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Gospel: John 20:19-31

**April 15th, 2018
St. Thomas Sunday – Anti-Pascha**

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday, April 15th, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 21st, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 22nd, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Hospitality a La Russe IX featuring Traditional Russian Cuisine, & Kauriga Balalaika Ensemble will be held on Sunday, May 6th, 2018 at St. Michael's Center, 403 Delaware St., Jermyn, Pa. Appetizers: potato pancakes, eggplant caviar, stuffed grape leaves, piroshky, marinated mushrooms, and herring. Dinner: homemade cabbage rolls, chicken Marsala, eggplant parmesan, massed potatoes, pasta, vegetables & desert. Magnificent Theme Basket Raffle, Free Door Prizes for tickets please call Mary Sernak at 570-357-7109. **This is being sponsored by St. Tikhon's Seminary Century Association, Sub-deacon John Lasichak President.** Please call Mary Sernak at 570-357-7109. **This is being sponsored by St. Tikhon's Seminary Century Association, Sub-deacon John Lasichak President.**

Mother's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 13th. Please submit the names of your mothers departed and living to be remembered during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Pro-Life carnations will be sold for Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

Monthly Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar of events and plan to attend the meeting. We will be planning the summer events for our Church and setting the agenda for our annual parish meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 20th following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please mark this date on your calendar of events and be prepared to stay for the meeting. A Budget will be prepared for the operation of our Church.

\$100.00 offered for the continued good health of Andrew Petrilak who recently celebrated his 100th Birthday, **\$20.00** for Easter Flowers offered in loving memory of Thomas Kovall offered by Debbie Kovall.

Church Dues are being collected. If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

Church School will be held this Sunday, April 15th, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. **Please plan to bring your children to Church School!**

Please remember in your prayers: Peter & Helen Senio who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. Marie Derkash is a guest at the Mid-Valley Health Care Centre, 81 Sturges Rd, Peckville, Pa. 18452, Ann Butler Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 Michael Klaptach who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. Mary Slenska, Allied Rehab, and Irene Kiehart is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

Sunday, April 15th, Eileen Brzuchalski, Kay Fedirko, Helen Grancey, April 22nd, Ann Narcoonis, Karen Wanas, Marilyn Petorak, April 29th, Maryann Serafini, Matushka Dolores, and Mildred Telep.

Thought for the Day: St. Thomas Sunday –Anti Pascha: Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” The Slavonic inscription is, **“The Belief of Thomas.”** When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. This day is also known as **“Antipascha.”** This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek.