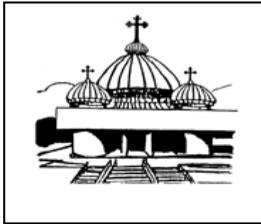


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DIVINE LITURGY:

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

Confession: Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

Baptisms & Marriages: By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

April 15, 2018

Провідна Неділя – THOMAS SUNDAY

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

TRULLY, HE IS RISEN!

Propers: Page 515 Hymn on Page 948 & 950

John 20:19-31 Appearance to the Disciples. On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas. Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the

doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Acts: 5:12-20 Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Trial before the Sanhedrin. Then the high priest rose up and all his companions, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and, filled with jealousy, laid hands upon the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out, and said, "Go and take your place in the temple area, and tell the people everything about this life."

The Eastern Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

THANK YOU: First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to all who decorated, cleaned and donated towards flowers and prepared the church for the Feast of the Resurrection.

It was wonderful to see many parishioners taking the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession before Easter. Our faithful are encouraged to receive the sacrament at least twice yearly – before Easter and Christmas. Also, it was great to see our faithful participate in the Holy Thursday Passion Matins (where the 12 passion Gospels were proclaimed), Good Friday (laying of the Shroud) and Holy Saturday prayers at the tomb.

I especially thank all who made the effort to be at services on time. Indeed, this was a joyful celebration of Easter. It is good to see parishioners responding to Jesus' invitation and participating in the Paschal Mystery and strengthening our faith. We

need to be reminded not to limit our faith only to blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter Sunday Liturgy, but all Easter services are important especially the Good Friday.

May the Resurrected Jesus strengthen our faith and love for God.

My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)

Sometimes we get labeled, whether justly or unjustly. This is certainly the case in today's Gospel reading. Jesus had appeared to the apostles, but Thomas had not been present. When the other apostles told him about it, he couldn't accept it. Even though they had been together for three years, he still doubted them.

The Gospel of John is filled with expressions that give honor to Jesus. Some people called Jesus a great prophet. Others called him a teacher. Still others called him the Christ or even the Son of God. But it was the apostle Thomas—the one who has forever been labeled the “doubter”—who first proclaimed Jesus to be “my Lord and my God” (John 20:28). In the words of biblical scholar Fr.

Raymond Brown, Thomas made “the most complete affirmation of Christ's nature to be found on the lips of anyone in the Gospel.”

My Lord and my God! Every miracle Jesus performed, be it the healing of the man who was lowered down through the roof, the healing of the blind Bartimaeus, or the raising of Lazarus, points to these four words. Every teaching Jesus gave, be it the Sermon on the Mount, the parable of the prodigal son, or the Golden Rule, points to these four words. Every revelation of God's mercy and love points to who Jesus is and how he wants us to see him.

This story about Thomas tells the story of every believer in the history of the Church. Thomas represents each of us when we say, “I find it hard to believe.” Just as Jesus rejuvenated Thomas' faith, he wants to rejuvenate ours when we are caught up in doubt. He wants us to be like Thomas—a people who overcome our very human and very natural doubts. He wants to help each one of us say, “Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.”

So today and all week long, proclaim these four precious words. Then watch to see how his grace will help you believe even more.

“Jesus, you are my Lord and my God!”

НЕДЛЯ ТОМИНА

«ЩАСЛИВИ ТІ, ЯКІ, НЕ БАЧИВШИ, УВІРУВАЛИ!» (ЙО. 20, 29). І НЕХАЙ ЩАСЛИВИМ буде кожен із нас. Це блаженство – останнє в Євангелії, і воно перегукується з першим: «Щаслива та, що повірила, бо здійсниться сказане їй від Господа» (Лк. 1, 45). Діва Марія повірила в Слово Отця, і через її віру Святий Дух дав тіло відвічному Слову. Вона носила Його в своєму лоні і народила на світ, але саме через віру вона вчилася кожного дня, аж до Його смерті на хресті, пізнавати і любити Його як Сина Божого. Діва Марія щаслива, як ніхто інший, адже вона завжди жила у

вірі (див. Лк. 8, 19-21; 11, 27-28). Богородиця ніколи не просила знаку для того, щоб вірити. Вона покійно покладалася на вірність свого Господа. Для нас, людей маловірних, дані знаки, щоб допомогти нам вірувати, що Ісус – це Христос, Син Божий, аби, віруючи, ми мали життя в Його ім'я. І це важливо: якщо ми не віруємо в любов нашого Отця, яку Він засвідчив в Ісусі, не можемо жити. Ми існуємо тому, що люблені Ним. І тоді життя – це безперервна перемога над смертю, це воскресення. Наша віра – у Бозі, Який воскресив Ісуса з мертвих.

Дещо недовірлива наполегливість Томи дає нам світло розуміння. Як ми можемо впізнавати Ісуса сьогодні? Після свого воскресення Він присутній серед людей значно більшою мірою, ніж у своєму земному житті, адже для Нього вже нема жодних фізичних обмежень. Але ми все ще перебуваємо у смертному матеріальному світі. Найбільшого знаку Його присутності Тома торкнувся рукою: він торкнувся Його ран, Його пробитого боку, від яких нам дається Святий Дух, життєдайна любов. А сьогодні ранами на Тілі Ісуса є рани всіх людей, наші рани, рани всіх тих, які страждають у своєму серці, у своєму тілі, у своїй гідності. Ці рани всього людства ми можемо бачити безпосередньо чи через засоби масової інформації, відчувати перед ними зворушення чи безнадію, але у воскреслому Христі отримуємо інший погляд: погляд віри, котрий сягає поза видимі речі, аж до глибинної сутності людей і впізнаючи в них таким чином Господа, образом якого вони є, який любить їх. Перші християни казали: «Якщо ти побачив свого брата, ти побачив Бога» (пор. Мт. 25. 35-40). І ми віримо в це, і знаємо, що лише, наповнюючись Його світлом, ми зможемо любити і служити тим найменшим, яких воскреслий Христос прийшов спасати насамперед. **Жан Корбон**

Prayer Intentions April 16-22

Monday	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Panakhya +Ernie Lekun
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. –	Divine Liturgy
	10:30 am –	Funeral +Ernie Lekun
Thursday	No Divine Liturgy	
Friday	4:30 p.m.	+Anna Kindrachuk – Pat Kindrachuk
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Anna Stupak (anniv) – S.T. Pawluch
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	+Марія Мокрински – Родина Бабяк
	10:30 a.m.	Dec. in family – Louise Romanyshyn



SINCEREST CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS : We extend our sincerest condolences & prayers to the Yuryj and Derkac families on the passing away of Andrea Yuryj. May her memory be eternal in God!

SINCEREST CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS : We extend our sincerest condolences & prayers to the Lekun family on the passing away of +Ernie Lekun. May his memory be eternal in God!

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТ – Відійшла у вічність Андрія Юрій. Родині складаємо наші співчуття. Вічна Її Пам`ять.

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТ – Відійшов у вічність Ерній Лекун. Родині складаємо наші співчуття. Вічна Йому Пам`ять.



MAY 5th -- SPRING DANCE RECITAL 2018 -- MAY 5th

WITH SPECIAL GUEST CHAIKA UKRAINIAN SONG & DANCE ENSEMBLE.

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 2:00pm Sheridan Auditorium - Sudbury Secondary School Tickets \$15 (children 10 & under FREE)

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church: " This year St. Michael's will celebrate our 90th year as a parish in Coniston! Our church received a very special gift of a Shroud from Father Anton Szymychalski, St. John the Theologian Parish in St. Catharines. The Shroud of Christ was donated in memory of the deceased members of Fr. Anton's family, former parishioners of St. Michael's . This truly is a wonderful and greatly appreciated gift for our parish. Thank you Fr. Anton! As this is Bright week, we sing, "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!"

New Excuse: I was on my way to church and was almost there when I look at my cell phone and it said "NO SERVICE"....so I turned around and went home.



During a Eucharistic Congress, a number of priests from different orders are gathered in a church for Vespers. While they are praying, a fuse blows and all the lights go out. The Benedictines continue praying from memory, without missing a beat.

The Jesuits begin to discuss whether the blown fuse means they are dispensed from the obligation to pray Vespers.

The Franciscans compose a song of praise for God's gift of brother darkness.

The Dominicans revisit their ongoing debate on light as a signification of the transmission of divine knowledge.

The Carmelites fall into silence and slow, steady breathing.

The parish priest, who is hosting the others, goes to the basement and replaces the fuse.



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