

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Thomas Sunday, April 7, 2024**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

*Myroviania and distribution of Artos bread***Monday, April 8, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. God's Blessing and health for Olga Tchir

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention for Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:30 AM - Lit. Amaliya Dragan r/by son Ostap and family

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:45 AM - Lit. + Michailo Boliuk (1 year) r/by Son

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Lahola/Stempel Families r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Stefania & Volodymyr Janiw r/by Family

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, April 14, 2024*Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16:8*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Lydia Kernitsky r/by Ireneus Kozak

**TODAY: The feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle.**

He is popularly dubbed as "doubting Thomas" because of his unbelief in the appearance of the Risen Christ. St. Thomas, even upon seeing the resurrected Christ walk in through a closed door, required some sort of proof to mend his disbelief in the Resurrection. Jesus, acknowledged this human need of St. Thomas, obliged by presenting Thomas with the wounds of his crucifixion and invited him to feel them in order to relieve Thomas' doubts.

As you reflect on St. Thomas, the Apostle, bring to mind your own doubts and place them before the Lord in prayer. He will, as with Thomas, invite you closer to the mystery so that you, too, may believe. So as we continue our celebration of the feast of St. Thomas, let's thank him for his courage of expressing his doubts in his faith because that led him to his firm and sure belief that Jesus indeed is his "Lord and God". At the same time let's also pray that like Thomas we may grow in our faith by touching 'the wounds' of Jesus. Blessed are we who have not seen and have believed!

Pastor's Corner:**Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!**

St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not risen, our faith is in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). But Christ has risen, and your presence my dear parishioners and guests at the Assumption Church both affirms and celebrates that most amazing and enduring of all realities!

I want to thank all those who made the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter in our parish so prayerful and beautiful this year. Thanks to all volunteers who baked delicious paskas bread and for their enthusiasm to keep the traditions going! Thanks to our ladies for changing altar linens, cleaning and decorated the church, it looks so beautiful. Thanks to our liturgical ministers: cantors, ushers, a sound system person, our dedicated religious Sisters, Deacon Paul, Melanie, Kenny, Nancy for their singing contribution to the beauty of the Easter services. Thanks to the Holy Name Society men for singing Jerusalem Matins and for setting up and dismantling the Tomb for Good Friday. Thanks to the women of St. Ann Society for keeping a vigil at the tomb. Thanks to women of Soiuz Ukrainok for planting spring flowers around the church.

My very sincere thanks to all the altar boys who served at the Easter services and the blessing of the baskets. In a special way I want to thank students of Assumption School for praying a Good Friday Vespers service and 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. A big thank you goes to Fr. Mykola Dziurakh, a visiting priest from Philadelphia for offering confession. Thanks to all those who took the opportunity to make their Easter Confessions.

We were blessed to have many people come to Sunday Easter Liturgies at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. The crowds this year were exceptional, over a thousand of faithful participated at all Liturgies! The collections for Good Friday and all Easter Liturgies totaled over \$19,000.

Thanks to everyone who took advantage and attended all the services in our parish. I pray that you were spiritually uplifted.

Sincerely, Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

Women's Evening of Prayer - Mark Your Calendar.

On Tuesday evening, May 14, 2024 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 Daniel Troyan, Pastor at Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church in Swarthmore, PA. The theme of the homily will be "Mary, Mother of Jesus - the Love Story of God." 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.

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.

Baptized in the Lord

With great joy, our parish family welcomes the newest Children of God:

MARK DRYHYNCH**ZACHARY CASTIGLIA****MARK HREBESHCHENKO**

who were recently Baptized and Chrismated in our church. To their parents and all family and friends we extend our joyful congratulations!

May God grant them many blessed and happy years!

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St. Ann Society

A meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14, in the church hall following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

ARTOS - derived from the Greek word meaning wheaten bread, is blessed by the priest during the Liturgy of Easter following the prayer before the Amvon - is placed on the tetrapod, with the round metal tablet depicting Resurrected Christ placed on the top of the "Artos". The Artos is cut into small pieces for distribution following the Liturgy on the Sunday of St. Thomas.

The "Artos" symbolizes the Resurrected Christ, who appeared to the Apostles and took food with them. According to the Church tradition this custom was supposed to have its origin in Apostolic times. The Apostles, when sitting down to the table, would leave a vacant place for Jesus Christ and a plate and at this spot they would place bread, reminding them of Jesus. The consuming of the "Artos" by the faithful on St. Thomas Sunday, symbolizes that after our own resurrection, Christ will give us Himself in eternal communion in His Heavenly Kingdom.

Eternal Memory We extend our condolences to the family of Jaroslav (Jerry) Lemega, who was buried from our parish last week. Vichnaia Pamiat.