Christ is Risen! Χριστος Βοςκρεςε! Χριστός ἀνέστη! St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church 4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Indeed He is Risen! Βουςτυμy Βοςκρεςε! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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15 April, 2012: Thomas Sunday

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Apr.	14	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil Health & Well-Being of Johnathan Osif req. by Martin Osif Family
Sun.	Apr.	15	10:30 AM: Thomas Sunday: For Our Parishioners
Sat.	Apr.	21	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil +Richard Spirko requested by Joanne H. Krynicky
Sun.	Apr.	22	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Ointment Bearers: For Our Parishioners

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			Acolytes		Readers		<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Apr.	14	M. Mihalko		J. Kontir	J. Snitz	zer, J. Knouse
Sun.	Apr.	15	D. Cianciotti		L. Cianciotti	D. & C	C. Cianciotti
Sat.	Apr.	21	M. Mihalko		D. Cholock	J. Kont	tir, R. Garber
Sun.	Apr.	22	E. Hess		B. Chirdon	J. Over	dorff, D. Hess

<u>Collection:</u> 04/08/12: Adult \$ 3250; Student \$ 10; Candles \$ 97; Holy Day \$ 620;

Total: \$3977



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**."

"Historically we know nothing about the life of Thomas after Pentecost. There exists the *Acts of Thomas* and the *Gospel of Thomas*, but these compositions are of Gnostic origin and their contents are somewhat extravagant. The tradition according to which Thomas went and preached in India is not proved, but it contains nothing either impossible or even improbable. The evangelizing of India seems to have taken place very early. It is certain that there were Christians in India from the fourth century, and certain communities in Malabar claim to derive from Saint Thomas."

Taken from *The Year of Grace of the Lord* by a Monk of the Eastern Church

During the Feast of Feasts, Pascha and continuing until Pentecost Sunday, we do **NOT** kneel at any point during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is most often seen as a sign of penance and contrition – the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand instead in celebration.

From the "Akathist to the Life-bearing Tomb and the Resurrection of the Lord"

Rejoice, life-bearing tomb, for Christ hath risen from thee and raised up the dead!

Rejoice, for through thee Hades is know and is stripped bear!

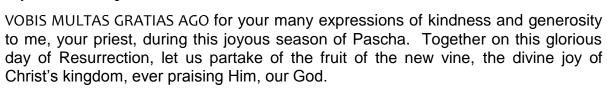
Rejoice, for the naked Adam is once more clothed in a divinely-woven garment.

Rejoice, for the earth polluted by Abel's fratricidal blood, is hallowed again by Christ's abiding in thee!

Rejoice, for when the angel had rolled away the stone from before thee, the Myrrhbearers came to know of Christ's Resurrection!

Rejoice, for when Christ had arisen from thee, the news of this Resurrection Did spread throughout the world!

Rejoice, life-bearing tomb whence Christ is risen!



Paschal Greeting in Greek.

Χοιστός ἀνέστη! Christós A-néh-stee! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη! A-lee-thós A-néh-stee!



~~ Announcements ~~

- The Enthronement of Archbishop William C. Skurla may be watched Live at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18thon your computer. It will be UStreamed on the Cathedral web-site: www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com The Enthronement will be rebroadcast in edited form on EWTN possibly sometime in May. Our parish's representatives are Joanne H. Krynicky and Jennie Gulisek.
- Mother's Day Cards are available on the table in the Narthex. Please turn in your liturgy requests for your living & deceased mothers, grandmothers, & godmothers so that they will be remembered in the Divine Liturgy on May 13th. Once the Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are used up, just take any envelope and place the information on it and drop it into the basket.
- <u>The Redemption of Bathsheba</u> On Friday, April 27th St. John Chrysostom Parish in Greenfield will be hosting the Mid-Atlantic Contemporary Ballet who will perform the ballet entitled **The Redemption of Bathsheba**. This is part of a series on women of the Old Testament. See poster for more information.

- Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Florian # 2240 will hold their annual Card Party and Bingo Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm in the St. Florian Hall, Route 981, United. Donation is \$6.00. Light refreshments will be served. There will also be door prizes and raffles. For more information call 724-423-4591 or 724-423-5454.
- **TOGETHER IN CHRIST**" This is the theme of the Encounter for all the Eastern Catholic Churches which will be held in three different locations in the USA, East, West, and Mid-West in the fall of this year. It focuses on the Spirituality of the Discipleship of the Laity. The date for the Mid-West Encounter is September 20-23 at the Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio, just a few miles from our cathedral in Parma. For more information, go to **encounter2012@verizon.net**.
- Pilgrimage to Rome for the Opening of our Holy Father's proclaimed "Year of Faith" plus a Mediterranean Cruise followed by the Canonization Ceremony for 7 new Catholic Saints, two of which are from the United States. Mother Marianne Cope and Blessed Kateri Tekawitha will be canonized along with Blessed Pedro Calungsod, the second only Filipino Saint. Dates for the entire trip are October 9 to 21, 2012. Please call 1-877-627-4268 for prices, itinerary, reservations, and to answer any questions you may have or email James G. Adair at jimadair@thecatholictour.com.

• The Catholic Tour, a 32 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate, is pleased to announce a