



***** Thomas Sunday *****

2nd Sunday of Pascha

The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates (“the General”) (364-78).

**** Sunday, April 24th, 2022 ****

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Easter Season Greeting

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Xpucmoc Bockpec! - Boicmyu Bockpec!

Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, April 24 – Thomas Sunday ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) * 10:00 a.m. *** *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.). After the Liturgy, distributing of the Artos (the Blessed Bread), anointing with blessed oil and “Spilne Sviachence”/Parish Easter Lunch.**

Monday, April 25 * 9:00 a.m. *** *Div. Lit.*: God’s blessings to Cecil & Muriel Sh.**

Wednesday, April 27 * 3:00 p.m. *** *Moleben to Merciful Christ***

Thursday, April 28 * 9:00 a.m. *** *Div. Lit.*: God’s blessings & good health to Al L.**

Friday, April 29 * 9:00 a.m. *** *Div. Lit.*: God’s blessings to St. Ann’s Academy students their families**

Sunday, May 1 ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) ** 10:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.): God’s blessings to all parishioners

After the priest has exclaimed, “Blessed be the Kingdom...” and the people have responded, “Amen,” the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

Paschal Troparion - Christ is risen from the dead, * trampling death by death, * and to those in the tombs * giving life.

Troparion, Tone 7: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulchre, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Great is our Lord and great is His strength; * and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.



Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:12-20):

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever, believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats in order that Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around

Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

Alleluia, Tone 8: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.



Gospel: John 20:19-31:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My

Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name. “

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. * Praise your God, O Sion. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia. (Psalm 147:1)

Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” we sing:

“Christ is risen from the dead, * trampling death by death, * and to those in the tombs* giving life.”

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing: “Christ is risen from the dead ... “

Instead of “May our mouths be filled...” & “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” we sing three times: “Christ is risen ...

At the dismissal, instead of “Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit ... we chant: “Christ is risen ... “

After the final Amen, the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims “Christ is risen” thrice and we respond “Truly, He is risen” each time.

Then the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

“And to us he has granted life eternal; * we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.”



Thomas Sunday

Today's Gospel is proclaiming the appearance of the risen Lord to His disciples eight days after the Resurrection when Thomas was then present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ. In the Church services for this day, the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the words of Jesus: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe".

We don't need to touch Jesus physically to have faith. But upon hearing of Christ, we can be spiritually moved by His presence to follow Him, and trust in His promise that all people will be raised on the day He appoints for judgment. Then we can everlastingly live either in the eternal joy of being reunited with God, or eternally suffer the torment of being without Him.

St. Peter heard and understood, as he writes to his flock: "You did not see Him, yet you loved Him; and still without seeing Him you are filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls."

This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thomas Sunday Gospel Reflection -

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***** *Prayers* *****

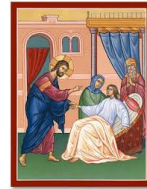
Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak



Lord, Our God, We thank you for the life that is your gift,

For the providence that sustains us,

And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days. The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today. This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.

We humbly beg you, loving Lord, dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.

Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat

You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You.

Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

** ANNOUNCEMENTS **



A warm welcome - to all parishioners who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy and those who continue to pray at home. We wish you a healthy & blessed week!

Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Paulette K., Bev. N, Msgr. Jerry D., Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Elsie K., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., F.T., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Margaret M., Ernie P., Ambrose S., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Lawrence & Ping B., Gladys O., Zonia K., Brian K., Mary & Dave E., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Melynda S., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers –

Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone for

your continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine. God bless you all!



Christ is Risen! Blessed Pascha! – we wish many God's blessings to all our Brothers & Sisters in Christ who today, Sunday, April 24th are celebrating Easter/Pascha according to the Julian calendar. ***Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!***

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“Spilne Sviachence”/Parish Easter Lunch – will take place today, Sunday, April 24th after the Divine Liturgy. On that morning there will be traffic restrictions on the **Overlander Bridge & Tranquille Rd.** due to the annual “Boogie the Bridge”. Please give yourself extra time to get to church.

Day of Prayer for Ukraine and for Peace for the World - the Canadian Council of Churches has organized a Day of Prayer for Ukraine and for Peace for the World today, Sunday, April 24, 2022. We are invited to join Christians across Canada in prayer for peace for Ukraine and throughout the world. We will include a petition during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and will pray one of the prayers prepared by the Canadian Council of Churches.

Support & Prayers for Ukraine - Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please continue to pray for the end of the war in Ukraine and for peace. Our collection for financial support is ongoing. Thank you to those who have already donated. We have collected \$ 3,810.00. For more options and information on how to support Ukraine, please refer to the Eparchial website: <http://nweparchy.ca/help-the-people-of-ukraine-to-survive-the-war-donate-here/>

Parish Fundraiser to Support Those Fleeing the War in Ukraine – since last Sunday we have had the opportunity to purchase Ukrainian pins at the church entrance as a way of supporting our brothers and sisters who will come from Ukraine. Suggested donation is \$10.

Thank You Very Much SSVP – we express our gratitude to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their very generous donation of new tables for our parish hall.

Monthly Meeting for SSVP- will take place on Monday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m. at our parish hall.

Spring Clean up of Parish Premises – will continue this coming Wednesday, April 27th with cleaning up of parking lot and hedges. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Prolife Kamloops First Friday – will take place on Friday, May 6th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.. As usual the gathering will take place at First Baptist Church on Columbia St. between 4th and 5th Ave.

CCCB Office for Family and Life – will present a special workshop on **Saturday, 7th May 2022, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. EDT**. The workshop will be on the theme of the 10th World Meeting of Families, *Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness*.

New Westminster Clergy Annual Retreat & Conference – will take place in Kelowna from Monday, May 9th to Thursday, May 12th.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place this coming **Monday, May 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Church & Residence Carpet Cleaning - will take place on Wednesday, May 18th.

Father Le Jeune 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly – will hold their monthly zoom meeting this coming **Thursday, May 19th, 2022** at 7:00 p.m.



The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, April 10 - \$705.00 & April 17 - \$ 535. *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with the parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.



Patriarch Sviatoslav spoke about the actions of the UGCC in times of war.

The territory of Ukraine in the war was conditionally divided into three zones. The first is

active combat operations. Then it included just Kyiv and the region. The reaction and specific actions that needed to be done here were very different from what happened in western Ukraine. The second zone is adjacent to the places where fighting is taking place. And the third is a quieter part of Central and Western Ukraine. And in each zone, we, as a church, acted differently.

This was stated by the head of the UGCC in an interview with [Novoye Vremya](#).

"In the war zone, they unanimously decided to stay put, to be with their people. We were there ourselves, and we helped others leave. We tried to arrange bomb shelters, feed these people, clothe them and deliver the necessary assistance. But at the same time, help those people who want to move – transport, advice, contacts, and so on. We set up logistics to supply humanitarian supplies to those hot spots.

In the area adjacent to the hot spots, we have created logistics centers and Refugee Assistance Centers that are on the way. For example, in the first weeks, the only road of life used by millions from East to West was from Uman to Vinnytsia and then to Khmelnytskyi (because the Kyiv-Zhytomyr highway was closed). This route was not adapted for the simultaneous movement of so many people. It was possible to get from Uman to Khmelnytskyi or Lviv in at least 27 hours. Just imagine the mass of people on the road all these days. And then we tried to help fill up the car, feed those people, warm them up, dress them. When someone wanted to, we created an opportunity for them to spend the night.

On the other hand, we did everything possible to get other trucks moving from West to East. There were circumstances when drivers sometimes did not have much courage to move further east – they reached the south of the Kyiv region, the Zhytomyr region, or the Vinnytsia region. So it was necessary to unload this large cargo on smaller buses and dispatch it along the field roads to where it was most needed. It was a huge effort. But such logistics centers have started working here. I visited them, and I was amazed by the ingenuity of our priests and the immense activity of the volunteers. Without volunteers and spontaneous responses from people from different churches who joined the mission of our church, it would have been difficult to do all this.

And the third zone is a calmer Western Ukraine, which accepted refugees. It was necessary to accommodate them at someplace, provide a roof over their heads, provide housing conditions, in particular for women and children," Patriarch Svyatoslav said.