

April 8, 2018, Festival
Thomas Sunday
Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Sincere congratulations
on The Resurrection of Christ!

*With warmest wishes and gratitude, father Ivan Isajovych,
Sisters of St. Joseph (Korolevo) and children from the orphanage «Zernyatko»*

Happy Easter from the Orphanage in Ukraine

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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish.

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support);

Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:

1. Being registered
2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes!

Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on "Membership in a Parish"

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you

- Today 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
- ECF Classes Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Heidi Ann Watson
Water Gun Fight following the Liturgy
Fr. Chris: +George Rabadi
- April 9 Monday *Miracle of Cana in Galilee / Eupsychius—Martyr / Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11*
9:00 am +Fr. Francis Vivona by Shari Sanderson
10:30 am Shut-ins Visits
5:45 pm Explorers Meeting
- April 10 Tuesday *Terence and Others Martyrs / Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21*
9:00 am +Fr. Francis Vivona by Shari Sanderson
6:30 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
- April 11 Wednesday *Antipas Bishop-Martyr / Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24*
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm +Fr. Francis Vivona by Shari Sanderson
Fr. Chris: Health of Gimbrone Family Members
- April 12 Thursday *Basil Bishop / Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30*
6:00 pm Pot-luck Dinner
7:00 pm THEOSIS
- April 13 Friday *Artemon Priest-Martyr / Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:2*
9:00 am Prayer and witness in front of Abortion Clinic on San Mateo
6:00 pm +Fr. Francis Vivona by Shari Sanderson
- April 14 Saturday *Martin Pope / Acts 5:21-33; John 6:14-27*
9:00 am Church tour for St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Group by Fr. Chris
11:00 am Spiritual Friendship group meeting at the Cheesecake Factory.
- April 15 Sunday *Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers / Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16*
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Blessing on Patrick and Brandy Mulvey
- ECF Classes 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Fr. Chris: Intention of Dorothy Curl and Ann Rajala

Sharif Rabadi	Fr. Julian Gnall	William Frank
Katrina Anderson	Henry Zugger	Mary Nell Preisler
Abraham Haddad	John & Margie	Mike Harahuc
Tim & Jenny Ford	Disque	Lorraine Hubbell
Threima Leech	Phillip Fall	Heather Mattax
Priscilla Hughes	Laura Dominquez	Larry Bennett
Steve Jakymiw	Olga Bodnar	Paola Terlaza
Marilyn Fore	Frances Brannan	Ruth Sousa
Demetrius Yackanich	John Deflice	Linda Granci
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Mary Ann Kosty	Mary Danyluk
Laurie Bienz	Jordan Smith	Richard Hornung
Brent & Nicole Dodson-	Jean Pesce	Kris Nelson
Sands	Tracy McTernan	Scott Fafrak
Eva Schuler	Terry Rains	Dana Papaj
Charlie & Maggie Batsel	Eli Griego	Peter Dzek
	Brother Vittorio	Vicki Frank

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group.

Intentions of the Rosary

Glorious Mysteries

1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states

2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church

3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church

4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them

5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for April

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



Vocation Icon

Today: Brewer Family
Next Sunday: Riley Family



April 1, 2018 / Attendance 205

God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family member Heidi Ann Watson!!!
Today, we formally welcome little Heidi into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as she receives the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-Holy Eucharist) at the 10am Liturgy. We welcome her with open arms, pray for her health and salvation, and promise her that we will be good examples of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ by setting a good example of how to live as Christians!

We rejoice with Mike and Clare Sena on birth of their third child, baby boy Sebastian Ambrose on Bright Thursday morning April 5th 2018. He weighed 8.5 pounds and was 22" tall. May the Lord grant to God-loving Sena Family many and blessed years!!!!

Spiritual Friendship Group meeting on Saturday, April 14 at 11:00 am at the Cheesecake Factory. All women are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: summer camps/retreats: **Myrrh-Bearers Retreat for all girls, 7-11, teens 12-17 & women 18+** The Myrrh-Bearers Retreat will be held from Friday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 24th at the Franciscan Renewal center, Scottsdale, AZ. *The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos* is the theme for this Retreat. All girls and teens 7-17 and women 18+ are invited to attend this annual Retreat. Fliers are available on the greeting table. For registration and full info go to: www.myrrh-bearers.com

"Who is My Neighbor?" ByzanTEEN Youth Rally July 5 - 8, 2018 for youth ages 13 to 18 (through high school years). This year the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is hosting the Rally on the campus of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Cost: \$310 for early registration before May 1st, 2018. From May 1 through June 16 the cost will be \$335.

Alive in Christ Camp for boys and dads July 12 - 15 2018 at Palomar Christian Conference Center, CA.

Forms and flyers with the information re: the above-mentioned events available on the welcome shelves in the narthex or in the office with Fr Artur. Thank you.

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to everyone who shared food from their blessed baskets for the Paschal Brunch or brought extra food. It gave us all time to dry off after Father's Easter blessing! We have lots of openings for upcoming Sundays! The sky is the limit, now that Lent is over!

April 15, 2018

Cantor	Evie Jilek Evie Jilek 4/14
Reader	Brook Jilek
Trojca	Miriam Jilek
Greeter	Miles Gloetzner
Usher	Dan Riley, Jeff Brewer
Counter	Michael Wells Miles Gloetzner
Host	open
Church Cleaners	Tom Plut, Tom Ellefson
Altar Servers:	Thomas Donlin Michael Grega Daniel Fogg Joe Ellefson Paricio Chavez Miles Gloetzner Abel Gloetzner

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars

Apr 21 Sat	5:00 pm Divine Liturgy followed by instillation Anniversary for Sangre de Cristo Explorers in the hall / ceremony, dinner, entertainment
April 23-27	Clergy Conference in Phoenix
April 28 Saturday	9:00 am —4:00 pm making stuffed cabbage for Bazaar
May 9 Wed.	Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Litija
May 10 Thursday	
May 12 Saturday	Annual Byzantine Bazaar
May 19 Saturday	9:00 am 5th All Souls Liturgy / Panachida
July 1 Sunday	Patronal Feast of OLPH / visit of Bishop John

OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR this year is Saturday, May 12, 10am - 3pm. We are once again asking for homemade baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet on the greeting table by the Holy Water font. We will sell whole cakes, whole pies, breads, cookies by the dozen etc. Please, think about making your favorite baked goods. Traditional Eastern European bakery products are most popular. Make sure that cakes and pies are in containers that will be sold with the item. Your items must be visible. If we know in advance exactly what you are making, we can make professional tags and have professional boxes. Please, no gluten free or sugar free - they do not sell. Breads (which sell very well) can be either sweet or savory. There will be baking day for kolachi, so that is already covered. All baked goods must be brought to the church the Friday before the Bazaar. If you have questions or need ideas, please, see Rafael Plut. Thank you!

Bazaar team, PLEASE, mark these dates in your calendars: Making holubki (stuffed cabbage rolls) – Saturday, April 28; Wrapping and pricing – Friday, May 11.

Attention!!! BAZAAR RAFFLE this year provides many chances to win! Drawings will take place on Sunday, May 13 following the Divine Liturgy. Prizes include: -quilt by Cielo Doherty -afghans by Laurel Bienz -Italian dinner for 6 delivered & prepared in your home by Brother Vittorio, CFR Cajun dinner for 6 delivered & prepared in your home by Fr. Daniel, CFR Tickets are \$5 each

-\$25 gift cards from The Grill at San Mateo Square -\$25 gift cards from Christy Mae's on San Pedro -two drawings for vouchers for two meals & beverage from Weck's -\$30 gift card from Mariscos La Playa and 2 day passes from Stone Age Climbing Gym

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5

Please support the raffle and start buying tickets today.

Cantor Corner

Liturgical Propers for 4/15/18 (Sunday of Myrrh-Bearers)

Troparia - DL 177-178

v. Glory... (Tone 2)

Kontakion (Myrrh-Bearers) -

DL 179

Now & Ever... (Tone 8)

Kontakion (Resurrection) -

DL 179

Prokeimenon & Alleluia -

DL 180

Instead of 'It is Truly Proper' -

DL 167

Our Father (Paschal) - DL 167

Communion Hymn -

DL 168-9 & 78-81

Dismissal - DL 170

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Believing in Jesus's promise that where two or more are gathered in His name, He is with us, please join our intercessory prayer group, the OLPH Prayer Warriors, Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the conference room to pray for our individual and collective needs. Although we will dedicate our prayers to particular themes each week, and if you cannot participate in our gatherings, do let us know of your particular petitions and we will include them in our prayers. Send your prayer requests to Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

April 2018

April 15 Courage

April 22 Miracles

April 29 Persecution

Thomas Sunday

Today is the eighth day after Pascha. It is the eighth day of the Resurrection, and it is the commemoration of the appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles and most especially, Thomas, who doubted the testimony of the apostles and holy women and insisted he would not believe unless "I put my fingers into the wounds" of Jesus' body. Eight is significant in Christian theology, as it signifies more than completion, more than fullness - it is the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come. This is the eighth day of Pascha, and Thomas now understands exactly Who Jesus, and that His Kingdom is beyond earthly time!

In the Roman rite, this is Divine Mercy Sunday. If you wish to obtain the indulgence, participation in our Liturgy fulfills the requirement of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, however the liturgical observance is the ancient one of Saint Thomas.

THOMAS SUNDAY ICON

It is worth noting that the inscriptions of Icons of this event never say "Unbelief" or "Doubting" regarding Thomas. In Greek, the inscription reads **Η ψηλάφηση του Θωμά**, that is, the "Touching of Thomas", making no reference to Thomas' doubt and implying *Jesus touching Thomas*, both in body and soul, and not the other way around. In Slavic icons, the meaning is even clearer because the inscriptions always read **Уверение Фомы**, i.e. the "Assurance of Thomas". Usually, English icons mis-translate the Slavonic and inscribe their icons "The Belief of Thomas". They miss the point: the Slavonic emphasizes **that Jesus assures Thomas of the reality of His resurrection, His glorified body which still is wounded, His living presence**. So too, for us moderns who think we know everything – Christ touches *us*, Christ comes to *us*. He takes the initiative, and **we are healed as a result**.

New Evangelization at work: Pray to Saint Thomas for his help, and then invite someone who is weak in their faith to read the Scripture passage, or to hear the story again, and then talk to them about *how the Byzantine Catholic Church interprets the event as an assurance from Jesus, not a condemnation*, and of Thomas' growth in faith, not his doubts. And then **invite them to let Christ touch them, come to them, help them by coming to Divine Liturgy** with you. Invite them for next Sunday, to come to worship and then to go out for "breaking of the bread" someplace (your treat) and listen to their faith story, and agree to walk with them on their journey. You have no idea what the Holy Spirit can do in and through us – be open!

A distinguishing feature of the Thomas Sunday service is the blessing and breaking of the Artos. This is a large Pascha that was set aside on Easter Sunday for today's celebration.

The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst* (Jn 6:35) After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples, ate before them and with them

The miracle of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) is not so much His glorified appearance and then disappearance, as the key phrase "they recognized him in the breaking of the bread." At that moment, when He again recited the words from the Last Supper, the disciples knew who He was, and then He disappeared. So too with this Artos, we are supposed to spiritually recognize Jesus as it is blessed, broken, and then eaten by the whole community.

Truly, truly, I tell you, you will weep and wail while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. Jn.16:20

