

Christ is Risen!  
Χριστός Βοσκρεσε!  
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Indeed He is Risen!  
Воистину Βοσκρεσε!  
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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## 7 APRIL ~ SECOND PASCHAL SUNDAY: Thomas Sunday



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. April 06 17:00 VIGIL: **THOMAS SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo*  
One Year Memorial Service for +Joanne H. Krynicky

Sun. April 07 10:30 **THOMAS SUNDAY** *Breaking of the Artos*  
*Suffrages for +Martin Osif – Dorothy & Tina Osif*

Sat. April 13 17:00 Vigil: **THIRD PASCHAL SUNDAY**  
*Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. April 14 10:30 **THIRD PASCHAL SUNDAY**  
*Suffrages for +John Regalla – Greg Krynicky*

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<b>03 / 31 / 2024</b>	Pascha: \$3394	East. Europe: \$15	Candles: \$133			
<b>COLLECTION</b>	Holy Week: \$727	Holy Day: \$85	<b>TOTAL: \$4354</b>			



Copies of **ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM'S 2024 PASCAL MESSAGE** to the faithful of our Archeparchy may be found on the tables in the Narthex.

Jesus, Who pass through locked doors, enter the house of my soul.  
Jesus, Who did meet Your disciples on a journey, meet me on the journey of life.  
Jesus, Who did enflame their hearts with Your words, set my cold heart on fire too.  
Jesus, Who did make Yourself known in the breaking of bread, grant me to know  
You in the Divine Eucharist.  
Jesus, Who did promise the Holy Spirit to Your disciples, send down on me too  
this Spirit Comforter from the Father.

## **RISEN JESUS, RESURRECT OUR SOULS!**

*(Akathist of the Resurrection)*

**Jesus' Appearance to Thomas on the Eighth Day** **THE EUCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY** **ST. 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, (Closing the church's main doors occurred in the ancient church service at the time of the Eucharist: «The door! 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

Our parish was recently gifted with what are called in Greek **exapteriga**, in Slavonic: **rapidia**: liturgical fans made with a representation of a six-winged Seraphim, the highest order of angel, mounted on a pole or staff for hand carrying. The seraphim, according to Isaiah's vision of God, surround the throne of God in Heaven. The image of the seraphim is often engraved on a circular, usually metal, disk on the end of the staff. The two fans are placed on either side of the artophorion or tabernacle when not in the hands of the servers. The fans are reminders that these same angels surround the throne of God on earth — the Holy Altar. During the Divine Liturgy the rapidia are used to accompany the Holy Gifts during the Great Entrance and the Gospel Book when brought out for the Gospel reading.



## ~ Announcements ~

- The parish is most grateful for the incredibly generous donation given to the church by an anonymous parishioner. *May God grant to this His servant peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*
- **CHOIR PASCHAL PROGRAM!** The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites faithful and friends to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Presented at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church (4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road) in Munhall, Pa. on **Sunday, April 21**, the program will begin at **3:00 p.m.**, and will feature many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, «**Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!**» A cake-and-coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall. *The PBCAC was founded in 1998 by +Archbishop Judson Procyk under the direction of Darlene Fejka and consists of singers from parishes of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.*