

**Christ is Risen!**  
**Χριστός Воскресе!**  
**Χριστός ἀνέστη!**

**St. Mary ~ Holy Protection**  
**Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Indeed He is Risen!**  
**Востину Воскресе!**  
**Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!**

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**19 APRIL 2020 / 7528 ~ THOMAS SUNDAY**



**Epistle: Acts 5: 12 – 20**  
**GOSPEL: John 20:19 – 31**

**04 / 12 / 2020**

**COLLECTION**

**TOTAL: \$927**

Adults: \$746

Lenten Off.: \$30

**Holy Week: \$585**

Children: \$5

Maintenance \$100

**PASCHA: \$2375**

Flowers: \$25

Candles: \$21

**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.»

**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** for all the many kindnesses and remembrances shown to me on the most solemn feast of Great and Holy Pascha, and also for your solicitude during these unprecedented days in which we find ourselves. I am truly appreciative. Father
- During the 50 days of the paschal season, in Church and at your icon corner at home, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time. Standing is a sign of the resurrection.

- **PURIFICATION OF THE HEART The First Stage of the Spiritual Life** The purification of the heart is the essential starting point of the Christian life. How do we identify the presence of the passions in our own lives, and what are the means, the medicine, that the Church gives us to overcome them?

This live webinar will take place on the following dates: **May 6, 13 & 20 @ 8 - 9 pm EDT**. All courses are free of charge, but you must register at **EasternCatholic.org/Events**. Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses, the presenter for this series, serves as a deacon at Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Manchester, NH, where he lives with his wife and daughter. He is a graduate of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary and now works as a full time high school theology teacher at Bishop Guertin High School and a per diem chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, both in nearby Nashua, NH. Some of his written work can be found on Catholic Exchange.

- **20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS LECTURE** sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary to be delivered through Live Stream on **May 7**. The Byzantine Christian tradition reads the Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian throughout the paschal season. This is no accident. The annual celebration of the Resurrection seems to have originated in the circles around John. Looking again at this gospel in the light of Pascha, Fr. John Behr of St. Vladimir Seminary, in a live-stream on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, will consider what is meant by Christ's last word from the cross "It is finished" - and show how the mystery of the incarnation includes us today. The public is welcome to tune in to this lecture on **Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm** via the Seminary website at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu). The same website will also archive the recorded lecture for future access by the public. *Fr. John Behr is the former Dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, where he is currently the Director of the Master of Theology Program and the Father Georges Florovsky Distinguished Professor of Patristics. He has published numerous monographs with Oxford University Press and St. Vladimir's Seminary Press (S.V.S.P.), most recently a new critical edition and translation of Origen's On First Principles. He has also published various works aimed for more general audiences, such as his more poetic and meditative work entitled Becoming Human: Theological Anthropology in Word and Image (S.V.S.P., 2013).*