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Gospel: John 20:19-31

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

**May 5, 2019
St. Thomas Sunday**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday, May 5, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (40th Day for Vladimir Kowalczyk, offered by Sophia Kowalczyk.)

Wednesday, May 8, Service of Intercession 6:00 p.m. to the Mother of God, followed by anointing with Holy Myrrh, at St. George's Orthodox Church, Taylor, Pa.

Saturday, May 11, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & special prayers offered for the celebration of Mother's Day.

A Special Thank You to St. Michael's Center for the Easter donation of \$1,000.00 to our Church. May our Risen Lord continue to bless all the workers of our center for many years!

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held this Monday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

Special Mother's Day Prayers will be offered on Sunday, May 12 during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please submit the names of your mother to Fr. John by Saturday, May 11th.

A Special Thank You to Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak and his staff in setting up the beautiful Grave of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and getting our Church ready for the Paschal celebrations.

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, May 5, 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: **Annabel Franchak** who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. **Peter & Helen Senio** who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash & Ann Butler** are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 **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.

The World Premiere performance of Benedict Sheehan's Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (2018) will showcase a major new work of Orthodox choral music by an American composer. Commissioned in 2015 by the PaTRAM Institute, Sheehan's *Liturgy* is among the first complete settings of the Orthodox Liturgy ever to be composed for the English language. The performance is part of the festivities of St. Tikhon's Monastery's 115th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage, and it will be held in the visually rich and acoustically stunning atmosphere of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Sunday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Hostesses: , **May 5**, Jean Malec, Maryann Serafini & Theresa Krenitsky, **May 12**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen & Kay Fedirko, **May 19**, Maryann Dubee, Matushka Delores & Matushka Kathy, **May 26**, Ruth Lasichak, Joanne Lasichak, Charette Radionoff.

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

