

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

<u>Sunday, April 19</u>	The Sunday of Saint Thomas	
	Readings: Acts. 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31	
	9:10 A.M. Third Hour	
St. John's parish	9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy	
Supplications will be offered for+ Michaylo Lwiwski, given by Pyptyk sisters.		
<u>Thursday, April 23</u>	St. George the Great Martyr	
	Readings: Acts. 12:1-11; Jn. 15:17-16:2	
St. George's parish	7:00P.M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy	
	Repose of Antoniy, Anthony, Kateryna Fedyna	
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>	Sunday of the Ointment - Bearers	
	Readings: Acts. 6:1-17; Mk. 15:43-16:8	
	9:10 A.M. Third Hour;	
St. George's parish	9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy	
God's blessing upon Maria Perkun, given by family.		
<u>Sunday, May 3</u>	Sunday of the Paralytic Man	
	Readings: Acts. 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15	
	9:10 A.M. Third Hour;	
St. John's parish	9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy	
Supplications will be offered for+ Wasil Pivrko, given by Pyptyk sisters.		
Supplications will be offered for+ Tanka Spinda-27 th anniversary, given by		
Michael and Jody Hanczar.		





Being like the Apostle Thomas...

As we "grow in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", there will come times during which we will question aspects of our Faith. We may question: our faith in God, the Church that we have materialized, the work of the Church, or even our place in the Church. Questioning aspects of our faith affords us the opportunity to seek out answers and to advance in our knowledge of Christ.

Does this questioning imply that we too have become like the Apostle Thomas who doubted the reality of our Savior Jesus Christ? To best answer this question we must first examine the life of Saint Thomas and then reflect upon our own lives in comparison to his.

Although Thomas hesitated and questioned his faith in the Risen Christ, he, upon receiving an answer through touching the wounds of Christ, accepted without hesitation his allegiance to our Savior. Thomas, in fact, traveled farther than any of the twelve, into the land of India where he established the Christian community in Mylapur in Madras. The history of these efforts are preserved in both the Acts of Thomas (a treasured chronicle of Christianity) and the well established community of Christians in India.

The missionary work of Thomas is characterized by both enthusiasm as well as the strict adherence to the rules of asceticism. He was so successful in his efforts that he eventually spread the message of Christ to the north of Bombay, and even to Ceylon, the pearl of the Orient. On account of this, he was eventually cast into prison and executed.

Now, if we question: our faith in God, the Church that we have materialized, the work of the Church, or even our place in the Church we should as Thomas seek an answer to our question. We should commit ourselves to finding an answer through: turning to Christ in prayer, reading Scripture, reading the Fathers of the Church, and/or asking our Spiritual Father. Upon receiving the answer to our questions, we must as Thomas, affirm our allegiance to Christ and His Church and witness our faith through our attitudes and actions.



<u>April 19, 2020</u>

Second Sunday after Pascha - Thomas Sunday; Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit (c. 800)

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 6-7 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.

Sincere Thanks:

To all parishioners for the beautiful Easter cards, greetings and gifts. May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity.

Pastoral Letter

For the Feast of the Resurrection we have received the 2020 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on a website of our Eparchy: http://stjosaphateparchy.com/easterpastoral-letter-of-his-beatitude-sviatoslav-3/

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, 2020

Help your parish during COVID 19 - DONATE.

In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parishes, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to the office of <u>St. George (St. John) or we just added an option to make online donation on</u>

our Saint George's web page: http://saintgeorgepittsburgh.org/donate.htm

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Great Week & Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 was **\$5,7777.33** (Regular: \$4,610, Online donation through our website: \$1,001.33, Pyrohy: \$166.00)

St. John's Collection for Great Week & Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 was \$2036.00

*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: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2020*

