

April 24, 2022  
Thomas Sunday



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Fighting the Good Fight with Faith*

*Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese Voistinu Voskrese!*

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Divine Services for the Week:

- SUN., APR. 24**      **THOMAS SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M.      **DIVINE LITURGY**, *distribution of Artos, luncheon following*  
For the Parishioners
- SUN., MAY 1**      **Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**  
8:30 A.M.      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Carol Ciccone, offered by Richard Mudron

**Welcome Parishioners, Visitors, and Friends!**

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today to celebrate our Patron Saint. We pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following today's Sunday Divine Liturgy will be a luncheon in honor of our Patron, St. George.

**Eternal Memory**

Our church family offers prayerful condolences to the family of parishioner Betty Zapko who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, April 14. Betty was active in our Ladies Guild and Pirohi project. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Betty and remember her forever! *Vičnaja jej pamjat'!*

**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

April 25: John Gural, April 29, Isabel Maruhnich, April 30: Robert Dzumba, Ed Maruhnich

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

None for the week

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Mary Salamon, John Simunick, Marian Yurosky

Ann Trombulak – **Rochester Manor:** (174 Virginia Ave., Rochester, PA 15074)

Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

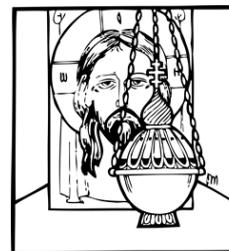
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Wy, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Carol Huchko – **Concordia at Villa St. Joseph** (1040 State St, Baden, PA 15005)

**Epistle Readers – April 24: JoAnn Hersh – May 1: Joanne Futato**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – April 24: R. Dzumba – May 1: R. Mudron**



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**

April 24 - 30, 2022

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

**+Nicholas Maruhnich**

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

**Sunday of Saint Thomas**

On the Second Sunday of Pascha the Church celebrates the confirmation of the Resurrection of Christ. Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the evening of that first day of the week. Despite the testimony of others that they had seen the Lord, Thomas challenged the reality of the Resurrection until he could see for himself. Eight days later they had again gathered behind locked doors. Thomas, upon seeing the risen Lord for himself cried "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." It is not because of historical evidence or miracles that we are called to believe.

**We are called to believe because we have accepted the grace of God found in the preaching of the Good News.**



### Mother's Day Breakfast in Two Weeks

On Sunday, May 8, 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 and narthex. **Please sign-up if you will be coming to the breakfast** so we may prepare accordingly.

### Upcoming Event Which Features our Slavic Heritage

The **Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitians** will present their 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 14, 2022, at Ambridge Area High School, 901 Duss Ave, Ambridge PA. The curtain will open at 3:00 P.M. Dances and songs from Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Hungary will be presented just to name a few. In addition to the Junior Tamburitians, there will have a local group to round out the show; Kolo Club Marian hailing from Steelton, PA, one of the oldest Croatian folklore ensembles in the United States. 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, Zajdna Stanica will entertain for listening and dancing 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 parishioners Alex Hersh is director and choreographer and Louisa Hersh is an assistant director. Both are alumni of the group.*



### Bicentennial Cookbook

The Old Economy-Ambridge Bicentennial (1824-2024) is coming! The Bicentennial cookbook committee is seeking recipes and a story of why that recipe tells part of your community, family, Church, restaurant, social club, or heritage for the Old Economy-Ambridge Bicentennial (1824-2024) cookbook. **There is no cost to submit a recipe and story.** Cookbook patrons/supporters or those wishing to recognize someone "In Memory of" may do so for a \$25 donation, Call or text 412-855-0511 or 724-601-6474 and we will send a recipe/story/in memory of template for you to complete.. Cookbooks should be ready for purchase by late summer or fall 2022.

### A Note from Father Geoff

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the patronal feast of St. George's Church. A parish's patronal feast, like the anniversary of its founding or dedication, is a time for great rejoicing and thanksgiving to God. It is also a time for reflection on all that God has done and is doing in a place.

Byzantine Catholics have been faithfully serving God and their neighbors in Beaver County since at least the second decade of the 1900s. In all that time, countless numbers of people have had their lives changed by our witness. Baptisms, Chrismations, Marriages, and Burials have been celebrated. Penitent sinners have been forgiven. Vocations to priesthood and religious have come out of our communities. Those hungry in body and soul have been fed. People have been healed. God has been glorified.

On the second Paschal Sunday we always commemorate St. Thomas and his great profession of faith when he saw the Risen Lord Jesus: "**My Lord and my God!**" Although he had previously doubted, Thomas' heart was converted when he encountered Jesus.

And our profession of faith is the same. Jesus is our Lord and our God. This is the faith we profess in every liturgy, in every act of charity, in every act of service.

May our Lord Jesus, by whose Spirit we are called into fellowship with God the Father and empowered for the work of ministry, give us the grace to continue to proclaim the Faith of those who have gone before us; for our own good and the salvation of many souls around us. May his holy Name be glorified in this place, and throughout the world forever and ever.

Yours in the Resurrection,

*Fr. Geoff*

### Go Tell the World!

The Father sent his Son, appointing him to become man for the redemption of all men. He willed him to come into the world to suffer – and yet he loved his Son whom he sent to suffer. The Lord is sending his chosen apostles into the world not to the world's joys but to suffer as he himself was sent. Therefore as the Son is loved by the Father and yet is sent to suffer, so also the disciples are loved by the Lord, who nevertheless sends them into the world to suffer.

*(St. Gregory the Great)*

## ***Sunday of St. Thomas***

As we hear in today's Gospel reading after His Resurrection, Our Risen Lord appeared to His Disciples. He miraculously entered a locked room and showed them His wounds. Then He ate and drank with them, proving that He was not a ghost or a phantom, but that He was really Jesus the Christ, in the flesh. The apostle Thomas was not with the rest of the Disciples in the room. When he returned, the others excitedly told him that the Risen Lord had visited them. Thomas doubted their story - the bodily resurrection of Christ.

So the Lord appeared again, and invited Thomas to put his fingers in His side and touch the wounds made by the nails. Thomas did, and after seeing (and feeling) for himself, he finally believed. He cried out: "My Lord and my God!" and fell at Christ's feet. Christ told Thomas that He was glad that Thomas no longer doubted, but also lamented: "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet believed!"

Our Lord uses Thomas' doubt to teach both the Disciples and us that we don't need to physically touch Him to have faith. But upon hearing of Christ, we can be spiritually moved by His presence to follow Him, and trust in His promise that all people will be raised on the day He appoints for judgment, and know either the eternal joy of being reunited with God or the torment of being without Him.

St. Peter heard and understood these words, as he writes to his flock (I Peter 1:8): "You did not see Him, yet you loved Him; and still without seeing Him you are filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls."

It is the custom in some parishes to travel to the cemetery on this day to pray, light candles, and to sing "Christ is Risen!" to deceased family members. Do this as individuals or with family members and make sure to take your children even if you don't have any family members buried there. The children need to learn and see that we pray for our departed loved ones. Be sure to take and light candles at each grave you visit.

*Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*  
*Christós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!*  
*Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе!*



*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*

## ***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 raffle tickets will be sold.
- Blessing of the food.
- Luncheon served (tables will be called). Free will offering accepted to help defray cost.
- 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.***

## **HAPPY PARISH FEAST DAY TO ALL!**

### **Fellowship Coffee and Doughnuts to Return Next Sunday**

Coffee and Doughnut hour will return next Sunday, May 1, following Sunday Divine Liturgy. We invite everyone to join us every Sunday following Divine Liturgy in the Center for fellowship, coffee, and doughnuts!



### **It's St. George Flea Market Time!**



We will again be having a Flea Market here at St. George Church this summer, date to be announced. Consider donating items you no longer need to our flea market. Items can be brought to the Center every Saturday from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. You may also bring items on Sunday when you come to Church. Ask family and friends to consider donating items to our Flea Market. *Thank you!*

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation ..... Before and after Liturgies  
Holy Mysteries of Initiation ..... Contact the church office  
Holy Mystery of Anointing ..... Ask prior to surgery or serious illness  
Holy Mystery of Marriage ..... Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding  
Religious Education Classes ..... September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy  
St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club ..... Everyone welcome to participate

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