

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Thomas Sunday, April 27, 2025**

9:00 AM - Liturgy for God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM - Ray Otlowski r/by Joan &amp; Bob Galetta

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Evelia Sastoque

r/by Colette &amp; John Baginsky

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. Special intention

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. Special intention of Iryna Kuzyshyn

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Almania Rodriguez

r/by Mrs. Florez, Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Shumny

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Margaret Ann Willis

r/by Jan &amp; Phyllis Kwiecinski

**Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers, May 4, 2025***Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16:8*

10:00 AM - Liturgy for God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**ONLY ONE LITURGY**

followed by our Parish Easter Dinner

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

The past week was deeply spiritual in the life of the Church and all of us. Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

On this gracious occasion I want to express my gratitude to all of you who make our Assumption church a beautiful place, an attractive House of God, and a vibrant community of God's people.

Thanks to all volunteers who baked delicious paskas and 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, money counters, a sound system person, our dedicated religious Sisters, Deacon Paul, for their singing contribution to the beauty of the Easter services.

Thanks to our parish secretary Anna for answering many calls about the time of Easter services and assisting Fr. Ivan with the work in the office.

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 Nadia and women of Soiuz Ukrainok for planting spring flowers around the church.

Thanks to fourteen 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. Michailo from Ukraine for his help with confession.

We were blessed to have many people come to Holy Week Services and Sunday Easter Liturgies at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. The crowds this year were exceptional and I am grateful for your Easter contribution to our church:

**TOTALS:**

Good Friday - \$1,236

Saturday Evening (Matins) - \$698

Veneration of the Tomb (Plaschanytsa) - \$2,075

Candles - \$1,132

Easter Sunday 9:00 am Liturgy - \$14,177

Easter Sunday 11:30 am Liturgy - \$3,694

May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with renewed enthusiasm and dedication.

Once again, I wish you all a very happy Easter!

*Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor*

**Eternal Memory.**

As we acknowledged the death of Pope Francis this past Monday, we enter into a period of mourning for our Catholic Church. This time is known as "sede vacante", when the Chair of St. Peter is vacant as we anticipate the conclave. Pope Francis will be well remembered for his outreach to those on the margins: the poor, the homeless, immigrants, those with different abilities, and his example of offering the love and mercy of Jesus Christ is an example for all of us. May he rest in the peace of our Risen Lord.

**New Gospel Book.**

Today, on this St. Thomas Sunday, a new Gospel Book in the Ukrainian language will be blessed following the 9:00 am Liturgy. This precious book, was purchased for \$1,400 from paska sale proceeds.

- Thanks to the dedicated workers: *chairperson Colette Baginsky, John Baginsky, Lisa Romanetz, Mary Retalis, Alla Korostil, Elizabeth Wutkowski, Bobby Romanetz, Christine Grausam and Anna Makar.*

We are deeply grateful for this beautiful gift that will serve as a testament to God's Word for generations to come. May the Lord bless all those who contributed to the glory of His name.

**Welcome.**

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests that have come to join us this Thomas Sunday in offering praise to God, as we celebrate Our Lord's Glorious Resurrection. At the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy, as is the custom in our Ukrainian Catholic Church, the faithful will receive a special blessing through the anointing of one's forehead with Holy Oil as well as a piece of the ARTOS, or holy bread that was blessed.

The priest will greet you with either, "Христос Воскрес!" or "Christ is Risen!", to which one responds: "Воістину Воскрес!" or "Indeed He is Risen!"

**Baptized in the Lord**

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

**EVA SOLOMIA VOROTSANKA****LILLIAN FAITH MALDONADO****DANYLO SEMENKIV**

who will be Baptized and Chrismated in our church this Sunday. To their parents and all family and friends we extend our joyful congratulations!

May God grant them many blessed and happy years!

**Sviachene - Easter Dinner.**

Our annual Parish Easter Dinner/Sviachene will be held in the school hall on Sunday, May 4, 2025 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 Sunday, April 27, (last day to purchase) in the church vestibule and at coffee hour. The cost is minimal, \$20 per adult, children \$10, complimentary under 5 years old. Ticket at the door will cost \$30.

\*\*\* *We will also have a special performance by the Ukrainian vocal band "Kruta Vezha".*

**Women's Evening of Prayer** will be held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2025, at 6:30 pm, sponsored by St. Ann's Society. This is a prayer service and is used throughout the month of May, a time for Catholics to focus on honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Homilist: Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak.*

We hope you can join us on this evening of Marian devotion where nourishment will be for both body and soul.

**Garden Statue Donation.**

Thanks to Rozalia Czaban for the generous gift of the angel statue in memory of her parents Vasyl and Helen. It is a beautiful addition to our church property and we are so grateful for her kindness.

**Prayers Answered:** Thanks for those who prayed for Sr. Trijtsi and Sr. Svitanku. They successfully renewed their R-1 visas in Poland and are heading to Ukraine, where in May, they will receive their Final Vows, also called perpetual or solemn religious vows, before returning to the USA in the middle of May.