

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Βοσκειρε!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!
Воистину Воскрепе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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12 April, 2015: Sunday of the Apostle Thomas

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 11	17:00: Sunday Vigil: + Suffrages for George & Christine Kopcho – <i>Michael & Tamara Soich</i> ; for Cody Fullman – <i>Louise Brehun</i> ; for Joseph Christie – <i>Betty Lipko</i> .
Sun. Apr. 12	10:30: Thomas Sunday: + Suffrages for the parish ; for Peter Shultz – <i>Rose & Charles Overly</i> ; for Michael Brehun – <i>Helen Homulka</i>
Sat. Apr. 18	17:00 Sunday Vigil + Suffrages for Julia & Michael Osif, Sr. – <i>Martin, Dorothy, Tina Osif</i> , for Cody Fullman – <i>Barbara and Jerry Chirdon</i> ; for Joseph Christie – <i>Marge Hulyk</i>
Sun. Apr. 19	10:30 Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women: + Suffrages for the parish ; for John Osif – <i>Allen and Jolene Abbott</i> , for Mary Miscik – <i>Judy Ulishney</i> ; for Rosemarie Macchiaroli – <i>John & Madeline Keane</i> Memorial Service for P. Arthur Shutt , 40 th Day Anniversary

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	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	
Sat. Apr. 11	-----	M. Harhai	R. Garber, D. Mihalko	
Sun. Apr. 12	Ruggieri, Syphans	O. Syphan	G. Krynicki, J. Overdorff	
Sat. Apr. 18	-----	L. Knouse	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer	
Sun. Apr. 19	Hess Brothers	A. Prizzi	D. Hess, R. Knouse	
4/5/15 Collection:	Pascha: \$3005.00 Student \$20.00	Holy Days \$845.00; Candles \$74.00	Eastern Churches \$10.00 Total: \$4050.00.	
Attendance:	Holy Wednesday: 28 Holy Sabbath: 65	Holy Thursday: 35 Holy Pascha: 101 + 13 visitors	Holy Friday: 68	
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THE EIGHTH DAY: The celebration of Pascha reveals the mystery of the **eighth day**. It is not merely an historical reenactment of the event of Christ's Resurrection. It is a way to experience the new creation of the world, a taste of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. This new day is conveyed to the faithful in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day.

THE «ARTOS»: One of the many traditions at the feast of Pascha is the blessing of a loaf of leavened bread stamped with the image of the Cross or of the Resurrection, called the **Artos** – Greek for *bread*. It is blessed after the Ambon Prayer at the Paschal Divine Liturgy. <http://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha>

The **Artos** serves to remind us of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst* (John 6:35). After His Resurrection, more than once Jesus appeared to His disciples, ate before them and blessed their own food. For example, as evening fell on the first day of His Resurrection, He was recognized in Emmaus by two of His disciples as He blessed and broke bread (Luke 24:13-35). On the 40th day after His Resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and His disciples and followers found comfort in their memories of the Lord: they recalled His every word, His every step and His every action. When they met for common prayer, they would partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, remembering the Last Supper. When they sat down to an ordinary meal, they would leave a place at the head of the table empty for the invisibly present Lord and would lay bread on that place. Remembering this custom of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church made it their custom to put out the Artos at the Paschal Feast in memory of the appearances of the Risen Lord to His disciples, and also in memory of the fact that the Lord Who suffered and was resurrected for our justification has made Himself the true Bread of Life and is invisibly present in His church always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:20). Whereas special Paschal breads, called *kulich* are broken and eaten on the first day of Pascha, the Artos is kept whole throughout all of Bright Week as a reminder of the presence of the Risen Savior in the midst of those who believe in Him. It is only divided and distributed after the Ambon Prayer on Thomas Sunday. In this way Bright Week begins and ends with the eating of specially baked and blessed bread. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artos>

Blessing at the Breaking of the «Artos» on Thomas Sunday: O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Life everlasting, Who came down from heaven and have fed us on these festive days with the spiritual food of your divine benefits for the sake of your three day burial and saving resurrection, we humbly entreat You, as You have blessed the five loaves in the wilderness, so also bless this bread, that all who partake of it may be assured of bodily and spiritual health and blessings, through the grace and bounties of your love toward mankind: For You are truly our sanctification, and we ascribe glory to You, with your eternal Father, and your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Holy Apostles 6: 1 – 7 Appointment of the Seven Deacons

Mark 15:43 – 16:8 The Burial and Resurrection of Jesus

~ FROM THE FATHERS ~

A GLIMPSE OF GLORIFIED RESURRECTED BODIES. **ST. JEROME:** The substance of our resurrection bodies will certainly be the same as now, though of higher glory. For the Savior after His descent into hell had the same body in which He was crucified. He showed the disciples the marks of the nails in His hands and the wound in His side. AGAINST JOVINIANUS 1.36.

HEALING WOUNDS OF UNBELIEVING HEARTS. **ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME:** He offers to the doubters' eyes the marks of the cross that remained in His hands and feet and invites them to handle Him with careful scrutiny. He does this because the traces of the nails and spear had been retained to heal the wounds of unbelieving hearts, so that not with wavering faith but with the most certain conviction they might comprehend that the nature that had been laid in the sepulcher was to sit on God the Father's throne. SERMON 73.3.

JESUS IS HUMAN AND DIVINE AFTER THE RESURRECTION. **ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME:** He showed the wound in His side, the marks of the nails and all the signs of His quite recent suffering, saying, "*See My hands and feet, that it is I. Handle Me and see that a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see Me have,*" in order that the properties of His divine and human nature might be acknowledged to remain still inseparable. He also did this so that we might know the Word was not different from the flesh so that we can also confess that the one Son of God is both the Word and flesh. LETTER 28.5.

~ Announcements ~

- **Thank You so very much** for your many expressions of kindness and generosity to me at Pascha w/ cards, gifts, a delicious Pascha Basket, and other assorted delicacies! Father
- Kindly remember in your prayers **Walter Furwa**, and **Mary Ann Davis** who were hospitalized this past week. *May God grant to His servants Mary Ann and Walter, peace, health and happiness for many blessed years!*
- **FR. CYPRIAN CONSTANTINE, OSB** will be giving an organ recital next Sunday: **19 April, Sunday afternoon at 15:00** on the newly built Archabbey Basilica pipe organ. He will play works by *Bach, Franck, Elgar*, and *Tournemire* to name a few. The concert is free and open to the public.
- **ENCOUNTER! REJOICE! LEAD! Young Adult Catholic Retreat Weekend** at Mount St. Marcina House of Prayer. **May 29 – 31**, 19:00 Friday thru 11:00 Sunday. Both singles and married couples, ages 18 – 35, are welcome. **Registration deadline is Friday, 22 May.** A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration; the balance of \$50 is due upon check-in at the retreat. For further information contact **Sr. Barbara Jean** at **724-438-7149**. Flyers are available in the Narthex.



- **The 15th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture Series**, sponsored by our Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, will be held **Thursday, 7 May** at the St John Cathedral Center next to our Cathedral in Munhall. A reception will follow. The guest speaker this year is the noted Roman Catholic scholar **Dr. Scott Hahn** and his topic will be *The «Our Father» as a Synthesis of the Pattern of Scripture*. The event is **FREE**, but **registration is required by 20 April**. To register call **412-321-8383**, email **office@bcs.edu**, or complete one of the forms in the narthex and mail it to our seminary in Pittsburgh.
- **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**, Court St. Florian 2240 will hold their annual Card Party / Bingo on **Thursday, 23 April** beginning at **18:00** in St. Florian Hall, State Rte. 981, United. Donation is \$7.00. A light luncheon will be served. There will be door prizes and raffles. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. For additional information, call **724-423-4591** or **724-423-5454**.
- **Mother's Day is May 10th this year. Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the Narthex. If you are writing a check, **make it payable to Father, NOT to St Mary Church.**
- **2nd Annual Greek Catholic Union and Byzantine Family Day at Idlewild Park: Saturday, May 30** from 10:30 am until park closing. The GCU is offering prepaid, discounted ticket sales, Ride-All-Day Tickets \$20. Tickets for the optional Catered All-You-Can-Eat-Lunch Buffet are (ages 6+) \$13, ages 5 and under \$7. Lunch includes *oven-baked chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, chips, and soda*. The **deadline** to purchase discounted tickets is **Friday, May 15. No discounted tickets will be sold at the park. Make checks payable to: GCU – IDLEWILD.** The sign-up sheet and the schedule for the day's events are posted in the Narthex Please turn in your reservations and remittances to the parish office by **Monday, 11 May**.
- **Festival Committee Chairs:** Please turn in your form as soon as possible either by putting it in the envelope in the Narthex or by mailing it to the parish office. Once all replies are in, a first meeting will be scheduled.