

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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## Synaxarion: ANTIPASCHA

- St. Thomas Sunday

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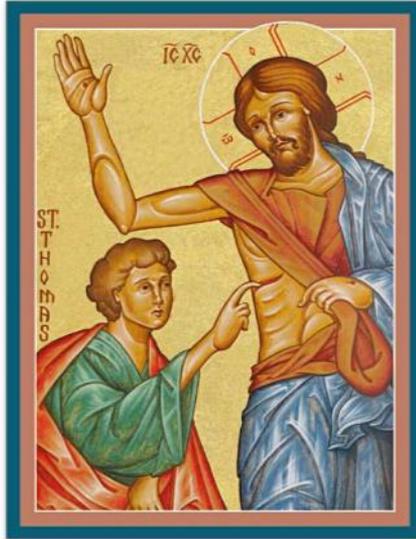
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On this Sunday, the second Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the Anti-pascha, that is to say the re-dedication of the Resurrection of Christ, and also commemorate the event of

the Holy Apostle Thomas' touching the wounds of Christ.

This commemoration is due to the ancient custom of rededicating important events. As a year would pass and the date of such an event would arrive, a commemoration was made so that such great events would not be forgotten. This is why the Israelites celebrated the Passover at Gilgal, to commemorate

the passing through the Red Sea. They also commemorated the consecration of the Tabernacle of Witness that was in the wilderness and many other holy events.

Since the Resurrection of the Lord is the greatest and most important event and beyond all thought, it is rededicated not only once a year, but also on every "eighth" day. The first rededication of the Resurrection is this present Sunday, for it is truly both the "eighth" day and the "first." It is the eighth day after Pascha, and the first day, because it is the beginning of the other days. Again, it is called the "eighth" day because it prefigures the unending day of the future age to come, which will be truly the "first" day and a day that is not divided by a single night.

This is why this Sunday is called the Antipascha, which interpreted means "in the place of Pascha." We should also know that due to the honor given Sunday by the Lord's Resurrection, the Holy Apostles transferred the weekly day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) to this most honored day.

It is also called Thomas Sunday, the reason being as follows: On the day of the Resurrection, when Christ showed himself to the Disciples in the evening, Thomas was not present, because he had not yet joined the other Disciples for fear of the Jews. When he rejoined the others, not only did he not believe what they told him about the Resurrection of Christ and the fact that they had seen Him, but he absolutely refused to believe that Christ had risen, even though he himself was one of the Twelve. God the good Master, in His true economy, waited eight days to make His love more perfect, firmly willing to truthfully verify the Resurrection and also the events that had occurred after the Resurrection. Thus, Thomas did not believe so that he could more truthfully proclaim to all the belief in the Resurrection. Therefore, the Lord came to the Apostles again while Thomas was among them. Though the doors were shut as before, He entered and granted them peace according to the custom. He then turned toward Thomas and said, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing" (John 20:27). Then Thomas intentionally scrutinized the Lord's side more attentively, and receiving faith through the examination, he cried, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). He said "Lord" in witnessing to the bodily form of Christ and "God" in witnessing to His Divinity. Then Christ said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you

## Liturgical Schedule

Today	<p><b>Second Sunday of Pascha: Antipascha, St. Thomas Sunday.</b>  Venerable Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.).  Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aedesius) of Lycia (306).  Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.).  Venerable Gregory, ascetic of Nicomedia (1290). St. George of Matskveri Monastery (9th c.) (<i>Georgia</i>). St. Nicetius of Lyons (573) (<i>Gaul</i>). Virgin-martyr Theodora of Palestine (<i>Greek</i>). St. Sabbas, archbishop of Crimea (11th c.).</p>
	<p>Acts 5:12-20  John 20:19-31</p> <p>Reader of the Hours - Karen Jakubczak  Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Karen Jakubczak  Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Natalie Cepynsky</p>
<p>Saturday, April 21      No Vespers</p>	
<p>Sunday  April 22</p>	<p><b>Third Sunday of Pascha: The Myrrh-bearing Women. Tone two.</b>  Sts. Myrrh-Bearing Women, righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (<i>celebration on the 3rd Sunday of Pascha</i>). Right-believing Tamara, Queen of Georgia (<i>movable holiday on the Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women</i>). Sts. Mary and Martha, sisters of St. Lazarus (1st c.) (<i>movable holiday on the Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women</i>). All Saints of Thessalonica (<i>celebration on the 3rd Sunday of Pascha</i>) (<i>Greek</i>). New Hieromartyr Seraphim, archbishop of Phanarion and Neochorion (<i>celebration on the 3rd Sunday of Pascha</i>) (<i>Greek</i>).</p>
	<p>Acts 6:1-7  Mark 15:43-16:8</p> <p>Reader of the Hours - Dr. Gayle Woloschak  Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Dr. Gayle Woloschak  Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar</p>

have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). This was the second appearance of Christ. Thomas was called "The Twin" for one of several possible reasons: either he was born a twin - one of two children born at the same time; or because he was born doubtful of the Resurrection; or because by nature the middle finger and the index finger of his right hand were joined together. Since by Divine Providence he was allowed to doubt, it was with these certain two fingers that he would probe Christ's side. Yet, others say that it is more likely and more truthful that Thomas, being interpreted, means "twin." The third appearance of Christ was at the Sea of Tiberias during the catching of the fish where He even ate a meal of broiled fish and honeycomb; this particular food, as He alone knew, was consumed by the Divine Fire. This event gave further proof of the Resurrection of the body - not only His, but ours in the Age to come. After this, He revealed himself on the road to Emmaus. The fifth time He appeared was in Galilee to the eleven, as it is written. From the Resurrection until His Ascension, He worked before His Disciples many signs that surpassed all nature. However, He did not reveal all these signs to very many, for it was impossible for men yet living in this world to hear such inexpressible wonders.

*Through the prayers of Your Holy Apostle Thomas,  
O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.  
Amen.*

We don't have enough of those personal encounters with Christ. – Hey this Faith thing is not an easy thing. It's not something that I can kin of just happen naturally, and just hope that my faith gets better. If you want Faith, you must work to get it. Faith is the essence of everything we do. Faith is the most powerful thing. If you have faith the mountains are subject to you. The water is subject to you. There's nothing that can stop you if you have faith. So this isn't just going to come easy. It's going to take some effort from our part to get it. And the way that you get it, is by having as much encounters touching Jesus as much as you can, and putting yourself face to face with Him. If it's not for that, you'll never be able to overcome your doubts. Think about it, how is anyone..again that's what I said about someone rising from the dead...How in your right mind are you going to convince me that

someone rose from the dead? There's no way in a million years that I'd believe you. There's no way in a million years that you could explain to me, you could do that math, you could do the science, I won't believe you until you do one thing, that you show me. And if you show me, let's ask Thomas right now, do you think that Thomas right now would doubt? Even if everyone else made him not believe? Of course not, because he saw with his own two eyes, he touched Him. Nothing could shake his faith. The only reason that Jesus came to this earth was that He could touch Him and know Him personally. If He only wanted us to know Him second hand information He could have sent us the Bible, He could have just sent the prophets, the reason that He came all that way was so that we could love Him personally. So it's my hope that during these forty days that we kind of push ourselves to get to know Him and have encounters with Him as much as we can, and Glory be to God forever, Amen.

### ***Essay Contest 2018***

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." –Jeremiah 29:11*

We ask parents to make sure their children do take part in this year's Essay contest. Let's make our parish family proud with 100% participation of our children! Last year our parish had the most participants among parishes nationwide. Children will be introduced to the essay at school, but we strongly recommend to work on the essays at home! It doesn't take long for your child to complete it, but it gives a lot back to the grows of your child's faith.

**Adults can participate as well!**

***For topics and more information please see the Essay Flyer located in the church by the bulletins.***

**Please bring the completed assays to church no later than April 22, 2017.**

For More info see Pat Wolsko, PM Olenka or one of the Sunday School teachers.

## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*

For God's blessing of good health for our son Steven on his birthday. Liliana & Ed Roviario  
Janet Milton for the health and healing of Father Vasyl's mother, Oksana and father, Orest  
For the health of my ill parents Polina & Pavlo in Ukraine by Halyna Kashpar  
For the health of Svetlana on her Birthday by Ludmila Piskoun  
For the health of Olga, Anna, Andrei, Michail, Alexander, Dimitri, Ekaterina and Anna by Ludmila Piskoun  
For the health of Alexandra on her Birthday by Ludmila Piskoun  
For the health of Baby Kendell after his operation  
For the health of sister JoHobert by Jeannette Gard  
For the health and God's blessings of family members by Alvine & Mike Gbur  
For the health of Terese & Mark Masur  
For the health of Eleanor Cesvery by Masur Family  
For the health of Alla, Lenny, Nerijus, Sofia, Victor, Yanina, Algimantoas, Iveta & Karolis  
For the health of Maria Omelian by Fr. Vasyl



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In loving memory of Borys James, Anna M, & Kathy by Walter E. Czornyj & Laryssa LeFebve  
Janet Milton in blessed memory of Monte on the 2nd anniversary of his passing into eternity. Memory Eternal.  
In memory of husband Andrew by Noreen Neswick  
In memory of Grandson Gregory by Noreen Neswick  
In memory of our dear parents Anna, Nikolai, Mark & Nadezhda by Alexander & Ludmila Piskoun  
In memory of Polina, Sarra & Gavril  
In memory of Mother Caroline by Walter & Ann Podlecki  
In memory of brother Mick Chura by Walter & Ann Podlecki  
In memory of Brother-in-law Robert Redmerski by Walter & Ann Podlecki  
In memory of Godfather Nick Kapusta by Tom Gbur  
In memory of Nick Kapusta by Joe Kapusta & Family  
In memory of father Yakiv on the anniversary of His passing by Bureiko and Vitruk family  
In memory of Lubomyr Cepynsky by his Wife Lillian Cepynsky

### ***Parish Council***

Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the Month.  
 Next meeting is Sunday April 22 after the Coffee Hour.  
*Representatives from parish organizations must be present.*

### ***Donations in memory***

*In loving memory of Stephanie Luchyn*

Pat Wolsko — \$50.00

James & Jean Tufano—\$50.00

Bureiko and Vitruk Family \$40.00 in memory of father Yakiv

In memory of Borys James, Anna M, Kathy by Walter E. Czornyj  
 & Laryssa LeFebve - \$100.00 to church choir

\$ 30.00 Memorial Service

### ***Memorial Panahyda***

#### **Today:**

In memory of +Olena Hryn on the forties day of her passing into eternity. Requested by Hryn family.

In memory of +Monte Milton on His Second anniversary of passing into eternity. Requested by Janet Milton.

In memory of +Arlene Spivak on the first year anniversary of her repose in the Lord. Requested by Sharon Melnyk

In memory of +Helen Bobak on the anniversary of her passing. Requested by Pat Wolsko

#### **Sunday April 22**

In memory of Borys James, Anna M, Olga, Vasyl, Khariton, Lydia, Mykola, Kathriton, Gregory, Maria, John, and Kathy. Requested by Walter E. Czornyj and Laryssa LeFebve

**Sunday April 29** In loving memory of Lubomyr by  
 Lillian Cepynsky.

James Maack (Jeanne's brother, my cousin) requested by Jeanne Maack and Sandra

Peter Yakym-Sawczak (uncle) requested by Sandra

Nikolas Hladky (Grandfather) by Sandra

Dolores Lillwitz (Godmother) requested by Sandra



## Coffee Hour Schedule



*We kindly remind to provide and set aside snacks/food/ drinks for our children who attend Sunday School.*

**Today -- St. Thomas Sunday LAMB & CHICKEN ROAST**

April 22 -- Mary Lamantia and Maria Iordanov

April 29 -- Janet / John Beck and Pat /Mike Beck

May 6 -- Ludmila Piskoun and Olga Piskoun

May 13 -- MOTHER'S DAY – UOL & “Mens Club” Host

May 20 -- Artie and Christine Cucci / Tina & Ray Fisher

May 27 -- Olga & Alex Pawlenko

*If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Dr. Harry Oryhon call 708-301-5565 or email harrymolars@aol.com*



### St. Thomas Sunday Lamb & Chicken Roast

**TODAY**

served at Noon

Donation:

\$16 adults \$6 children  
free - children under 10

Pysanka Auction.

Free - Children's Egg Hunt

Over 3000 Eggs to hunt for!!!



## Church Humor

### **"Turn Around. The End Is Near."**

A motorist was driving in the country when he came upon a priest and a rabbi standing on the shoulder of the road, fishing. Next to them was a sign that read "Turn Around. The End Is Near."

The motorist didn't like to be preached to, so he rolled down the window and yelled, "Mind your own business, you religious nuts!"

A few seconds later the two fishermen heard tires screech, then a splash.

The rabbi turned to the priest and said, "I told you we should've just written, 'Bridge Out.' "