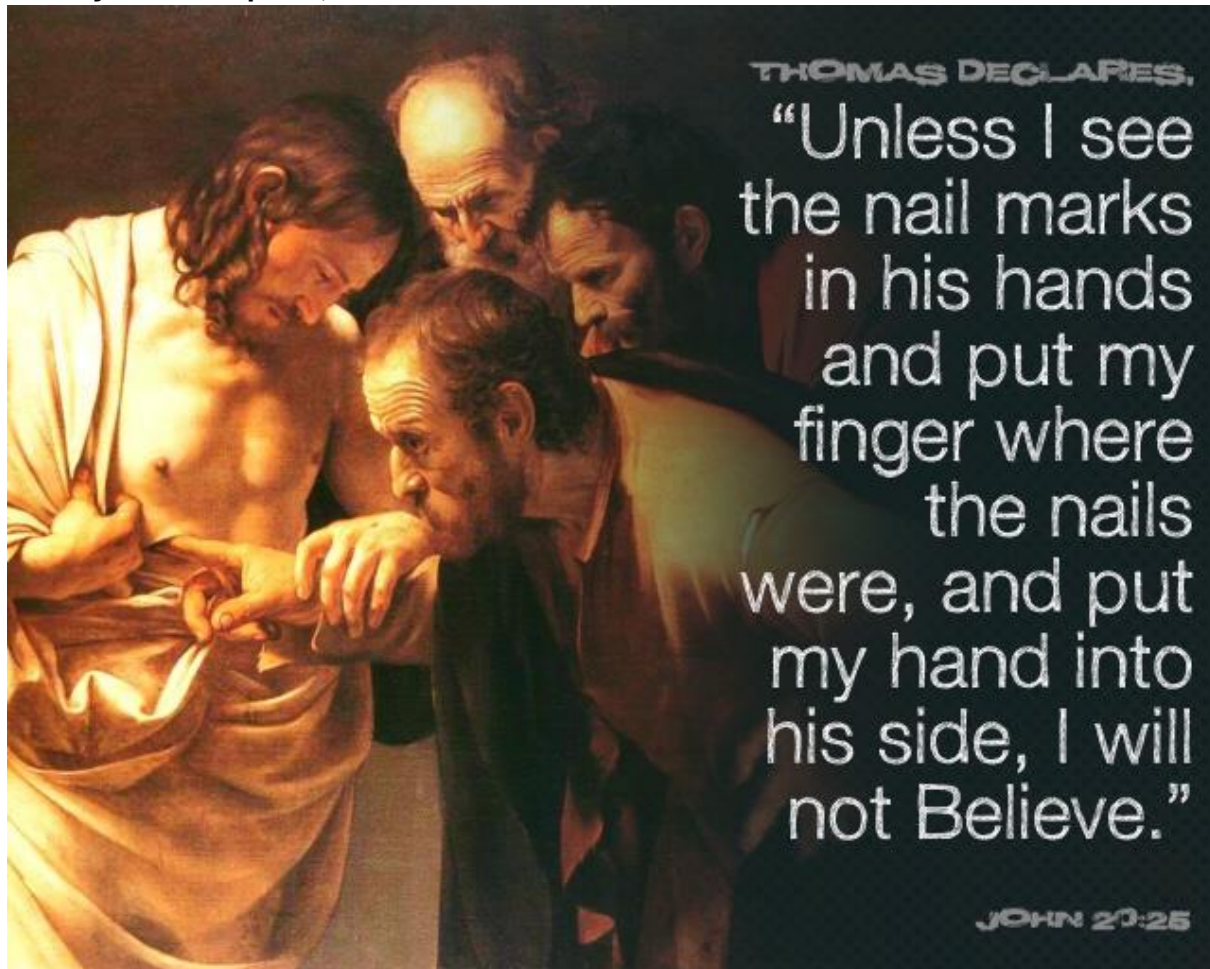


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We are on the New Calendar

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- Communion is only for Orthodox Christians.

- Preparation for Communion: going for Confession, praying, and fasting.

- Confessions: Vespers-first Saturday of the month, Sun. before Liturgy, or by appointment.

- Make a list of living and deceased and bring it to the Altar. We'll pray for them during a Liturgy.

- For pastoral visits at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.

- A directory of parishioners' names and addresses is available (vestibule) for those who would like to send cards or good wishes.

- Follow us on Facebook Click [HERE](#)

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!
Христос Воскрес!
Молимоь за мир в Україні!

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!
Воістину Воскрес!
Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 19 Apr. **ANTIPASCHA. SECOND SUNDAY of PASCHA. St. THOMAS. T. 1. JOHN of the Ancient Caves, Palestine (8th C.) Martyrs CHRISTOPHER, THEONAS & ANTONINUS of Nicomedia. Hieromartyr PAPHNUTIUS of Jerusalem. GEORGE the Confessor, Bishop of Antioch (820) TRYPHON, Patriarch of Constantinople (933) NICEPHORUS, Abbot of Katabad.**

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour after the Liturgy – Запрошуємо на каву після Літургії
UOL meeting

TODAY'S BULLETIN, SPONSORED WITH LOVE AND RESPECT TO PANI MARTHA, ON THE OCCASION OF HER 80th ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH, IS OFFERED BY DEACON MIKHAIL, MARIA, MATTHEW, CHRISTINA, PAUL AND HER 11 GRANDCHILDREN.

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BY MARTHA AND MICHAEL MISKO

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS (NO KNEELING FOR 50 DAYS)

Mon. 20 Apr. St. Theodore Trichinas (“the Hair-shirt Wearer”) (400).
Acts 3:19-26 **Jn. 2:1-11**

Tue. 21 Apr. Hieromartyr Januarius, and his companions: Festus, Proclus, and Sosius.
Acts 4:1-10 **Jn. 2:1-11**

06:30 PM **MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (HOLY PROTECTION, ALLENTOWN).**

Wed. 22 Apr. Apostles Nathaniel, Luke, and Clement. St. Vitalis at Gaza (609-620).
Acts 4:13-22 **Jn. 5:17-24**

Thu. 23 Apr. **Holy Great-martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George (303).**
Acts 4:23-31 **Jn. 5:24-30**

Fri. 24 Apr. Ven. Thomas the Fool of Syria (550). Ven. Elizabeth the Wonderworker.
Acts 5:1-11 **Jn. 5:30-6:2**

Sat. 25 Apr. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (63). St. Macedonius.

Acts 5:21-33 **Jn. 6:14-27**

05:00 PM **GREAT VESPERS.**

Sun. 26 Apr. Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

-Many thanks and appreciation to Jessie Hnatow and Christina Deutsch for conducting a Pysanky Workshop on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Each attendee left the workshop with a colorful, symbolic, completed pysanka, continuing the culture and rich traditions of our ancestors!

-“My sincere thanks to the Pyrohonya workers for the lovely birthday surprise, good wishes and delicious cake on Thursday. God grant you all many years, for you have blessed mine!”

With Christ’s love, Pani Martha Sawarynski.

- Welcome to all Saints Camp! 2026 Schedule: St. Nicholas Program: June 17–20, Diocesan Church School Camp: June 21–27, Teenage Conference: June 28 – July 11, Mommy/Daddy & Me: July 19–23. For more info visit UOCYOUTH.ORG

- Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please take note of the yellow folders that have been placed in our Church pews. They are there for all of you to take part in singing some of our antiphons and other liturgical music. It would be uplifting if we all took part in singing to the glory God during our Liturgy. "Sing praises to our Lord, sing praises!"

- Pyrohy schedule: May 7, 28. First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- Loving Waters Campaign for the **All-Saints Camp Water System Repair** (Emlenton, PA). The camp got a **large bill** for its water system. Let’s help! Envelopes near entrance.

- Sunday School Schedule: Every Sunday right after the Communion. Welcome.

- Please turn in Redner’s save a tape. The receipt must show the Save-A-Tape amount.

- Virtual Bible Study Day. Check the information on the board downstairs.

ANNIVERSARIES:

02 May...John & Linda Vitushinsky

BIRTHDAYS:

17 Apr...Pani Martha Sawarynski

25 Apr...Andrea Sawarynski

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

19 Apr...Gregory Gul ’30, Olga Skalsky ’92

20 Apr...Martin Sheska ’12

21 Apr...Antin Masur ’44, Jameleh Azar ’85,

22 Apr...Alexander Poticha ’62, Michael Lubenesky ’01

24 Apr...Ivan Lutyi ’79

25 Apr...Mary Gulka ’55

ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ’ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Metropolitan Antony, Irene Alexander, Elizabeth Zurat, Helen Crayosky, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Sandra Miller, Raisa Bakalets, Karen Yurconic, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka, Karen Kankula, Evelyn Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, John Vitushinski, Matthew Vitushinsky, Luke Vitushinski Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Ray Stoner, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldier Oleh, Soldier Volodymyr, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Gary Lelo, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Stephanie Donnelly, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, Elena Iaroshenko, MaryAnn Ramaley, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith, Charles Ermert, Susan Grofic.

Do not be unbelieving, but believing! Though the expression is rarely heard today, many years ago the term *"Doubting Thomas"* was used to describe someone with a contrarian or skeptical disposition. *"I doubt it"* was their habitual response to any claim that sounded unbelievable to them. These "Doubting Thomases" owe their nickname to the Holy Apostle Thomas, to whom the Sunday following Pascha is dedicated.

What could Thomas have said—what could any one of us have said—to such an invitation to proof and truth, except the words he offered: **"My Lord and my God!"**

Thomas was not unbelieving by nature. Remember that only about two weeks earlier he had shown great zeal, encouraging the other disciples to follow Jesus to Bethany despite the danger, saying: *"Let us also go, that we may die with Him."* He was ready to die with the Master. Yet after witnessing the Lord's death, and not yet understanding that these things were meant to happen, the grief became too heavy for Thomas—and for the others—to bear. He had seen the miracles performed by his Master in loving-kindness, and he had heard all that Jesus taught the disciples. But now, grief-stricken and fearing for his own life, Thomas could neither perceive nor comprehend the events that led to Jesus' appearance to the disciples.

With words that both correct and encourage, Jesus says to him: *"Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Certainly, those who come to this website and take the time and interest to read these reflections belong to those *"who have not seen and yet have believed."* Praise be to God, Who *"revealed the fishermen as most wise, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net."* Through their faith, courage, and witness, our forebears were evangelized—and through them, so were we.

The Holy Apostle Thomas was one of those "fishermen most wise," who once again, with renewed zeal and without doubt, journeyed eastward to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. What a shame that in our times the world so often turns away from blessedness, choosing neither to seek, nor to see, nor to believe. (From the UOC of the USA website)

PASCHAL PROPERS of the LITURGY of JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

We do not sing: "O Heavenly King..." from Pascha to Pentecost; it is replaced with "Christ is risen from the dead..." 2 ½ times by the Priest ending with the Choir: "and upon those in tombs bestowing life."

Tropar of Antipascha, Tone 7: From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life/ Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God/ Renew in us, through them, an upright Spirit/ by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all.

Glory... now and ever. Amen. Kondak of Antipascha, Tone 8: Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God/ when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors/ He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God."

Prokimen from the Pentecostarion, Tone 3: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power/ His understanding is beyond measure.

Verse: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 (In those days...)

Alleluia Verses, Tone 8. Come let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Instead of "It is right in truth..." Hymn to the Theotokos. The angel cried to the Lady, full of grace/ "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, Rejoice,/ your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb/ With Himself, He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, O ye people.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem/ The glory of the Lord has shone on you/ Exult now, and be glad, O Zion/ Be radiant, O pure Theotokos / in the Resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia (3X)

Instead of "We have seen the True Light..."

Christ is risen from the dead... (1X)

At the dismissal after Priest intones "Glory to You, Christ..."

Christ is risen from the dead...(3X)

Tone 8. And unto us He has given eternal life/ Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE

Despite a heavy police presence and fewer pilgrims because of the Middle East War, the miraculous Holy Fire Ceremony took place in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with Patriarch Theophilos emerging from the Tomb of Jesus on Holy Saturday carrying 33 lites.

Metropolitan Epiphaniy blessed 12,000 Pascha cakes at St. Michael's Golden Dome Cathedral for soldiers on the front lines.

Vespers and placing of the Holy Shroud were held on Great Friday in the Dormition Kyiv Pechersk Lavra.

More than 250 catechumens, mostly adults, were baptized in the Archdiocese of Britain prior to Holy Pascha by Archbishop Nikitas.

100 parishes in the USA from 8 jurisdictions participated in the National Orthodox Baby Shower collecting baby items & \$20,000 for pregnant mothers coinciding on the Feast of Annunciation.

Patriarch Theodore II led the service of translation of the relics of St. Chrysostomos of Africa, pioneer missionary to Congo, in the Church of St. Andrew in Kananga. He was canonized by the Patriarchate in 2025.

At the convent of the Mother of God in Chopovichi, Zhytomyr 25 sisters took vows and were tonsured as nuns on the Saturday of the Akafist to the Virgin Mary.

Metropolitan Onuphry celebrated the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem at the Pechersk Monastery in Kyiv.

Volunteers from the Chernivitsi Diocese collected 8 tones of humanitarian aid for Pascha to the monasteries of the Donbas



Євангеліє. Споконвіку було Слово, і Слово було у Бога, і Слово було Бог. 2 Воно було споконвіку в Бога. 3 Все через Нього сталося, і без Нього ніщо не сталося, що сталося. 4 У Ньому було життя, і життя було світлом людям. 5 І світло в темряві світить, і темрява не огорнула його. 6 Був чоловік, посланий від Бога; ім'я йому Іоан. 7 Він прийшов для свідчення, щоб свідчити про Світло, щоб усі увірували через нього. 8 Він не був світлом, але був посланий, щоб свідчити про Світло. 9 Було Світло істинне, що освітлює кожну людину, яка приходить у світ. 10 У світі був, і світ через Нього постав, і світ Його не пізнав. 11 До своїх прийшов, і свої Його не прийняли. 12 А тим, які прийняли Його, що вірують в ім'я Його, дав силу дітьми Божими бути, 13 які не від крові, не від похоті плотської, не від хотіння чоловічого, а від Бога народилися.

14 І Слово стало плоттю, і вселилося між нами, повне благодаті й істини; і ми бачили славу Його, славу, як Єдинородного від Отця. 15 Іоан свідчить про Нього і голосно каже: це Той, про Кого я говорив; Той, Хто йде за мною, став попереду мене, бо раніше від мене був. 16 І від повноти Його ми всі прийняли і благодать на благодать, 17 бо закон був даний через Мойсея; а благодать і істина через Ісуса Христа сталися.