

Christ is Risen!
Христос Воскресе!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

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Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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Воистину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

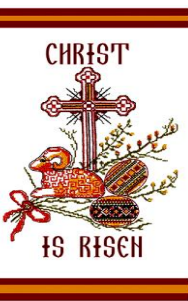
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27 April, 2014: Sunday of Thomas the Apostle

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 26	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + Sarah Lipko requested by Anna (Polechko) Povlik		
Sun. Apr. 27	10:30 AM: Thomas Sunday: pro populo First Year Anniversary Panachida w/ Kollyva for Andrew LeBoeuf, father of Elizabeth Prizzi.		
Sat. May 03	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + George and Christine Kopcho requested by Michael Soich and Tamara Kopcho Soich		
Sun. May 04	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women: pro populo		
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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat. Apr. 26	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	R. Garber, D. Mihalko
Sun. Apr. 27	D. Cianciotti	B. Chirdon	C. Cianciotti, J. Knouse
Sat. May 03	-----	D. Cholock	R. Garber, J. Kontir
Sun. May 04	E. & R. Hess	-----	D. Hess, J. Overdorff
4/20/14 Collection:	Holy Days \$805.00; Flowers \$25.00	Student \$25.00; Pascha: \$3078.00	Candles \$117.00; Total: \$4050.00
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Thomas Week: Our Lord took the doubt of His apostle Thomas and turned it into faith, revealing to him the wounds in His side and hands. This week is a feast of our faith in the resurrection, bestowing on us the hope of newness of life and victory over death, and we join our profession with that of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, “*My Lord and my God.*”



Paschal Greeting in Greek:
Χριστός ἀνέστη! Christós A-néh-stee!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! A-lee-thós A-néh-stee!

Jesus' Appearance to Thomas on the Eighth Day: THE EUCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: With good reason, then, are we accustomed to have sacred meetings in churches on the **eighth day**. And, to adopt the language of allegory, as the idea necessarily demands, **we indeed close the doors**, [i.e., at the time of the Eucharist: «The doors! The doors! In wisdom let us be attentive!»] but Christ still visits us and appears to us all, both invisibly as God and visibly in the body. **He allows us to touch His holy flesh** and gives It to us. For through the grace of God we are admitted to partake of the blessed Eucharist, **receiving Christ into our hands**, to the intent that we may firmly believe that He did in truth raise up the temple of His body.... Participation in the divine mysteries, in addition to filling us with divine blessedness, is a true confession and memorial of Christ's dying and rising again for us and for our sake. Let us, therefore, **after touching Christ's body**, avoid all unbelief in Him as utter ruin and rather be found well grounded in the full assurance of faith.

COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 12:1.

WITNESSES WHO HANDLED THE WORD OF LIFE. TERTULLIAN: Marcion chose to believe that Jesus was a phantom, denying to Him the reality of a perfect body. Now, not even to His apostles was His nature ever a matter of deception. He was truly both seen and heard on the mount. True and real was the draught of wine at the marriage of [Cana in] Galilee. True and real also was the touch of the then believing Thomas. Read the testimony of John: “*That which we have seen, which we have heard, which we have looked on with our eyes and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.*”

ON THE SOUL 17.

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



~ Announcements ~

- **Merci beaucoup** for your many expressions of kindness and generosity to me, your priest, on the joyous day of Pascha. During this glorious paschal season, let us all partake of the fruit of the new vine, the divine joy of Christ's kingdom, ever praising Him, our God!
- **REMEMBER:** Upon entering the Church during the paschal season, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time. Standing is a sign of the resurrection – ἡ ἀνάστασις – «*the standing up*» in Greek.
- **11th Annual Women's Day of Reflection!** Saturday, **May 3rd** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church in Munhall. \$25 includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by April 26th. See flyers and brochures in Narthex for more details.
- **14th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture** sponsored by our Byzantine Catholic Seminary is **Monday May 5th** at our Cathedral in Munhall. **Time:** 7:00 PM with reception to follow. **No charge, but registration is required.** **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Sister Vassa Larin, a nun of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. **Her topic:** *The Saints and the 'Communion of Saints' in the Byzantine Tradition.*

- **NEW EVENT:** GCU & the Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Idlewild Park ---**Saturday, May 31** from 10:30 am until park closing. The GCU is offering prepaid, discounted ticket sales. Ride-All-Day Tickets (ages 3+) = \$19; ages 2 and under are free. The tickets for the Catered All-You-Can-Eat-Lunch Buffet (ages 6+) = \$13; ages 5 & under = \$7. Lunch includes burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cookies, chips, & soda. The deadline to purchase discounted tickets is Friday, May 9th. **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 are posted in the Narthex. Reservations and remittance are needed by Monday, May 5th. Questions – contact Christine Petty at cpetty@gcuusa.com or call 724-495-3400 ext. 3923.



Mother's Day cards and Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes are located on the tables in the Narthex. If writing a check, make it payable to father, NOT to the church.