

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, April 22 Bright Saturday

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, April 23 The Sunday of Saint Thomas/St. George, Martyr

Readings: Acts. 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy / Svyachene-Easter Dinner

Supplications will be offered for+ Joseph Salo, given by Alexandra Kozak. Supplications will be offered for+ Ivan & Eva Salo, given by Andrew Salo.

After the Ambon Prayer, the Paschal Artos will be broken for distribution, and the faithful will receive it along with Festal Holy Anointing.

Tuesday, April 25-Thursday, April 27: Clergy Conference

Saturday, April 29 Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice

Readings: Acts. 6:1-17; Mk. 15:43-16:8

5:00 P.M. No Great Vespers

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, April 30 Sunday of the Ointment - Bearers

Readings: Acts. 6:1-17; Mk. 15:43-16:8

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Nicholas & Irene Staroschack, David & Olga Hodowanets, given by Mary K. Pietrantonio.

A week later, Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples. What did Jesus say to them?



Do the math and then match the numbers with the words to fill in the blanks.



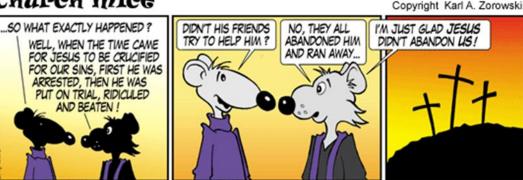
Contemplate the Risen Lord

- * How during the 40 days after the Resurrection He showed Himself to the disciples, confirming them in the Faith;
- * How His Resurrection brought great joy to those who loved Him, but unspeakable bitterness to those who hated Him;
- * How His second Coming, in glory and power, will evoke different feelings among different people either joy or bitterness.
- * How by His Resurrection, He destroyed the fear of death in the faithful, confirming their hope in everlasting life.

Not afraid...

Dr. George Sweeting tells of an incident in the early 1920's when Communist leader Nikolai Bukharin was sent from Moscow to Kyiv to address an anti-God rally. For an hour he abused and ridiculed the Christian faith until it seemed as if the whole structure of belief was in ruins. Then questions were invited. A priest rose and asked to speak. He turned, faced the people, and gave the Easter greeting, "Christ is risen!" Instantly the assembly rose to its feet and the reply came back loud and clear, "Indeed He is risen!"

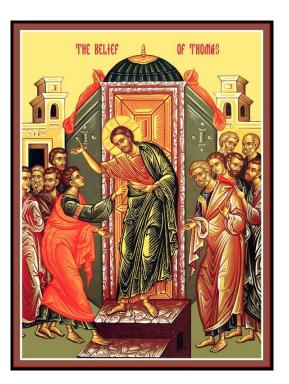
Church Mice



April 23, 2016

2nd Sunday of Pascha: Thomas Sunday; Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 6-8
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)



Announcements:

Today: Thomas Sunday

Today we commemorate the Risen Christ's appearance to the Apostles and, among them, to doubting Thomas. Following the Ambon Prayer we will have the prayer for the breaking of the Artos. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please come forward for the distribution of the Artos and Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

Today:Our Svyachene-Easter Dinner

This year our Svyachene-Easter Dinner will take place on this Sunday, April 10, starting at 11:00 a.m. As part of this celebration the children of our Church school will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the parish grounds. We will also have a raffle of different gift baskets and prizes. Tickets for this Easter Dinner are \$10.00 per adult, children (12 and younger) \$5.00. You can obtain tickets for this event before and after the Divine Liturgy in our Church vestibule from our usual ticket sellers.

Clergy Retreat

Starting Tuesday afternoon, April 25th, the priests' conference of our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy will be taking place until Thursday April 27th. I ask you to offer prayers for all the eparchial clergy attending this conference. During this time I will be absent, but you can always contact the parish office or leave a message on my cellular phone 412-478-5685.

Scholarship

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Ihor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2017

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Saturday-Sunday of April 15-16, 2016 was \$5,003.50. (Collection: \$4415.00, Loose & candles: \$198.50, Pyrohy: \$240.00, Paska sale: \$150.00)

*Sincere thanks to all of you for your generous donations during this Paschal Season. May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: Xpucmoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!



MOTHER'S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
Given By:		

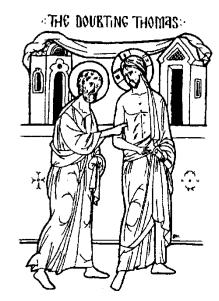
Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

* DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 *

The Testimony that Christ rose from the dead...

How many saw the resurrected Christ?

Over a period of forty days, Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.



When did they see the resurrected Christ?

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

Where was the risen Christ seen?

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen: Near His tomb. On a well-travelled road. The seashore. Inside a home. A mountain. A city. Outdoors. In Judea and Galilee.

How did they see the risen Jesus?

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood.

- * The Apostle John writes in 1 Jn 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ.
- * The Apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.