

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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**May 12, 2024: Second Sunday of Pascha; The Assurance of Thomas**

## Schedule of Services

Sunday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship.

**Memorial Service** for Ivan Pavlov on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his repose, offered in loving memory by son Svetoslav, daughter Polina, and grandchildren Andriana, Valentina, & Ivailo. **We also include the 40<sup>th</sup> Day\*** of Andrew Homish, James Detro, Edward Hojnicky, and William Hummer. *\*Because memorials are not served during Holy Week and Bright Week, any 40<sup>th</sup> Days that fall in that period are transferred to the end of Bright Week.*

Saturday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. – NO VESPERS. *Fr John is returning late from SVS Commencement.*

Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. **Memorial Service** for Kuzma and Irene Leschak (May 9 & 27), together with Robert Furiosi (May 17) and Steven Susko (40<sup>th</sup> Day).

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

May 12: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

May 19: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

May 26: Memorial Day – No coffee hour

June 2: Susan Schlasta & Millie Telep

## Today's Scripture

*Epistle: Acts 5:12-20*

*In those days:* 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. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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. 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.

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, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

*Gospel: John 20:19-31*

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." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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!" 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." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

*English:* Christ is risen! *Indeed He is risen!*

*Greek:* Christos anesti! *Alithos anesti!*

*Slavonic:* (C)hristos voskres(e)! *Voistinu(i) voskrese!*

*Arabic:* El Messieh kahm! *Hakken kahm!*

*Latin:* Christus resurrexit! *Vere resurrexit!*

*Spanish:* Cristo ha resucitado! *En verdad ha resucitado!*

*French:* Le Christ est réssuscité! *En verite il est réssuscité!*

*Romanian:* Hristos a inviat! *Adevărat a înviat!*

*Albanian:* Krishti U Ngjall! *Vertet U Ngjall!*

*Georgian:* Kriste aghsdga! *Cheshmaritad aghsdga!*

*Japanese:* Harisutos Fukkatsu! *Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!*

## Hymns of the Day

*Troparion, Tone 7*

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

*Glory ... Now & Ever ...*

Thomas touched thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when thou camest to thine apostles through closed doors. // He cried out with all: “Thou art my Lord and my God!”

*From the Vespers (at the Aposticha)*

O strange wonder, / that grass should touch fire and be safe! / Thomas placed his hand on the fiery side of Jesus Christ, God! / He was not burned by this, / but his doubt changed to certain faith and he cried out fervently: / “Thou art my Master and God, / resurrected from the dead. // O Lord, glory to thee!”

## In your prayers...

*The Newly-Departed:* Andrew Homish (March 26). James Detro (April 2). Edward Hojnicky (April 4). William Hummer (April 6). Steven Susko (April 10). Shanon, the sister of Archbishop Mark (May 8). *Please especially remember in prayer:* The newly-departed child Daniel Ries (April 25), and his grieving parents Fr. Peter and Matushka Sophie Ries.

*The ill and the afflicted:* Archbishop Nathaniel, Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Fr Michael Shepherd, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Tom Shaw, Marilyn Petorak.

*Those who are alone or confined:*

Eileen Dance, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation #202, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407. John Drutarosky, CNR #307. Theresa Krenitsky, CNR #307. Nicholas Mattise, Personal Care at Allied Terrace, #218, 100 Terrace Lane, Scranton, PA 18508. Barbara Palubniak, 629 Hill St, Mayfield, PA 19433. Peggy Petrilak, 127 Petrilak Lane, Greenfield Twp, PA 18407. Peter Senio, The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, PA 18509. Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Glenmaura Senior Living, 11 Glenmaura National Blvd, Moosic, PA 18507. Paul Kostiak, along with Dolores Brophy, 631 Jefferson Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433. Paul & Barbara Mosley, 623 Cemetery St, Mayfield, PA 18433. Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, 509 Jefferson Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433.

*Those who grieve:* For Andrew: David, Marlene, Cathy, & Debbie. For Edward: Karen, Stephanie, Fr. Timothy, Ana, Leah. For William: Mat. Alexandra, Fr. John, Harold. For Steven: John, Sonya, Stephanie.

## With Gratitude

**THANK YOU for your generosity for Paschal Flowers and other Paschal donations!** \$20 in loving memory of Robert Telep & Mary Goetter by Millie Telep; and \$20 in loving memory of Robert Telep & Frances Meholic, by Paula Melesky. *May Robert, Mary, and Frances' memory be eternal!* Other Pascha offerings: \$100 by Mary Sernak, for the health of her family. \$100 by John Hockin Jr., Esq. \$100 by John Hockin. \$50 by Susan Schlasta. \$100 by Michael Krisa. \$50 by Thomas & Laura Piwowarski. \$50 by Pdn Gabriel & Mat. Dolores. \$1000 by Karen Wanas & John Wanas.

**THANK YOU** to Pdn. Gabriel and all those who adorned our Temple with the beautiful flowers and decorations for Holy Week and Pascha! **THANK YOU** to all those who worked so hard setting up the Tomb of Christ, and who helped with the liturgical movements and changes! **THANK YOU** to all those who did extra cleaning before and after the many services! **THANK YOU** to David Lucs, who traveled to be with us and lead the singing through the many services of Holy Week and Pascha.

A special **THANK YOU** to Vlad Kitchura and Paul Ruddy, who have worked tirelessly the last few months renovating and cleaning the 308 House next door, as well as the recent yard work and landscaping at our Rectory! *May God grant them many blessed years!*