

April 23, 2017

Thomas Sunday

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес! Krist ist auferstanden!

I just love today's Gospel story when "doubting" Thomas becomes "believing" Thomas as he makes his great declaration of faith in the risen Jesus: "My Lord and my God!" We read this every year on the Sunday immediately following Pascha. What we don't often come across in church are those other readings given to us after Pascha but before Thomas Sunday. One of those readings is about the Road to Emmaus, taken from Luke 24:13-32.

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke

it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

In the accounts of the resurrection, the disciples time and again fail to recognize Jesus when he came in their midst. Mary Magdalene thought he was a gardener. The men on the road to Emmaus thought he was a traveler. The disciples on the seashore thought he was a beachcomber. Three things in the Emmaus story contributed to the recognition of Jesus: the broken hearts of the two disciples, the broken word of the Scriptures, the broken bread of the Eucharist. The moral of the story? If we wish to see Jesus we first need to be broken. As an egg breaks to bring forth life, as grain dies to bring forth harvest, as Christ’s side broke open that living water and blood would pour out on the world, so too we will live in eternal resurrection joy with Him after we are broken and dead to self. When we get to that point we will see Him as He truly is, just like the disciple on the road to Emmaus and our eyes will be opened; and, like St. Thomas, we’ll say: My Lord, My God!

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner



- Today is a most auspicious day on our parish calendar, a day when we both eat and drink from one altar AND one table: our parish Sviatchene! We have a record turn-out: 150. We wish to thank all those people who made this meal possible (Ted Sywy, Ludmyla Pavlyshyn, Natalia & Oleh Pankiw, Halyna Charron, Youth Group)...God will reward your hard work!
- Also, this Sunday we have an opportunity to celebrate haivky, that most ancient Ukrainian Easter custom of children dancing atop the outstretched arms of husky men and while being borne aloft in the air by their strength, they flow down the line ushered along by waves of angelic harmony proceeding from the mouths of lovely womenfolk adorned with the finest embroidery and jewels.

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

● **Please remember** to pray for John Mosur, who passed away Thursday night. He and his wife, Lucille, have been faithful parishioners and a model to others of mutual devotion, commitment and love. Lord, grant him eternal rest. Christ is Risen!



● **Kitchen Renovation Total** so far: \$10,465 / \$75,000. We would like to give a special thank you to John and Mary Kuzemka for their recent donation.

● **The Spring Zabava** scheduled for April 29th at the Ukrainian American Citizens Club **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**.

● **CAMP Heritage 2017** around the corner! There will be 5 weeks of day camp for children ages 6-11 **beginning June 19th** and ending July 21st. **Register online at: www.trinityacresdaycamp.com**. Early bird pricing (\$130/child/week) through May 15, 2017. If you register for 2 weeks: \$125 /child/week. If you register for 3 or more weeks: \$120/child/week. **After May 15, the price will increase.**

● **Hoagie Sale –to support Camp Heritage** – Turkey, Italian, or ham hoagies will be made by Produce Plus with Beadworks' hoagie buns, Price **\$7**. Drop your order into the collection basket or at the church office by May 14th. **PICK UP** will be after the Divine Liturgies on May 20th and 21st.



● **EASTER Lilies** at the altar can be removed starting **next weekend**, April 29th, & 30th if you purchased a lily or hydrangea for Easter. Thank you.

● **Scholarship:** Students who are attending or are planning to attend **Duquesne University** should be aware of the availability of the **Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund**. This fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne Univ. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards, provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress. *Applications can be obtained by contacting the rectory and must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1st, 2017, along with a 500 word essay, current transcript & letter of recommendation.*

Prayer List: Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. **Keep in your**



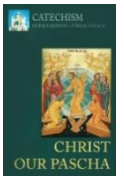
prayers: Anastasia Chruszcz, Stephanya Borszcz, Alice Haritan, Luba & Peter Hlutkowsky, Daniel Holowaty, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik, Frances Ingram, Zac Sudiak, 3 month old baby Jason & Family, Jeanie Kincak, Mary Anne Szeszak, Tom Kerchansky, Fr. Ivan Smereka, Martha Bright, Lesya (Alice) Haritan, and Barbara Spak.

First Reconciliation will be on Sunday, **May 7th** at the 11am Divine Liturgy for the following three students: Martha Justina Charron, Braden Alexander Hoover and Thomas Harout Medwig.



The Parish Youth Group will be delivering 130 lunches to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District on Saturday, May 20th. The total cost of the project is approximately \$300. They will meet at 6pm in the church hall on Friday, May 19th to assemble the lunches. If you would like to support the Youth Group please contact Bo Mykhailiv at 412-7269-8309 or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.

An extra shipment of 10 Christ Our Pascha books has been ordered. The price per book is \$15. Please contact the rectory if you would like to purchase one of these books.



Mother's day Mass Remembrance cards and offering envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th. ***Please turn in your mother's names by Wed., May 10th.***

Email Addresses: Please submit your email address to the rectory so that you can be added to the Parish Group emails from Fr. Jason.

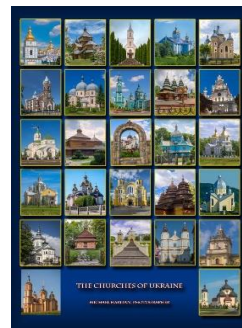
Save the Date: Sunday, June 25, 2017 - St. Anne's church in Austintown, OH is celebrating its Golden Jubilee (50 years since the church was officially blessed by late Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn of Philadelphia).

Another Save the Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017 – The Ukrainian Technological Society will honor Natalie Jaresko as "Ukrainian of the Year." The dinner dance will be held at the Club at Nevillewood. For more information, visit www.utspgh.org.

Youth Group Summer Camp and Adventure to the Adirondacks! Book your spot now by emailing or calling the rectory. **June 11-17, 2017** Camp Guggenheim.

The Scott Township Public Library is sponsoring a *Flea Market* on Sat., May 6 from 10am – 2pm at the Scott Twp. Municipal Bldg. (301 Lindsay Rd. 15106). \$15 donation is required to reserve a table. For more information, call Heidi: 412-680-0546.

Michael Haritan, a professional photographer who volunteered last year for Sr. Ann's mission trip, has developed a poster of all the Churches seen on this trip. He is offering this poster for sale - *with all the profits going toward the needy of Ukraine*. A "12x18" **The Churches of Ukraine** color photograph (unframed) is available for \$36.00 each, two for \$65.00. Checks made payable to **Sisters of St. Basil the Great** and send to (542 Melrose Ave, Ambridge, PA 15003). **HaritanPhotography.com** - photographing people, places and things - *creatively 724-941-2002*



“Rediscovering Your Family Stories” Spring 2017 Genealogy Workshop will take place at the Ukrainian American Citizen's Club in Carnegie on Sat., **May 6th** (8am – 4:30pm).

Cost: \$55 -includes the workshop, breakfast & lunch. **Register online:** <https://www.ukrhec.org/workshop/family-history-group>. **Featured topics:** Basics of Ukrainian genealogy, History of Lemkos, Boykos & Hutsuls. **Featured speakers:** Justin Houser, Michael Buryk, Rich Venezia & Michelle Chubenko.

Bishop Canevin High School will host its Spring Open House this Wed., April 26th from 6-8pm. Families and students in grades 6-11 are invited to tour the school, meet current students and faculty, and learn more the school's Jesuit-inspired education! Contact Marianne Reinhart, Dir. of Admissions 412-922-7400 x 228 or reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org.

A Vendor / Craft Show, hosted by the Southwest Meals on Wheels will take place on Sat., April 29th from 11am – 3pm at Goodwill manor, (601 McMillian St., Bridgeville). Over 30 vendors/crafters, & 40 baskets in the basket raffle. If you donate 3 can goods items, you will receive 3 tickets for the raffle.

Our Lady of Grace Church invites you to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd for a Holy Hour with Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer and Benediction starting at 3:00pm. 310 Kane Blvd. off Bower Hill Rd. Call Kathy 412-276-3374.



(Ukrainian Technological Society) Scholarship application form is available at www.utspgh.org. There are no paper applications. **The Due Date is July 1, 2017.** The scholarship awards social is Sun., July 30th at 3pm in the Frick Fine Arts Bldg. auditorium on the Univ. of Pgh. campus. *Potential applicants should contact their school's registrar immediately for their*

coursework transcript and mail it to UTS Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 4277, Pgh., PA 15203 so both online application and transcript arrive by the deadline.

Pennsylvania American Water is having 2 events: April 29 - Free pharmaceutical drop-off and Household Chemical Collection in May, August and September in Allegheny County. (Call Mike Stepaniak 412-488-7452 or visit www.prc.org).

Community Blood Drive – 421 Jane Street, Carnegie is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 on Sat., May 6th 10am -3pm. ***Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.*** Each year 4.5 million Americans would die without blood transfusions. Visit centralbloodbank.org, click Make an Appointment & search with group code CO180019, or call Diane Solida 412-758-0487 to make your lifesaving appointment!

Do you need Estate Planning, Last Will and Testament, Living Will? If so consider giving John Sembrat a call. His number is 412-260-8605.

The Church was a Mother to you in Life, providing for your Spiritual Needs: Please Remember the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma in your Last Will and Testament. The wording to do this is as follows: “I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, ___% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$ ____].”

Quarterly Reminder (2nd qrt. 2017): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com.

Vital Stats: \$9,069.25 was offered in the Easter collection with another \$254 for candles, \$15 for the Eparchy, \$5 for Utilities, \$1,150.25 Good Friday/Holy Land, \$5 Annunciation, \$10 Palm Sunday, \$15 Special Offering, \$30 Youth Group Sarris Candy Sale, \$5 for Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$25 for the Kitchen Renovation, \$307 for donation towards Our Lord’s Grave visitation / candles, \$678 for Easter Flowers, and a \$40 unrestricted donation for a grand total of \$11,608.50. The pyrohi project brought in a “net amount” of \$276. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for next weekend:

- Saturday, April 29 - 4pm: Al Trautman

- Sunday, April 30 - 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo, and later at 11am: Sophia Charron

What's happening in our parish this week....

Sat.
4/22
Bright Saturday: *The venerable Vitalius, monk*

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the people JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Andrew & Catherine Yuschak requested by Frances Yuschak IS

.....with the baptism of Maksim Chovnyk

Sun
4/23
Thomas Sunday: *The holy great martyr, George*

10:00am 40th Divine Liturgy for Maria Kalachuk JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Thomas & Robert Boyle requested by wife & mother, Betty IS

.....followed by *Sviachene* in the church hall

Mon.
4/24
The holy martyr Sabbas the general from Gothia

Tues.
4/25
The holy apostle and evangelist Mark
The Pastor will be at a clergy conference until Friday, 4/28

Wed.
4/26
The holy priest-martyr Basil, bishop of Amasia

Thurs.
4/27
The holy priest-martyr Simeon, relative of the Lord

Fri.
4/28
The holy apostles Jason & Sosipater, of the 70 apostles

Sat.
4/29
The nine holy martyrs of Cyzicus

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the people JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 3rd anniversary of the late Clyde Stein and for the health of Barbara Stein requested by Barbara Stein IS

Sun
4/30
Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers –*The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian*

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 21st anniversary of the late David Esterburg requested by Arlene Esterburg

IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Iryna Vykhnelych requested by her granddaughter, Halyna Charron

JC

April Birthdays

If we missed any birthdays, Please call the rectory!

Christine Medwig	Halyna Vykhnelych	Bernard Ciarallo
Liliya Didoshak	Dr.Ivan Colaizzi	Brian Medwig
Eleanor Patross	Mary Sembrat	Vasyl Koutsyk
John Pretka	Rosemary Zuk	Oksana Slota
Margaret Danks	Esther Koss	Yurko Honchar
Mary Simek	John Kalymon	Roma Hall
Kristina Mykhayliv	Avery Artinger	Katya Charron
Anthanasia Medwig	Maggie Saad	Halyna Charron



St. Thomas

Jesus



The Holy Trinity Children's Herald

Jesus Loves All His Little Children

April 23, 2017

Thomas Sunday

Vol.1 No.8

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



Y J M N P S M B J D J Y D J S
 C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X
 W X R K N Y G X P O F O M E D
 X M A D V Y G E A X C O R E H
 R X C C J V D R L X H K V S A
 T L L U V E D A E T N E E D M
 T K E S H E H I R C I N S D S
 O X S C W B A S S L O C Y N T
 G R U O L K N Z E C L R G D N
 E O H D Q Z D B H J I I D E P
 T S I U J J S A S R S P F E Z
 H N T F E K D P I A M I L B D
 E T W U S N K D D U L G E E E
 R S R N U K P S E S L V H N S
 R P T V S V D O U B T I N G B

JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED