

Sundays of Pascha

Each of the weeks of the “Paschal Season” has a theme generated by the Gospel Readings of the Sundays. **Faith** is the great theme of the Resurrection, . . . as St. Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and our faith is empty too.”

St. Thomas Sunday, for example, suggests that our human, understandable and darkened “unbelief” (doubt) may have the search-for-God element characteristic of **Faith** itself.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women has the experience of the first physical encounter with the Risen Christ, as the beginning of all encounters.

Sunday of the Paralytic Man compares the **Faith** inspired by physical cures with spiritual redemption.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman wonderfully assures us that God sees beyond our complex appearances to the well of sincerity with its potential for great **Faith**.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind shows that just as by **Faith** such unimaginable vision is given to a man born blind, so also an unimaginable vision is in store for our souls by **Faith**.

*Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!*

Schedule of Divine Services: April 27th, 2025

THOMAS SUNDAY April 27th, 2025

Sat 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessing of Parishioners Page 175
Great Panachida for our Holy Father Francis

Sun 10:30 a.m. +Don Danko by Bill Golec
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Mon. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Tue. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Wed. 10:30 a.m. +Ronald Lech Sr. by Sister Mary Teresa

Thu. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Fri. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

SUNDAY OF OINTMENT-BEARERS May 4th, 2025

Sat 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessing of Parishioners Page 177

Sun 10:30 a.m. +Johnny Sandor by Sister, Kathy

*Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave You arose, O Christ Our God.
Though the door had been locked, You appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of All.
Through them You renewed an upright spirit in us according to Your great mercy.*

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!
FELTA’MADTKRISZTUS! VALO’BANFELTAMADT!



Thomas Sunday

So, how do we, who have not physically seen the risen Christ nor touched his wounds, believe in His Resurrection? How do we, who may empathize with many of Thomas' doubts as imagined by Romanos, recognize the risen Christ? Unlike Thomas, we do not have the direct witness of our friends. However, we do have the collective witness of those who have gone before us embedded in the Tradition of the Church—a witness that has proclaimed the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for almost 2000 years, especially at every Divine Liturgy. We continue to do so. It is in this celebration that we are invited to open ourselves up to the continued presence of the risen Christ through the power Holy Spirit. We can trust their witness when we hear the Word of the Lord and are edified by His teachings and marvel at His works. We can trust their witness when we exchange the Kiss of Peace with our neighbor and sense that all is forgiven in the Peace of Christ. We can trust in their witness when we receive His Body and Blood and feel, as we proclaim in the Anaphora of the Liturgy of Basil, a profound bond of unity with the risen Christ and one another. And we can trust their witness when we experience the joy of the Paschal agape meal—the liturgy after the Liturgy—and it continues to permeate the liturgy of our lives. Lives filled with the love of Christ in our midst in which the witness of the past resonates deeply with our own experience and allows us to say with trust and confidence, “Christ is Risen from the dead trampling death by death and upon those in the graves bestowing Life.”

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to everyone for the generous gifts and Easter wishes. May God Bless You!

Fr. John and Pani

Donations Appreciated

We are collecting donations for our St. Mary's Maintenance Fund to finish some projects around our parish grounds. We will be working on reopening the Pavillion in the back of the church including a serenity garden with memorial benches and beautiful landscaping. We are also working on the Shrine in the front of our church that is in desperate need of revitalization. We have had great success with renting our social hall with all the new and updated improvements. Our goal is to have these projects completed for our 125th anniversary this July 13th.

***In Blessed Repose, let us remember our Holy Father
Francis Pope of Rome***

***Christos voskrese iz mertvch! Smertiju smert'popravc I
suscim vo hrob'ich zivot darovav.***