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**& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**May 1, St. Thomas Sunday, 2022**

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

**Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!**

**Sunday, May 1, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, May 7, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 8, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**Chicken & Rib Dinner** will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 11: a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. **Eat in or take out.** This is being co-sponsored by St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn. Tickets: Chicken BBQ Dinner \$14.00, BBQ Dinner \$15.00 **For tickets please call Ruth Lasichak at 876-1456.**

**Mother's Day** will be held next Sunday, May 8 and special prayers will be said for the living and departed Mothers of our Parish. **Please submit the names to Fr. John by Saturday, May 7.**

**Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend! We will be planning our summer schedule!

**Continuing Education for Diocesan Clergy** will resume on Thursday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Old Forge Pennsylvania.

**Relief items for the Ukraine continues:** On Sunday, April 10 following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy a special blessing was offered by Fr. John Kowalczyk and Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak for the huge number of items collected, the items were transported by parishioners in trucks, on April 12, Tuesday evening to Scranton, and all was sent to the Ukraine in time for Pascha. In addition, \$3,000.00 has been wired to the displaced orphans in the Ukraine. Susan Schlasta is still collecting monetary donations for the orphans. If you are still interested in helping, please contact Susan at Susan Schlasta at 570-840-9544. **The monetary deadline is Sunday, May 15.**

**In order to meet our growing financial obligations**, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes. **We thank you in advance!**

**If your Church Dues are in arrears**, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

**Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas** who is recuperating at home; 604 Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Childs, Pa. 18433. Please send him a get-well card. **Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab: 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge**, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky**, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Please send him a get-well card!**

**Coffee Hour for Sunday: May 1**, Maryann Dubee & Suisan Schlasta, **May 8**, Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen, **May 15**, Matushka Dolores & Matushka Kathy, **May 22**, Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, **May 29**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charette Radionoff.

**Antipascha: Saint Thomas Sunday**: 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.

Troparion — Tone 7

From the sealed tomb, You did shine forth O Life! / Through closed doors You did come to Your disciples, O Christ God! / Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, / by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion — Tone 8

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when You did come to Your apostles through closed doors. / He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!

