

April 28, 2019
Thomas Sunday, Second Sunday of Pascha



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
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St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., APR. 28 **THOMAS SUNDAY, 2nd SUNDAY of PASCHA**
10:00 A.M. **Divine Liturgy, Mirovanije, Distribution of the Artos**
 PATRONAL CELEBRATION LUNCHEON, following Liturgy
 For the Parishioners

At the end of today's Liturgy, the Prayer for the Breaking of the Artos (Pascha Bread) will take place. Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward for the distribution of the Artos and Festal Anointing-Mirovanije.

SUN., MAY 5 **SUNDAY of the MYRHH BEARING WOMAN, 3rd SUNDAY of PASCHA**
8:00 A.M. **Holy Rosary**
8:30 A.M **Divine Liturgy**

ST. MARY SCHEDULE Thank you for worshiping with us today!

SAT., MAY 4 **SUNDAY of the MYRHH BEARING WOMAN, Anticipated**
3:20 P.M. **Holy Rosary**
4:00 P.M. **Divine Liturgy, for + Mary Ann Dobias, offered by Bethany Ministry**

SUN., MAY 5 **SUNDAY of the MYRHH BEARING WOMAN**
10:20 A.M. **Holy Rosary**
11:00 A.M **Divine Liturgy,**
 + Elsie & Guido Ciccone, offered by Loretta and Bob Fortunato

Христос Воскресе! Воистину Воскресе!

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

April 29: Isabel Maruhnich, April 30: Robert Dzumba, Ed Maruhnich,
May 3: Mickey Nelson, May 5: Michael Poiarkoff

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

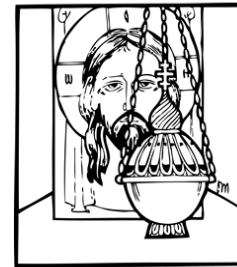
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

Beaver Meadows (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

Epistle Readers – April 28: Joanne Futato – May 5: Jo Ann Hersh
Ushers – April 28: F. Hersh/R. Mudron – May 5: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh
Troica Holders – April 28: F. Hersh – May 5: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

April 28 – May 4, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Julia, Paul,
& Paul James Weber
(In Loving Memory)

Offered By: Dzumba Family

“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor 9:7)



Mother's Day Breakfast in Two Weeks

On Sunday, May 12, our annual Mother's Day Breakfast will take place in the Center following the 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy. We will come together as a Church family in honor of all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and all who portray a motherly role. **Everyone is invited.**

This will be sponsored by our Men's Club. There is a sign-up sheet in the Center. **Please sign-up if you will be coming to the breakfast** so we may prepare accordingly.

Mark Your Calendar!!

St. George Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale, July 12 & 13. Plan on volunteering in any and all capacities from planning, set-up, advertising, or working the sale. Speak to Jo Ann Hersh for details. *We are taking donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center.*



Upcoming Event Which Features our Ruthenian Heritage

The **Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitians** will present their 61st Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Ambridge Area High School, 901 Duss Ave, Ambridge PA. The curtain will open at 2:00 P.M. Our directors and performers have been working hard throughout the year to present dances and songs from Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Russia. In addition to our junior tamburitians, we will have two local groups as our guest. The Happy Hearts Junior Tamburitians hailing from Youngstown, OH and the Slavjane Folk Ensemble from Pittsburgh, PA will round out our show. Immediately following the performance, a reception will be held at the Aliquippa Croatian Center located at 2365 Concord St. Aliquippa, PA 15001. The dedicated staff of the Center will prepare a wonderful buffet dinner for our guests. During and after dinner, the popular Orkestra Radost will entertain and take all of your dancing requests throughout the evening. Our parent organization will hold a bake sale with many homemade treats and there will be Chinese auction with many great baskets up for grabs. Ticket prices for the concert and reception are as follows: Adult Concert and Reception \$25.00 (Concert only \$10.00 / Reception only \$15.00) Children under 12 Concert and Reception \$15.00 (Concert only \$5.00 / Reception only \$10.00) Children under 2 are Free. The group looks forward to seeing all of our family and friends as we present our annual spring concert. Hope to see you there. *St. George parishioner Louisa Hersh is one of the directors and an alumnus.*



Today's St. George Luncheon

Order of Events:

- Following Liturgy today, please proceed to our Center for our celebration luncheon.
- Enjoy appetizers and drinks until the luncheon food is ready to serve. 50/50 tickets will be sold.
- Blessing of the food.
- Luncheon served (tables will be called). Free will offering accepted to help defray cost.
- Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard and lawn for all children in attendance, indoors if it rains.
- Dessert and coffee, social time.
- 50/50 raffle drawing.

Thank you all for celebrating with us today!



O Victorious Great Martyr George, protector of the poor, liberator of prisoners, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.



God has entrusted St. George Church to each of us. We as a parish community are truly blessed with an incredible treasury of talented, dedicated, and hardworking people. It is our parish; we are one in the Holy Trinity with one faith, one church, and one destiny. Each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future! Let's use these resources to build up our Church and God's Kingdom!

HAPPY PARISH FEAST DAY TO ALL!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today..... St. George Celebration Luncheon
May 10 Pirohi Sale, last one before summer break
May 12 Mother's Day Breakfast, following Liturgy (info in bulletin)
May 19 Last day of Youth ECF class for the school year
May 26 Adult ECF begins, more dates to be announced (info in bulletin)
June 16 Father's Day Breakfast, following Liturgy
June 23/24 50th Anniversary of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Liturgy and Assembly, at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall
July 12 & 13 Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale (info in bulletin)
August (Date T.B.A.) Church Picnic

Adult Education Begins!! - As the harvesters of the Lord's vineyard, it is our duty to be educated and well-informed of our Eastern Catholic faith in order to build up the Kingdom of God and to grow in our own personal relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. Our parish Eastern Christian Formation program seeks to nurture an encounter with God that leads **each of us** into a deepening communion with Him.

We are planning several adult education sessions, once or twice a month, following Sunday Divine Liturgy, for convenience in attending and enabling us to keep Sunday Holy even more so. These sessions will be led by Cory Bates, Master of Theology Student at Franciscan University (studying under noted Theologian, author, and lecturer Dr. Scott Hahn). The first session will be on **May 26. Please make every effort to attend Adult Education classes and outreach to others to also attend.** Support your Church!

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might ... to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:9-12)

Youth ECF class resumes on Sunday, May 5 and May 19. These are the last two sessions for this school year. Please make every effort for your child to attend these last two sessions of the school year. Thank you!

Paschal Greetings

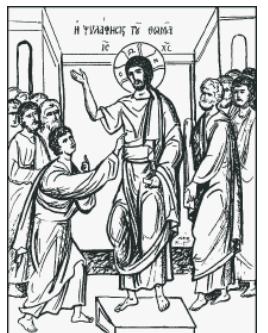
In the Eastern Christian churches, the Paschal Greeting is the traditional greeting among friends. Proclaimed first on Pascha and continuing every day thereafter until the Feast of the Ascension in as many languages as possible as Christians throughout the world proclaim the Good News!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Христос Воскресе! Воистину Воскресе!
Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!
M'shee ho dkom! Ha koo qam!
Hristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!
Pchristos aftooun! Alethos aftooun!
Qimle Maran! Shouha Lshimeh!
Christós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!
Krishti U Ngjall! Vertet U Ngjall!
Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutoc ne vstal!
El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!



Antipascha: St. Thomas Sunday

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. This day is also known as "**Antipascha**." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.



The Legend of the Dogwood

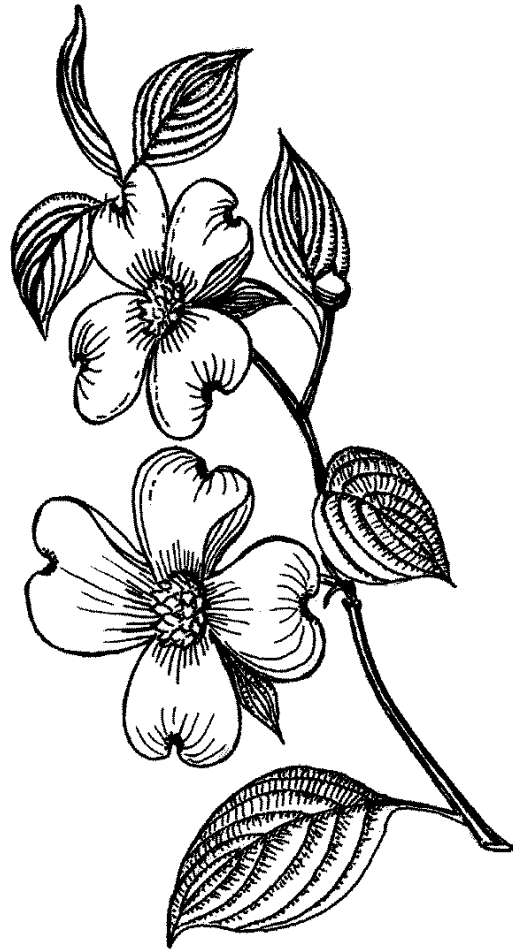
By Anonymous

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew
To a towering size with a lovely hue.
Its branches were strong and interwoven
And for Christ's cross its timbers were chosen

Being distressed at the use of the wood
Christ made a promise which still holds good:
"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow
To be large enough for a tree, and so

Slender and twisted it shall always be
With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see.
The petals shall have bloodstains marked brown
And in the blossom's center a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of Me,
Nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree.
Protected and cherished this tree shall be
A reflection to all of My agony."



PRAYER to St. Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and ever living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Christ is Risen! ~ Indeed He is Risen!

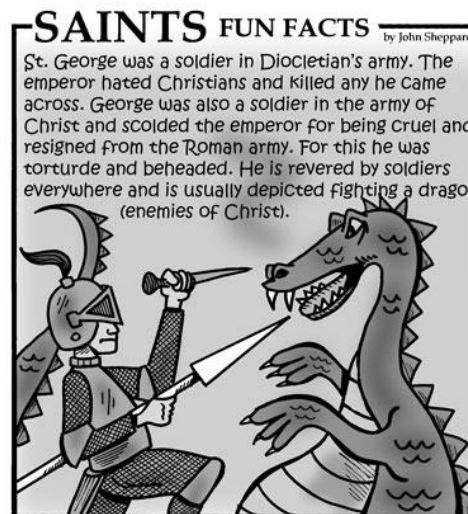
What is a Patronal Feast?

All Catholic and Orthodox Churches are dedicated to the worship of God, of course, and when Christians first became able to build Churches they built them on Holy sites associated with events in scripture, the life of Christ, or over the tombs of the martyrs. And if there was no Holy site at hand, nonetheless a Church would be dedicated in the name of a person or an event marked on the Church calendar. We continue this tradition.



In short, our Churches always have their own special feast day. This is sometimes called the Altar Feast or the Feast of Dedication or the Patronal Feast. The celebration of a parish feast ought to be something special, full of prayer and good fellowship. It is kind of like a birthday party. It is something that every parishioner should participate in, giving thanks to God for our place of worship, for His innumerable mercies to us, for the intercession and protection of the Mother of God on our walk through life, for our parish family and our fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our Parish Feast Day Special!



The well-known image of Saint George shows him thrusting a long spear into a menacing beast, a dragon, but accounts of his life don't include such an episode. Yet it is an appropriate image, because it reflects his courage in challenging powerful evil, and overcoming its might through prayer. The image reminds us that we also must stand up to evil and defend the faith. We also need to be people of prayer who can face "dragons" of various kinds rather than running away from them.

Saint George continues to be venerated today. He is the patron saint of England; the city of Moscow has several statues and other depictions of him; countless Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches are named for him. People still look to him for miracles and healing, too. Among many shrines is a small, unimposing one at Beit Jala, near Bethlehem. Visitors, both Muslim and Christian, come in great numbers to pray, to ask for healing, and to honor this beloved "slayer of the dragon."

The Testimony that Christ rose from the dead...



While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” Luke 24:36

How many saw the resurrected Christ?

Over a period of forty days, Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.

When did they see the resurrected Christ?

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

Where was the risen Christ seen?

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen: Near His tomb. On a well-travelled road. The seashore. Inside a home. A mountain. A city. Outdoors. In Judea and Galilee.

How did they see the risen Jesus?

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood. The apostle John writes in 1 John 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ. The apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.

Christ is Risen! The Fruits of Pascha

Come, let us drink a new drink, not one marvelously brought forth from a barren rock, but the source of incorruption, which springs forth from the grave of Christ, in Whom we are established (Canon of Pascha).

During the 50 days which follow Pascha, the liturgical books of the Church are a well-spring of insight and renewal that aids in harvesting the fruit of the Great Fast — a period of nurturing and guidance marked by examples of people of faith answering the call to follow and serve the Risen Christ.

The good habits and virtues that have begun to grow during Lent must now be harvested to serve Christ in new ways. In this state of openness to our Lord and His message, now is the time to develop ministries, to create new opportunities for service, and to go wherever Christ calls. Thus each Sunday that leads to Pentecost contains the theme of missions and evangelism in a special way.

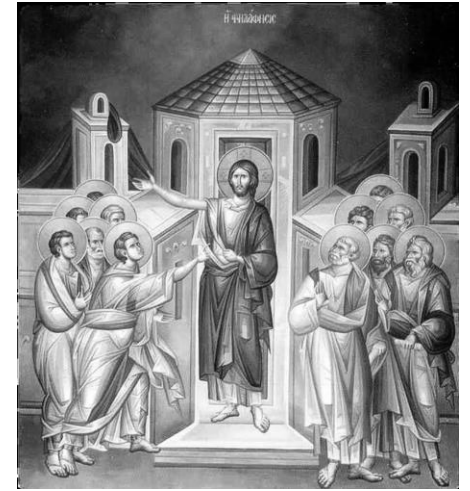
Today is the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. In the Gospel we encounter the incredulity of Thomas. His doubt, however, leads to tremendous faith: "My Lord and My God". After his encounter with the Risen Lord, Thomas is sent with the other eleven to baptize all nations in the name of the Holy Trinity. Doubt followed by a commission to serve Christ illustrates how faith empowers us to serve Christ in unbelievable ways.

We ourselves have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched his risen body with our physical hands, yet in the Holy Spirit we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life, and so we believe.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (John 20:27-29)

PROPER POSTURE FOR PRAYER DURING THE EASTER SEASON

During the 50 days of the paschal season, from Resurrection Matins until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost, the proper posture for **all** prayer is to stand rather than to kneel. In Church and at your icon corner at home, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time. Standing is a sign of joy. And what greater joy do we have other than the Resurrection of Christ?



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- Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office
- Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness
- Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding
- Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy
- Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month, Sept. through May
- St. George Ladies’ Guild & Men’s Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

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