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**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!**  
**Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**April 12, 2026, A. D.**



**Saturday, April 11**  
**6:00 PM**

**THOMAS SUNDAY, Distribution of Artos**  
God's Blessings on Jerry Arny & His Grandmother  
- Eleanor Canfield

**Sunday, April 12**  
**10:30AM**

**THOMAS SUNDAY, Distribution of Artos**  
†Miriam Jennings- Mark & Arlene Jennings

**Tuesday, April 14**  
**9:00AM**

God's Blessing for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Saturday, April 18**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS**  
†Francis John & Ann Panek - Richard & Janet Harding

**Sunday, April 19**  
**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS**  
†Peter Wrobel, Jr. - Mark & Arlene Jennings



**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**

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

**Christós anésti! "Alithos Anesti!"**  
**Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tís en tís mnímasi, zoín**  
**charisámenos!**



## THOMAS SUNDAY

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After the priest has exclaimed, Blessed be the Kingdom... and the people have responded, Amen, the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

**PASCHAL TROPARION:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

**According to Galician usage, we continue to sing the First Antiphon of Pascha and the Third Antiphon, "Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord" with the refrain "Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death" until the eve of Ascension.**

### FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; sing to his name, give glory to his praise! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Say to God: how awesome are your works. Because of the greatness of your strength your enemies will fall before you!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Let all the earth worship you and sing to you; let it sing to your name, O Most High!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER... O ONLY BEGOTTEN SON...**

### THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

**TROPAR:** While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and forever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

**PROKIMEN:** Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end. Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God. Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20):**



Brethren, now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them, that they might be delivered from their infirmities. The people also gathered from the towns all around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."



**ALLELUIA: ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth. Alleluia (3).

**Gospel of John 20:19-31**



When it was late, that same day, the first of the week though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for the fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "Peace be to you!" And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. Jesus therefore

said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When he had said this, he breathed upon them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side I will not believe." And after eight days his disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed and stood in their midst, and said "Peace be to you!" then he said to Thomas "Bring here your finger and see my hands; and bring here your hand and put it into my side; and be not unbelieving but believing." Thomas answered and said to him "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of his disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that 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; again, I say, rejoice! Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day and has raised the dead! Let all nations rejoice!" Shine in splendor, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! O Sion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son!

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

**IN PLACE OF: "Blessed is He" ..., "We have seen the true light..." (1X)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

**IN PLACE OF: "May our mouths be filled...", "Blessed be the name..." (3X)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

**IN PLACE OF: "Glory be..."**, Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life. Lord Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy give the Blessing.

**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **At Home:** Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. George Worschak; Fr. Peter Waslo; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Leona Kobela, Paulette Parcel, Josh Alberola, Sister Evhenia Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues. Please pray for all clergy both in America and Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.



**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## APRIL CANDLES

**The Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
In loving memory of Shirley & Connie Yanoshak.

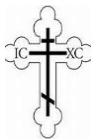
The **Altar Candles** are given by M/M Brian Kawczenski in  
In loving memory of Leo & Mary Kawczenski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is  
Given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
in loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski  
In loving memory of Paul Kawczenski.

**CHURCH NEWS .... Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! ХРИСТОС БОКРЕСЕ !**

**THERE SHOULD BE NO KNEELING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY.** This regulation is mentioned by the Council of Nicaea, which met in the year 325, and also set the date for Pascha. Our Father, Saint Basil the Great, explains that this symbolizes our personal resurrection as well as our calling to higher, heavenly things.



**SYMPATHY:** Please remember in your prayers the soul of Peter Wrobel, Jr. who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, April 6, 2026. May our Lord grant him rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints, and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat! Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Wrobel Family. A funeral service will take place Monday, April 13, at 10 AM at the Stegura Funeral Home, Hanover St., Nanticoke. Family and friends may call Sunday, April 12, from 2 PM to 4 PM.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy Birthday Greetings to Jill Gagliardi who celebrates her Birthday on April 18. May God grant her Many Happy Years Peace, Health, and Salvation! Happy Birthday to Marc Lipowski who celebrates his birthday on April 21! May God grant him Many Happy Years Peace, Health, and Salvation! Mnohaya Lita!

**FLEA MARKET:** Due to an overwhelming contribution of new and used merchandise we will be having a Flea Market on Saturday, April 11 from 9am to 2pm and Saturday, April 18 from 9am to 2pm (1/2 Price Sale). **BAG DAY IS SINDAY, April 19 (12-2PM).** Help is needed-please come out and help.

**WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** Save the date Saturday, June 13. Seven-mile trek from St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua to St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon.

**SVIACHENNE: IT'S NEXT WEEK!** The Family Sviachenne will be on **Sunday, April 19, 2026, 12:15PM.** It is a Covered Dish Sviachenne between Transfiguration of Our Lord Church & Ss. Peter & Paul Church! We have hams donated. We will put out a list for other items and attendees. **There is no charge for the Sviachenne Dinner, and it will be held at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church basement.** Please see sign-up sheet at back of church. **HELP IS NEEDED ESPECIALLY FOR CLEAN UP. Thank you to everyone who signed up!**

**SOROKOUSTY SERVICE: The fifth Sorokousty is Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am.**



**EARTH DAY CLEANUP:** The Nanticoke Conservation Club will have it's City-Wide Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and help. Meeting place is the LCCC parking lot on Lower Broadway in Nanticoke.

**CONFESSION:** “We can talk about a confession crisis, but the larger issue is that people just don’t believe in sin anymore,” said journalist Russell Shaw, former communications director for the U.S. bishops and author of numerous books, including “Why We Need Confession.” This points to a related fact — many Catholics no longer affirm many ancient teachings of the church, he said. This is especially true when details in the Catholic catechism clash with the doctrines of the sexual revolution. When thinking about “grave” or “mortal” sins, many Catholics have decided this language simply does not apply to their own mistakes and struggles. “The idea is that you don’t need to go to confession unless you’ve done something really, really bad,” said Shaw. “People say, ‘I’m a good person. I haven’t done anything bad, or I haven’t done anything I think is really bad — so I don’t have anything to confess.’ And many Catholics question whether the church should play any role in mediating this sin, repentance and forgiveness process.” Father Moses agreed that “our culture is working hard to get rid of the concept of sin. ... But sin is sin because it’s bad for us and lots of people are hurting. That’s reality.” While stressing that “I’ve only been a priest for four years and I’m not an authority on anything,” he said he does believe priests now have a decision to make when preaching and teaching about confession. **“We have to ask, ‘Do we believe that the gospel is good news? Do we believe that what we are teaching is true and that the sacraments are real?’ ... If we do, then confession is an essential part of our faith.”**

**From:** [canonlawmadeeasy.com/2023/04/06/is-confession-still-an-easter-duty-repost/](https://canonlawmadeeasy.com/2023/04/06/is-confession-still-an-easter-duty-repost/)

**Can a truly Orthodox view and practice of confession be restored? Yes, if we have the courage to deal with the problem at its roots and not with mere externals.**

The starting point of this restoration is in *preaching* and *teaching*. To some extent all Christian preaching and teaching is a call to repentance, to the *metanoia*, the change of mind, the reevaluation of all values in the light of Christ. There is no need to preach constantly on "sin," to judge and to condemn. It is when a man is challenged with the real "contents" of the Gospel, with its Divine depth and wisdom, beauty and all embracing meaning, that he

becomes "capable of repentance," for the true repentance is precisely the discovery by the man of the abyss that separates him from God and from His real offer to man. It is when the man sees the bridal chamber adorned that he realizes that he has no garment for entering it. Too much of our preaching is in the form of abstract imperatives: the Church prescribes to do this and that; but commanding is not preaching. Preaching implies the desire to convey to people the positive, the Divine *meaning*, for it is only this meaning that makes "prescriptions" significant, life-giving, saving. Christian teaching should also include a deep and constructive criticism of the secularistic philosophy of life, an evaluation of the culture in which we live. Christians must always fight idols – and there are plenty of them today: "success," "materialism," "security," "money-centeredness," etc. For here again, only within such broad and truly Christian *judgment* of this world the notion of sin recovers its true meaning, as *deviation of love and interest*, as worshipping values and norms that are not truly "valuable." This implies, of course, that the priest himself is free of this identification with the world, puts eternal Truth and not the "practical considerations," in the very center of his ministry. Confession, then, must be replaced in the perspective of the sacrament of penance [and Holy Communion]. And each sacrament implies at least three equally essential elements: *preparation, liturgical order, and fulfillment*. If the whole life of the Church, but especially preaching and teaching are, as we have seen, preparation for repentance in a broad sense, there is room and need for special preparation. The Church has set apart special periods of repentance: Lent, Advent, other fasts. Here the liturgy itself becomes a "school of repentance" (*cf.* for example the inexhaustible riches of the Lenten Triodion), and it is the proper time to center preaching on the sacrament of penance itself. The order of Gospel readings, the Psalter, the hymns and prayers supply us with abundant material, the purpose of preaching being to "apply" all this to men, to their life, to their actual situation. The goal is to provoke in them the *penitential mood*, to make them examine their life not only in terms of isolated sins and transgressions, but in their deepest motivations. Where is the real treasure of their hearts? What guides them in their life...A man who questions the deep motivations of his life, who has understood, be it just once, that life in its totality can and must be referred to Christ, is on his way to repentance, which is always a *conversion*, a change of mind, a renewed vision, a decision to return to God (*cf.* my pamphlet on *Great Lent*). The preparation must, of necessity, include an explanation of confession, – its order, prayers, meaning.

6. The liturgical order of confession consists of A) prayers before confession, B) exhortation to penitents, C) confession proper, and D) Absolution,[and E) reception of Holy Communion which completes the confession.]