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SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY



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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector

Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
PASCHAL SEASON

2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA-Tone 1 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

Saturday, April 30

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 1

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Breaking of the Artos

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 Gospel: John 20:19-31

40th Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of

Reader William Paluch

**3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA-Tone 2 – Holy Myrrhbearing
Women. Holy Apostle and Evangelist John. Mother's Day**
Saturday, May 7

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 8

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Breaking of the Artos

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Acts 6:1-17 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!

Christos Anesti! Alithos anesti!

El Messieh Qam! Hakken kahn

Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a inviat

Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!

Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e risorto!

Le Christ est ressucite! En verite il est ressucite!

Hristos vaskrse! Vaistunu vaskrse!

Krishti U Ngjail! Vertet U Ngjail

THE BREAKING OF THE ARTOS

Following the Midnight Service of Pascha, the **ARTOS** was blessed. The Artos is a Paschal Bread and bears on it the Icon of the Resurrection. The Artos is offered and blessed on Holy Pascha and symbolizes the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Eternal Life – our Lord Jesus Christ. We will break the Bread today and partake of it on this - the eighth day of Pascha, St. Thomas Sunday.

PRAYER AT THE BREAKING OF THE ARTOS

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3)

Let us pray to the Lord! Lord, have mercy!

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Life Eternal, who came down from heaven, and has fed us on these most-bright days with the spiritual food of Thy divine benefits, for the sake of the three days' burial and redeeming Resurrection: look now also, we humbly entreat Thee upon our prayers and thanksgivings; and as Thou didst bless the five loaves in the wilderness, so now also do Thou bless this bread, that all who partake of it may be vouchsafed bodily and spiritual health and blessing, through the grace and bounties of Thy love toward mankind. For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with [Ⓜ]indignation, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were [Ⓜ]assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and

stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "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. ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ 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.

MEMORY ETERNAL

The 40th Day Panakhida will be held today following the Divine Liturgy, for the repose of the soul of Reader Vasily (William Paluch) as requested by his children: Christina Paluch, Jessica Keathley, William Paluch, and sister Veronica Bilas.

“ZOOM” PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm

PARISH MEETING

**Sunday, May 15, following the Divine Liturgy
Election of a Delegate to the OCA All-American Council**

OUR STEWARDHIP – April 24, 2022

Candles:	\$ 45.00
Flower Fund:	20.00
Pascha Offering:	298.00
Sunday Offering:	1,298.00
TOTAL:	\$1,661.00

Tithely Donations: \$90.00

Visit the St. Elia Shop

If you haven't visited the little St. Elia "shop" downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying a number of new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia "spirit wear" in a certain size or style that's not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE
ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude,
son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco,
son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Paul
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick and Rose Marie Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Sarah Niglio
Gregory Sugden
Eve Tavenier
Sue Ellen Turscak

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is risen!
Krisztus feltamad! Valoban feltmadt!
Kristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!
Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!
Taw crest ereen! Taw shay ereen guddyne!

Eis polla eti, Despota!
**10th Anniversary
Celebration**

*The Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo
invites you to join us in celebration
of the 10th Anniversary of the
Consecration and Enthronement of
His Eminence Archbishop Alexander*

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Pontifical Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
Anniversary Luncheon following



*Special room rates available at the
Courtyard Marriott Downtown and Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown*

St. Nicholas Cathedral
3535 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805
To RSVP & for hotel info: ajarmus@bdoca.org

Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

*The divine grace, which always heals that which is infirm, and
supplies that which is lacking, through the Laying-on of
Hands, elevates you, the most God-loving Archimandrite
Alexander, duly elected, to be Bishop of the God-saved city,
Toledo. Therefore, let us pray for him, that the grace of the
All-holy Spirit may come upon him.*

Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being of our people.

St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

1)If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.

2)The CDC recommends masking while indoors if you are unvaccinated, sanitizing your hands and to maintain social distancing.

3)The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book, the Chalice and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you are comfortable doing so.

4)The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.” 1John 4:7