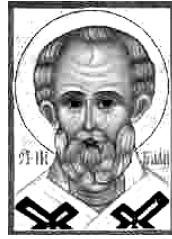


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St Thomas Sunday / Antipascha (Second Sunday of Pascha)

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today	Blessing of the Graves
1:00 PM – St Alexander Nevsky Cemetery	
3:00 PM – Mt Calvary Cemetery	
Saturday, May 17th – 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Sunday, May 18th – 10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Graves will be blessed today at St Alexander Nevsky Cemetery at 1:00 PM and Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 3:00 PM. Everyone is welcomed to attend as we proclaim “Christ is Risen!” to those in the tombs!

Mark your calendars! We will be cleaning the St Mark Church on Saturday, April 24th at 9:00 AM to prepare for our special concert with the Konevets Quartet and the Tsar Lazar Serbian Male Chorus of Pittsburgh. We need your help and support!

Best wishes and many years to Helen Cobb, who celebrated her 102nd birthday this past Thursday. May God grant her health, peace, salvation, and all of God’s earthly and heavenly blessings!

Jim and Leslie Wokutch would like to thank their church family for all of the gifts, sympathy cards, thoughts, and prayers extended to them during the falling asleep of Jim's father. Thank-you, (signed) Jim and Leslie.

Please make sure to advertise to friends, neighbors and at work, about the special fundraising concert we will be sponsoring on Wednesday, April 28th at St Mark Church. The Konevets Quartet will give an exclusive Pittsburgh concert, along with the Tsar Lazar Serbian Male Chorus, beginning at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door. Please distribute the handbills to as many people as possible.

This month’s Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be held Wednesday/Thursday, April 21/22. Prices remain the same...\$5 for an Italian Hoagie or Wrap and \$5.50 for a Turkey Hoagie or Wrap. All parishioners are encouraged to obtain orders. Orders can be called to 412 771-0176, faxed to 412 771-2111 or email to mbittner109@verizon.net by 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010. Please join us on the assembly line on Wednesday, April 21, in the church hall. We start as early as 8 a.m. and usually finish before noon. Thank you.

Congratulations to Robbie and Teresa Robes, on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Grace. Rachel Grace was born Thursday at 8:19 AM. She weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 20 inches long. At this time, Rachel is in Children’s Hosptial awaiting heart surgery tomorrow (Monday). Rachel was baptized and chrismated as a matter of prudence, not emergency. Please keep the newly-illuminated handmaiden of God, Rachel and the entire Robes family, in your prayers.

Vigil Light Donations (*Please remember the following people in your prayers*) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck, Olga Kasnot and Helen Billak. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of sister, Doris & Marsha. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of John, Theodore, (my children), Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Carol, Michael, Nancy, Charles, Helen; Helen on her birthday; Community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Marsha Wasilko** for a blessed Pascha! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! **From Charles & Natalya Tichy** for the departed servants, Aleksandra, Ilya, Praskovia, Vladimir and Anna; for the health of Charles, Misha, Mikhail, Sergei, Nadezda, Helen Cobb, Carol Kowalcheck, Helen Billak-Henry, Andrew & Olga Kasnot and Helen Shancey; Lord’s blessings to Chtourakov & Bodomov families. **From Valerie Czahor** for the health of Margaret Mesh. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation for our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving to God for all my blessings. **From John A. Tirpak** for the departed servants, Anne & John; for the health of Alexandria & John and our families. **From Olga Dmytriyeva** for the departed servants, Natalia, Nickolai and Andrei; for the health of Olga, Katerina, Sergey, Anna, Michail, Anton, Aleksandra; special intentions. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga and Very Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., great-grandson, Timmy Waller Jr., Helen Hoover, Wayne Miller, Margaret Ruprecht and special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rizzo. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna and John & Julia Ann; for the health of Marsha, Ed Belfiore, Helen Shancey and Homer Jester. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Slava, Maxsim, Sergei, Bruce, Maria, Maria, Polina, Valentina, Victor, Tamara, Nicolay and Marina; for the health of Tatyana, Dasha, Nina, Roma, Valero and Galina. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servant, George, Johanna, Beverly and Bonnie Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of Tom, Robbie, Teresa, Nick, Anna and Baby Rachel. **From Aleksandra Williams** for the health of Aleksandra, Vladimir, Tatiana, Vladimir, Tatiana, Sophia, Vera, Vera and Ivan. **From Susan Sipes Stroehlen** for the departed servant, husband, Jon. **From Kristie Mertz** for the Bosko, Mertz & Young families. **From Marina Petrov** for the departed servants, Zinoviy, Nina and Dusya; for the health of her family, Tatiana on her birthday, Alexandra, Julian and Leo. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Vladimir, Vassili, Peter, Anna, Nina, Zinovi, Christina, Mat. Olga and Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Alexandra, Marina, Vladimir, Roman, Polina, Yevgeniy and all our relatives & friends.

*This bulletin is offered by Tom and Georgiann Robes in memory of
George, Johanna and Beverly Porvaznik, and Victor Robes*

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Paschal Greeting

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!
Christos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese! (*Russian*)
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (*Greek*)

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Tone 7 Troparion of the Sunday

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.

Tone 8 Kontakion of the Sunday

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
When Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Psalm 147)

Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

Epistle (Acts 5:12-20)

And 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)

Then, 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.

Communion Hymn of the Sunday

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us downstairs for coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy*