

## Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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### Divine Liturgy Schedule

April 23, 2017

### Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Saturday, April 22

6:00PM

#### **BRIGHT SATURDAY**

†Frank & Dorothy Kobela- Ellen Algrainy

Sunday, April 23

10:30 AM

#### **SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS/GEORGE-GREAT MARTYR**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners  
Myrovania (Anointing of Holy Oil) Distribution of Artos

April 24- April 28

#### **CLERGY CONFERENCE**

Father Walter will be away for a conference in Norristown, PA.

Please contact on his cell phone for Emergencies Only.

Friday, April 28

9:00 AM

†Irene Kowal- Olympia Pasicznyk

Saturday, April 29

6:00PM

†Frank & Dorothy Kobela- Ellen Algrainy

Sunday, April 30

10:30 AM

#### **SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners  
Myrovania (Anointing of Holy Oil) Distribution of Artos

12:30PM

#### **SVIACHENNE (Church Hall)**

### Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM

Weekday Liturgy: M,W,F: 9:00AM

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

The ideal posture during the Paschal Season is to stand and not to kneel as a sign of respect for the Risen Christ. This is during the Anaphora and the Reception of the Eucharist. When in doubt in our church, it is never wrong to stand.

## THOMAS SUNDAY

April 23, 2017



**TROPAR:** Life shone forth from your grave, O Christ God, even though it was sealed. O Resurrection of all, you came through locked doors and appeared to your disciples through whom you constantly renew in us an upright spirit in your great mercy.

**TROPAR:** O victorious great-martyr George, as a liberator of captives and helper of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, entreat Christ our God to save our souls.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** Although the doors were locked, O Christ God, you entered the room. And when Thomas touched your life-giving side with his inquiring right hand, he proclaimed to you with the other apostles: You are my Lord and my God.  
**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** You showed yourself a most honorable harvester of godliness, for it was God who cultivated you. You gathered the sheaves of virtues; for, sowing in tears, you reaped in gladness; and in shedding your blood, you received Christ. By your prayers, O holy one, you grant pardon of transgressions of all.

**PROKIMEN:** Great is our Lord, and great His strength; there is no limit to His understanding. **Verse:** Praise the Lord, for psalmody is a good thing. Let praise be sweetly sung to our God.

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20)**

In those days, through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people. By mutual agreement they used to meet in Solomon's Portico. No one else dared to join them, despite the fact that the people held them in great esteem. Nevertheless more and more believers, men and women in great numbers, were continually added to the Lord. The people carried the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mattresses, so that when Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. Crowds from the towns around Jerusalem would gather, too, bringing their sick and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, all of whom were cured. The high priest and all his supporters (that is, the party of the Sadducees), filled

with jealousy, arrested the apostles and threw them into the public jail. During the night, however, an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the jail, led them forth, and said, "Go out now and take your place in the temple precincts and preach to the people all about this new life.

**ALLELUIA:** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us shout with joy to God, our Savior. Alleluia (3). For the Lord is a great God and a great ruler over all the earth. Alleluia (3).

### **GOSPEL John 20:19-31**



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**IN PLACE OF "IT IS TRULY PROPER":** The angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin. And again I say: "Rejoice!" Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day. With himself he has raised all the dead. All you peoples, rejoice!"

**IRMOS:** “Shine, O Shine! New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has shone on you! Sing now and exult with joy, O Sion. And you, O pure Mother of God, adorn yourself in the splendor of your Son’s resurrection.”

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Sion. Alleluia (3).

**IN PLACE OF:** “Blessed is He”, “We have seen the true light”, “May our mouths be filled”, “Blessed be the name”, “Glory be to the Father”: Christ is risen from the dead. By death he conquered death, and to those in the graves he granted life.

**CHURCH NEWS .....**

***Christos Voskres! Voistinyu Voskres!***

**BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!** A Very Happy Belated Birthday to David Mash who celebrated his birthday on **April 6<sup>th</sup>**! Our favorite altar server turned Tenor had a Birthday and we missed it!! Mnohaya Lita! May God Bless David with Happiness, Health and Many Happy Years!!

**FINALLY IT'S MOVIE NIGHT THIS SATURDAY!:** This Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following Saturday Divine Liturgy, we will present **My Big Fat Greek Wedding Part II** in the church basement. **Soda and chips will be provided.** Everyone is Welcome!!! This is just a fun night! No reservations needed!



**PYROHY PROJECT:** Our next Pyrohy Project will be on Saturday, May 20. **HELP** especially pinching is desperately needed. We will be selling Potato Pyrohy for \$6.00 a dozen. (We will not exceed 200 dozen pyrohy for sale.) If you would like to order pyrohy, please call Gerri Adamchak at 570-824-3880. **EAT MORE PYROHY!!**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS:** The Catholic Home Missions assist all less advantaged dioceses and eparchies throughout the USA. Our Archeparchy received \$120,000 for 2017. These funds benefited many of our ministries, among them, \$32,700 for the seminary, \$10,000 for vocations, \$24,000 for The Way, Museum, Website and Communications, \$ 19,200 for Mission Parishes, and \$33,600 for various ministries. **Please use the envelopes in the back of the church to contribute Catholic Home Missions.**



**DETOURS & CONSTRUCTION:** There is further construction on the highway project as of April 3. Middle Road will be closed from Kosciuszko Street to the Lower Askam section of Hanover Township. The road will reopen in November. Kosciuszko Street will be closed July 6 and be opened in November. Prospect Street will be closed in the summer of 2018 and reopen in November 2018.

**SOROKOUSTY SERVICES:** We will have Sorokousty Services on the following Saturdays: **May 6; May 20 and June 3 at 9:00AM.** The two additional services will be "make-up" services.

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016:** The Parish Financial Report is Available on the back table. Questions about the financial report or any Parish concerns may be addressed at any Parish Council Meeting. The next Parish Council meeting is on May 2 at 6:30PM.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



**IT'S NEXT SUNDAY! SVIACHENNE DINNER:** Our annual Easter Dinner – Sviachenne – will be held **NEXT Sunday, April 30** in our parish hall. Doors open at noon – a buffet dinner will be served at 12:30, following the blessing of foods. The menu includes ham, kielbosi, piggies, chicken, potato, vegetable, home-made bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free, but please make a reservation for them. Tickets are available from Geri Adamchak, 570-824-880 or Helen Lipowski, 570-735-4654. No tickets will be sold at the door. **Deadline for reservations is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations of baked goods for dessert will be appreciated.**

**PAVING PROJECT:** The hall and church parking lots are in need of resealing and repairing. The hall lot is in need of more immediate attention than the church lot. The approximate cost to repair each parking lot is \$4000, for a total approximate cost of \$8000. If you have an idea for a fund raiser for this project, please let Father Walter or a Parish council member know your idea. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **May 2, 2017 at 6:30PM.**

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**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEAST DAY BBQ:** Our Transfiguration of Our Lord Feast Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 6. **Please mark your calendars.**

**SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH SVIACHENNE:** A Roast Beef Dinner (Sviachene) will be held at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church on **Sunday, May 7, 2017** at the Church Hall, 20 Nottingham St., Plymouth, Pa at 2:00 PM. Dinner consists of Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mushrooms, red beets, Kilbasi, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$15 Adults and \$8 Children 8 to 12. Reservations must be made by April 29, 2017 by contacting Ann Beshada 570-829-4202 or Anna Magill 570-696-1473. No tickets will be sold at the door.

***By St. Augustine (354-430)***

What did we hear in the reading today? That on the very day on which He rose again, that is, on the Lord's Day, when it had become late and the disciples were together in one place, with the doors closed for fear of the Jews, the Lord appeared in the midst of them. Hence, on that day, as John the Evangelist is witness. He appeared twice to His disciples, once in the morning and once in the evening. Also, a passage from the account of His appearance early in the morning has been read aloud to you; that He appeared again late on the same day we have just heard when it was read aloud. There was no need for me to mention these facts to you, but only for you to note them. Let us see, therefore, what today's reading presents to us for discussion. Obviously, the passage urges us, and in a certain manner tells us to say something as to how the Lord was able to appear to His disciples when the doors were closed, since He had risen in such physical substantiality that He was not only seen by His disciples but even touched by them. Some persons are so disturbed about this matter that they endanger themselves, setting up the prejudice of their own reasoning against divine miracles. In fact, they argue in this fashion: "If there was a body, if there were flesh and bones, if that body which hung on the cross rose again from the tomb, how could it enter through closed doors? If it could not do this," they say, "then it was not done. If it could do this, how was it able to do so?" If you understand the way, there is no miracle; and if there seems to you to be no miracle, you are close to denying that He rose again from the tomb.



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners  
**Nursing Homes:** Mary Kozmoski, Theodore Kulmatiski, Dorothy Kopiak.  
**Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski. Sophie Staronka **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw.



## APRIL CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
in loving memory of Connie Yanoshak

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen the good health of  
Marge Womelsdorf.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen & Mrs. Irene  
Hvozda for the good health of Beth Davis.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by  
Ed & Mary Schwartz for blessings on grandchildren Samantha and Christopher.



## Weekly Candle Intentions

**Candle Before Christ** is given by Mary Ann Jarolen in memory of  
Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

**Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Lisa Placek for Special Intention.