



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, April 6

**Bright Saturday**

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

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

Sunday, April 7

**The Sunday of Saint Thomas**

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

**\*Easter Egg Hunt\* 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **+Philip Perkun & Larry Merritt, given by Perkun family**

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

Saturday, April 13

**St. Artemon, Priest -Martyr**

Readings: Acts. 6:1-7; Mk. 15:43-16

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

Sunday, April 14

**Sunday of the Ointment Bearers**

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

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **+ Eva Salo, given by Andy Salo.**

Supplications will be offered for **+ Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & Family.**



What did Jesus say after He showed them His hands and feet?

Write a word that fits each definition.  
Copy the letters on the lines below.

1. a group of relatives

1 2 3 4 5 6

2. tall, woody plant

7 8 9 10

3. building to live in

11 12 13 14 15

4. a spider spins one

16 17 18

5. discover

19 20 21 22

6. a ball hat

23 24 25

7. the part of a fence that opens

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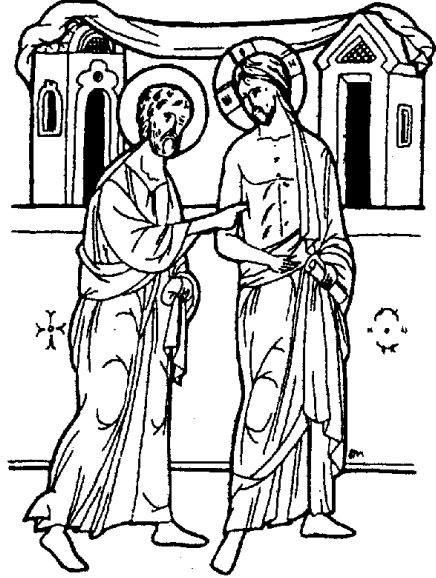
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## THE DOUBTING THOMAS



### ***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.



**April 7, 2024**

***Thomas Sunday***

**Our Venerable father  
George, Bishop of Mitylene  
(829-42)**

Festal Tone

**Changeable Part: Pages 7-8**  
*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.

### **This Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt (St. George)**

This year (weather permitting) our Easter Egg Hunt will take place next Sunday, April 7, the Sunday of St. Thomas, following the Divine Liturgy. If we have a bad weather forecast, we will postpone it to the following Sunday, April 14th. All children from our parish family are invited to be part of this happy event.

### **Pastoral Letter**

For the Feast of the Resurrection, we have received the 2024 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

## 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. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2024

## Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Saturday & Sunday of Pascha May 31, 2024, was **\$2,902.02 + \$1,425.00**  
(Collection: \$2822.02, Loose & candles: \$80.00, Pyrohy: \$1,425.00, Ukraine Aid: \$36.00)

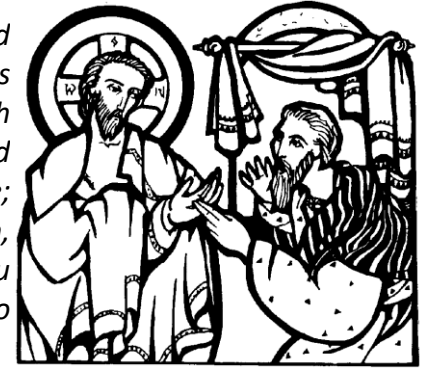
*\*Sincere thanks to all of you for your generous donations during this Paschal Season. May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: **Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!***



The poster features a central photograph of a group of people walking on a grassy path in a park-like setting. The text is arranged around the photo. At the top left, a blue banner says "SAVE THE DATE". Below the photo, an orange banner contains the dates "June 13-16, 2024" and the location "Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church, Parma, Ohio". To the right of the photo, the Ukrainian text "Всеамериканська МОЛОДІЖНА ПРОЩА" is displayed above a stylized logo of a cross with two figures. Below the logo, it says "All American YOUTH PILGRIMAGE". At the bottom, there are social media links for Facebook and Instagram.

## The Sunday of Saint Thomas the Apostle

*Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 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 believe."*



After His Resurrection, Our Lord appeared many times to His Disciples. As we heard in today's Gospel Reading (Jn 20:19-31) He miraculously entered a locked room, and showed them His wounds. Then He ate and drank with them, proving that He was not a ghost or a phantom, but that He was really Jesus the Christ, in the flesh.

St. Thomas was not with the rest of the Disciples in the room. When he returned, the others excitedly told him that Jesus had visited them. Thomas doubted their story - the bodily resurrection of Christ.

So the Lord appeared again, and invited Thomas to put his fingers in His side and touch the wounds made by the nails. Thomas did, and after seeing (and feeling) for himself, he finally believed. He cried out: "My Lord and my God!" and fell at Christ's feet. Christ told Thomas that He was glad that Thomas no longer doubted, but also lamented: *"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."*

Our Risen Lord uses Thomas' doubt to teach both the Disciples and us that we don't need to physically touch Him 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, and know either the eternal joy of being reunited with God or the torment of being without Him.

St. Peter heard and understood, as he writes to his flock (1 Peter 1:8): *"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."*