTER FOR US ALL.

**Mothers Day**

On Sunday, May 10, 2020, we will remember all of our Mothers at the 9:00 AM 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. The names of mothers and donors will be listed provided we receive the names by May 3, 2020.