

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Thomas Sunday, April 16, 2023**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Teodor Worobel r/by Bobbie & Family
 11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Sr. Martin, MSMG (40 Days)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph and Ann Kopi - Legate

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

Friday, April 21, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. + Ibdya Magyar Denesne r/by ACS Teachers

Saturday, April 22, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Roman Turyk r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, April 23, 2023

Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16:8

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

**Pastor's Corner.**

Dearly beloved, I want to thank again all those who made the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and beautiful this year. I thank all of our volunteers who decorated the church, it looks so beautiful. I want to thank our liturgical ministers: our altar servers, cantors, ushers and sound system person. In a special way I want to thank our choir "Boyan" under the direction of Alla Korostil who provided such beautiful liturgical responses for the Holy Week Services, Saturday Matins and the Easter Sunday liturgy. We are so blessed to have such dedicated people involved to make our celebrations so beautiful, inspiring and uplifting.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who continue your weekly giving and in a special way for your Easter offerings this past week. The collections for Good Friday and all Easter Liturgies totaled almost \$16,000.

We were blessed to have so many people come to the 9:00 a.m. Easter Liturgy on Easter Sunday. The crowds this year were exceptional, almost a thousand faithful participated at all Easter Liturgies!

Once again I extend my blessings upon all of you and your families. And, for those who simply were here at Easter time visiting with us, please know that you always have a spiritual home at Assumption.

I also wish to thank you my dear parishioners for your kind Easter Greetings in the form of cards and gifts. I truly appreciate your love for me and our parish.

May the Risen Lord continue to shine his abundant graces and mercy upon you!

Love and Prayers, Fr. Ivan

PASCHAL ARTOS

The Artos is blessed on Easter Sunday after the Ambon Prayer which is said at the end of the Liturgy. The prayer used in the blessing of the Artos is as follows: "*We bless and sanctify this bread on this Paschal day, for the honor, praise and memory of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we are released, freed ... We further ask Almighty God to bless this bread and that all who partake of it may share in His Heavenly gifts and be free of all pain and sickness, and be granted salvation of soul and health of body.*"

During Easter Week, which is also known as Bright Week, the blessed bread, covered with an icon of the Resurrection, remains on the Tetrapod until the Sunday after Easter (St. Thomas Sunday), when the Artos is distributed to the faithful after the Liturgy. The bread symbolizes our unity in the Resurrected Christ as we share in the same loaf of bread.

The Artos reminds the faithful that Christ came from Heaven to Earth, took on a human body, suffered for us, was crucified, and on the third day arose from the dead to be with us always to the end of the world. Our Lord said of Himself: "*I am the living bread who came down from Heaven*" (John 6:51).

Thanks to Mrs. Colette Baginsky for baking this very special bread for our parish.

Property Insurance.

Our parish recently received, and will pay, a property insurance bill for our church and school buildings in the amount of \$39,891. The bill went up 21% since last year. This biggest expense of our parish will be paid to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook.

It is a tradition on St. Thomas Sunday (Julian calendar) to bless and visit the graves of our loved ones. Next Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. Fr. Ivan will be in Bound Brook cemetery serving a panahyda and then bless graves of our parishioners who are buried there. He will continue the tradition and ensure our loved ones are not forgotten.

NEXT SUNDAY - Sviachene - Easter Dinner

Our annual Parish Easter Dinner/Sviachene will be held next Sunday, April 23, following a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. As in the past, only one liturgy will be held that Sunday. The dinner will consist of traditional Easter food, such as ham, kobasa, eggs, paska, cold salads, beets with horseradish, etc. Tickets are available today in the church vestibule. Last chance to purchase will be on Sunday, April 16. The cost is minimal, \$15 per adult, children \$10, complimentary under 5 years old.

Mothers Day

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, 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 the envelopes are turned in by May 1st.

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON.

STANDING - We stand in church on Sundays in celebration of the Resurrection and also on great holidays to acknowledge that Christ has redeemed and saved us by His Blood. We acknowledge and accept this salvation by standing as freed men and women in His presence. Hence it is contrary to our Tradition to kneel on Sundays and from Pascha to Pentecost Sunday evening. During the consecration and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, we make a profound bow — a bow at the waist — as a sign of reverence.

Women's Evening of Prayer - Mark Your Calendar

On Tuesday evening, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God. The homilist will be Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko. The theme of the homily will be "*Mary: Mother, Intercessor, Protector*". Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this event of spiritual renewal. 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.

World Youth Day.

Lisbon, Portugal - August 1-6, 2023

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Archbishop Borys invite all youth and young adults - in fact, every person age **18 to 35** in the United States - to join them on the trip. The cost of the trip is \$4,300 and it will be covered by the Archdiocese, parish and a delegate. If you are interested, please call Fr. Ivan Turyk 732-826-0767 or 202-368-2408. So far, we have one potential candidate from our parish

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