



April 23, 2017, Festival of the Resurrection

Thomas Sunday / Great Martyr St. George

Acts 5:12-30 & 12:1-11

John 20:19-31 & 15:17-16:2

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



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**SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY:** Rosary 8:30 am  
Festival Matins 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, page 2)

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**THEOSIS:** 1st & 3rd Thursday  
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:** All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

**Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):**  
9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance. (Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in advance (Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

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

Today	8:30 am	Rosary
<i>ECF Classes</i>	9:00 am	Matins & Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: +Stephen Horner by Demetrius Yackanich
	1:00—8:00 pm	<b>Explorer's Installation Weekend</b>
April 24 Monday	<i>Sabbas Martyr / Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11</i>	
	9:00 am	Blessing on Sara Baez by Sean Riesterer
	10:30 am	Shut-ins visits
	5:45 pm	Explorers meeting in the hall
	6:00 pm	Bazaar Meeting
April 25 Tuesday	<i>Mark Apostle—Evangelist / 1 Peter 5:6-14; Mark 6:7-13</i>	
	9:00 am	+Alan William Schmuck by Jileks
	6:30 pm	CAFÉ meeting at UNM
April 26 Wednesday	<i>Basil Bishop—Martyr / Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24</i>	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit
April 27 Thursday	<i>Simeon Bishop—Martyr / Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30</i>	
April 28 Friday	<i>Sason &amp; Sosipater Apostles / Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22</i>	
	9-10:30 am	Prayer and witness in front of abortion clinic
	6:00 pm	+Benjamin Frederick by Jileks
April 29 Saturday	<i>The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice/ Acts 5:21-33; John 6:14-27</i>	
	9:00 am	Kolachi making in the hall
April 30 Sunday	<i>Sunday of the Ointment Bearers Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16</i>	
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
<i>Catholic Home Mission Collection</i>	6:00 pm	+Ruth Walker (40th day commemoration) by Carol Donlin
	8:30 am	Rosary
<i>ECF Classes</i>	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	10:00 am	For Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: Health of Chelsea Griego & unborn baby by Harry & Barbara DeLap

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

Sharif Rabadi  
Katrina Anderson  
Abraham Haddad  
Tim & Jenny Ford  
Threima Leech  
Priscilla Hughes  
Steve Jakymiw  
Lillian Murphy  
Marilyn Fore  
Demetrius Yackanich  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Keith Romero

Fr. Julian Gnall  
Henry Zugger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Laura Dominquez  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Mary Ann Kosty  
Jordan Smith  
Maggie Batsel  
Jean Pesce  
Henry Burnette  
Tracy McTernan  
Terry Rains

William Frank  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Mike Harahuc  
Robert Zadel  
Jack & Lorraine  
Hubbell  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
Paola Terlaza  
Ruth Sousa  
Frank Gerace  
Linda Granci  
Barbara Irving  
Mary Danyluk  
Richard Hornung



Vocation Icon  
Today: Brewer  
Next Sunday: Riley

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**

- 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:**

#### **Young People**

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



Pascha—Feast of Feasts

April 15 & 16, 2017; Attendance: 210

### **Catholic Home Mission Collection Next Sunday April 30!**

Dear Parish Family, next Sunday we are taking the collection for the Catholic Home Mission. This is a USCCB collection whose goal is to support local "missionary" dioceses/eparchies in the USA. Our Eparchy is listed as a missionary eparchy, and we benefit annually from this collection—usually \$85,000! Please, use a special designated envelope. Christ is Risen!

### **God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church member Joseph Theodore**

On Holy Saturday, we formally welcomed Joseph Theodore Gloetzner into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as he received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-Divine Eucharist) at the 6pm Easter Vigil Liturgy. We welcome Joseph Theodore with open arms, pray for his health and salvation, and promise him 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!

### **Mother's Day Cards For Sale!**

The Federation of North American Explorers (Sangre de Cristo Group) will be selling Mother's Day cards for \$5 each through Sunday, May 7th. The cards include artwork and text created by the Explorers. In addition, the children will be praying a rosary for the intentions of the mothers who receive the cards. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Explorers group as they continue to grow. Cards can be purchased from the Explorer families. See Andrea Riley for more information.

**The Perpetual Helpers Book Club** will be meeting on Friday, May 5 from 7-9 pm at Mary Blain's house. We continue to read & discuss *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. I believe we left off our discussion last time with the end of Chapter 2, so we will begin with Chapter 3 "Awakening & Conversion". All are invited to attend. We will have a dessert social along with our fellowship & conversation. Contact Lara Davis for more information.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>TROJCA</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>COUNTER</b>	<b>HOST</b>
April 30	Brook Jilek	Ana Elisa Talamante	Open	Open	Wells Dodson-Sands

### **Barbara's Hall Report**

Thanks to everyone who shared food from their blessed baskets. There was lots of kolbasi, ham, butter lambs, cirek, breads, horseradish and beets, and much, much, more! Thanks again!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tuesdays	6:30 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
Friday mornings	9—10:30 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic
May 8 Monday	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
May 11 Thursday	6:00 pm pot luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy
May 20 Saturday	10:00 am—4:00 pm Annual Byzantine Bazaar
	<b>Ascension of Our Lord / Holy day of Obligation</b>
May 24 Wednesday	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Litija
May 25 Thursday	9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy / Mirovanije
June 25 Sunday	Church Patronal Feast of the Miraculous Icon of OLPH 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Main Celebrant His Grace Bishop John Pazak, C.Ss.R. Blessing of Church inner church renovations
September 22 & 23	Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

**Baking team PLEASE mark these dates** in your calendars:

Baking kolachi (nut rolls) - April 29

Making holubki (stuffed cabbage rolls) - May 6

Wrapping and pricing - May 19

Thank you!

**Bakers' sign up sheet is available on the greeting table:**

Please prayerfully consider what you can bake to sell during the BAZAAR: cookies, brownies, ethnic foods, small breads, cakes that can be easily sliced and sold are all welcome. God Bless YOU!

**!!!ATTENTION!!! OLPHelpers:** Mark your calendars for the next large group meeting — Tuesday May 2, 6—8 pm.



Bishop Milan Sasik, CM, on **Easter Sunday 2017 at Holy Cross Cathedral in Uzhorod**, praying for all those who were sent the **Mission Society Easter Cards**. We raised over **\$4,400** for a new roof for SS. Cyril and Methodius church in Storozhnica, Uzhorod region, Transcarpathian Oblast. Thank you to Bishop Milan for taking the time to pray for these *hundreds* of people and to **YOU**, our donors!

### Spring 2017 Online Adult Education

Classes are from 8:00-9:00 pm. For more information or to register visit [http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith\\_formation.html](http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith_formation.html)

### Tuesday Night Ongoing Classes:

Iconography— 5/9—5/30 \*  
Deacon Benjamin Crow

### Thursday Night Stand Alones

Preparing for Ascension—4/27  
\* Subdeacon Joel Barstad

Reflections on Marriage from Byzantine Sources— 5/11  
\* Seminarian J. Andrew Doane

Ascension and Pentecost  
5/25 \* Deacon John Montalvo III

## Thomas Sunday

This was therefore a work of divine providence, that the separation of the disciple would become a harbinger of increasing safety and surety. For if Thomas had not been absent, he would not have doubted; and if he would not have doubted, he would not have sought strangely; and if he would not have sought, he would not have felt; and if he would not have felt, he would not have been convinced of the Lord and God; and if he did not call Him Lord and God, then neither would we have been taught to hymn Him thus. For Thomas by not being present, has led us towards the truth, and later became more confirmed regarding the faith.

- *St. John Chrysostom, Sermon on Thomas Sunday*

By showing us that it is incorruptible, he would urge us on toward our reward, and by offering it as touchable he would dispose us toward faith. He manifested himself as both incorruptible and touchable to show us that his body after his resurrection was of the same nature as ours but of a different sort of glory. – *St. Gregory the Great, Incorruptible but Touchable.*

: By his unexpected entry through closed doors Christ proved once more that by nature he was God and also that he was none other than the one who had lived among them. By showing his wounded side and the marks of the nails, he convinced us beyond a doubt that he had raised the temple of his body, the very body that had hung on the cross. He restored that body that he had worn, destroying death's power over all flesh, for as God, he was life itself. Why would he need to show them his hands and side if, as some perversely think, he did not rise again bodily? And if the goal was not to have the disciples think about him in this way, why not appear in another form and, disdaining any likeness of the flesh, conjure up other thoughts in their minds? But he obviously thought it was that important to convince them of the resurrection of his body that, even when events would have seemed to call for him to change the mode of his body into some more ineffable and surpassing majesty, he nonetheless resolved in his providence to appear once more as he had been in the past [i.e., in the flesh] so that they might realize he was wearing no other form than the one in which he had suffered crucifixion. Our eyes could not have endured the glory of his holy body, if he had chosen to reveal it to his disciples before he ascended to the Father. Anyone who reflects on the transfiguration will easily infer this is the case,... since, it says, they could not endure the sight but fell on their faces. --*St. Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of John.*

## Saint George

One of the most popular saints ever, his feast day of April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the only universal feast of a saint other than the Virgin Mary or John the Baptist! Why? He reflects universal Christian values, ones that many men in the western world would do well to emulate: constancy, strength, fidelity, love of God and neighbor, self-sacrifice, upholding a true military code of chivalry and honor. Too often the gifts of Christian men are spurned in pseudo-feminist dialogues of the western world, missing the point of what a solid Christian man offers to the world, and how badly the world needs Christian men! A saint like George, who inspired others both in life and death, and whose heavenly protection has been felt for over 1,700 years, is one who can move Christian men forward in their faith lives.

The basics of the St George icon are the bold warrior astride a white stallion, raising his spear to pierce the dragon in its open throat, while a woman stands in the distance waiting to be rescued. Out of that icon, comes the legend of George slaying a dragon who was fed with an annual tribute of a virgin from a besieged town. But the icon has nothing to do with such a legend at all. Rather, the woman is Ekklesia, the Church. The warrior is indeed George, who we know was an officer in the Roman army and is one of many who died rather than sacrifice incense to a statue of the emperor. We also know that this George suffered a great deal in his martyrdom, probably because of both his high rank and own personal popularity among the troops, in order to frighten other Christian soldiers to convert to paganism. The dragon is the force of Evil – and the righteous George plunges the spear, which is topped with the Cross of the Savior, right into the jaws of hell. Thus Satan is destroyed, the **Church's victory won, and souls are inspired to follow George in his righteous behavior.**

In Transcarpathia – East Slovakia, this feast is a major event in the agricultural cultures there. April 23 is when the flocks and herds are moved up out of the valleys and into the highlands, and when the fields are blessed. Even today, this marks the migration of shepherds and animals (they leave the highlands on the feast of another warrior-saint, Demetrius, at the end of October, and the farming season ends on the feast of the Dedication of the Church of Saint George in early November). All the **animals are under George's protection, so if a wolf or bear snatches one on the feast-day, it must be George's will and no hunter will pursue.**

It is also the day to bless fields and gardens. Parishioners come out of the churches carrying all of the processional banners, and the priests go forward to bless the farm fields first, then on their return the gardens of individual houses in the villages. I have seen this practice followed even in driving rain, because there is no thought of delaying the blessing – the private gardens provide so much of the food for villager and townspeople alike.

St George is the patron saint of the Republic of Georgia, of England, Germany, Palestine, Lithuania, Greece, co-patron of **Ukraine; of all soldiers, Boy Scouts, the cities of Moscow, Beirut, L'viv, and Venice; the islands of Malta and Gozo where he appeared during an attack by Muslim navies who then withdrew; farmers, shepherds, horsemen and saddle-makers.** We all have dragons which need to be slain, and we all should be upright defenders of the truths of the Church: O brave Saint George, help us!

What is the Artos and why is it eaten today? During Bright Week, the blessed bread, covered with an icon of the Resurrection, remains on the Tetrapod or the Grave until the Sunday after Easter (St. Thomas Sunday), when the Artos is distributed to the faithful. According to the old custom, the Artos was distributed on the Saturday of Bright Week after the Holy Liturgy with the prayer, "this bread may be for the health and sanctification of the soul of him who eats of it." In the former centuries the faithful would preserve little pieces of bread for those who were seriously ill or in danger of death and unable to receive Holy Communion.

The Artos reminds the faithful that Christ came from Heaven to Earth, took on a human body, suffered for us, was crucified, and on the third day arose from the dead to be with us always to the end of the world. Our Lord said of Himself: "I am the living bread who came down from Heaven"(John 6:51).

It also reminds us of His appearance to the Disciples after the Resurrection, when He blessed the food and did eat of it with them. Again we are reminded of His words to the disciples Lucas and Cleophas on their way to the village of Emmaus when He interpreted the Scriptures in regard to things referring to Himself, and they recognized Him when He reclined at the table with them, and He "took bread and blessed, and broke" and began handing it to them. (Luke 24:27-35). It is again blessed, with a different prayer on the Saturday vespers following Easter. It is broken and distributed to those present.

## Explorer's Pilgrimage to Tome on Good Friday



### Dear OLPH Family,

We want to thank all of you for the loving card and generous gifts of restaurant gift cards. It has been so important for us to know that we are in your prayers as we transition to our new life here in NJ and as we welcome our little Theresa.

We hope YOU are doing well. You are in our prayers. We still miss Divine Liturgy and Byzantine traditions, and the wonderful fellowship we shared with you all. Below is a picture from Theresa's baptism a couple of weeks ago.

In Christ,  
David and Carlana