



Thomas Sunday

2nd Sunday of Pascha

The Great Martyr George the Triumphant – George was a Captain in the Roman Army who disobeyed an

edict of the Emperor Dioclitian ordering the persecution of Christians. He fought the devil, symbolized by the dragon and saved the Holy Church, symbolized by the king's daughter shown in a number of icons. He rides a white horse that signifies God's grace carrying him to martyrdom. Constantine the Great built a great church over his tomb in Lyda of Palestine.

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Easter Season Greeting

Xrystos Voskres!

- Voistyno Voskres!

Christ Is Risen!

- Truly He Is Risen!

After the priest has exclaimed, "Blessed be the Kingdom..." and the people have responded, "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Troparion, Tone 7: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulchre, and while the

doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:12-20):



In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

Alleluia, Tone 8: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.



Gospel: *John 20:19-31:*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 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 have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name.

Hymn to the Mother of God -

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the

tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.* Praise your God, O Sion.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of “May our mouths be filled...” we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

At the dismissal, instead of “Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.” we chant: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

After the final Amen, the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims “Christ is risen” thrice and we respond “Truly, He is risen” each time. Then, the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

“And to us he has granted life eternal; we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” Cardinal W. Casper

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy.

Please Pray for health of – Orest K., Eva and Claude G., Theresa M., Cecile T., Helen, Katherine B., Dorothy Ch., John M., Victor and Gloria Sz., Sophie C., Walter K., Nick R., Kalyna K., Jesse K., Rose O. and all other parishioners and family members who need God’s healing at the present time.

St. Josaphat’s Parish Epistle Readers:

In English: Sunday, April 23 – Teresa Huculak; Sunday, April 30 – Joanne Kosick.

In Ukrainian: Sunday, April 23 – Joe Prystupa; Sunday, April 30 – Patricia Sawadsky.

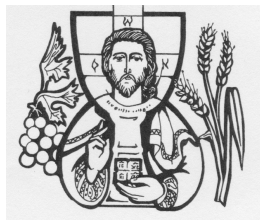
Easter Dinner – will take place at St. Josaphat’s parish next **Sunday, April 30th** after the Divine Liturgy at 11:30 a.m.

Welcoming Divine Liturgy for Fr. Stepan Dovhoshyia & his family – will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m.

Kneeling during the Easter Season – a reminder that traditionally from Easter Sunday until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

Annual Celebration at St. Nicholas Church in Coldstream – is planned for Sunday, May 14th.

NO Daily Liturgical Services this coming week:



Sunday Liturgical Celebrations:

Saturday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 30 & May 7 at 11:30 a.m.



Pastoral Ministry & Sacraments

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: ½ hour before Liturgy and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptism: by appointment, please contact parish office.

Marriages: by appointment, please contact parish office.

Funerals: by appointment, please contact parish office.

Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing, please contact Fr. Andrzej to arrange a time.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. ***You are a member of the Catholic Church*** (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);
2. ***You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;***
3. ***You attend Divine Services regularly;***
4. ***Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;***
5. ***You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy*** (water & medicine does not break the fast).
6. ***You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.***
7. ***To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.***

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.