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**Sun. 26 Apr. ANTIPASCHA**. 2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA. **St. THOMAS Sunday**. Tone 1. Hiero-martyr Artemon of Laodicea (303). Martyrs CRESCENS of Myra & THOMAIS of Alexandria (476).

**Acts 5: 12-20 John 20: 19-31**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!**

**TRULY, HE IS RISEN! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

**Today’s Bulletin is sponsored in observance of the 16th Anniversary of the Ordination of Protodeacon Mikhail to the deaconate by Metropolitan Antony and is offered by his wife, Matushka Martha, his children, Maria, Matthew, Christina and Paul & grandchildren.**

**CONGRATULATIONS, PROTODEACON MICHAIL! MANY BLESSED YEARS!**

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Second Week After Pascha**

**Mon. 27 Apr.** St. Martin the Confessor, pope of Rome (655).

***Acts 3:19-26 Jn. 2:1-11***

**Tue. 28 Apr.** Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus of the Seventy (67). Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia of Rome (1st c.).

***Acts 4:1-10 Jn. 3:16-21***

**Wed. 29 Apr.** Virgin-martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia in Illyria (304).

***Acts 4:13-22 Jn. 5:17-24***

**Thu. 30 Apr.** Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251). Hieromartyr Simeon, bishop in Persia.

***Acts 4:23-31 Jn. 5:24-30***

**Fri. 1 May** Ven. John, disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis (820). New Martyr John Yanitsky (1526).

***Acts 5:1-11 Jn. 5:30–6:2***

**Sat. 2 May** St. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine (8th c.). Martyrs Christopher, Theonas, and Antoninus in Nicomedia (303)..

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

**Sun. 3 May Third Sunday of Pascha, of the Myrrh-bearing Women. Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.** Childmartyr Gabriel of Bilostok (1690).

***Acts 6:1-7 Mk. 15:43–16:8***

**FAITH**

Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.

Matthew 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**ILLUSTRATION**. Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin, a Russian Communist leader, who took part in the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. In 1930 he addressed a massive assembly of workers in Kyiv on the subject of atheism. He aimed the heavy artillery of his arguments at Christianity by hurling insults and proof against it. He went on and on for an hour effectively crucifying and killing our faith. When he was done he looked out smugly upon what he thought was the smoldering ash heap of the crowd’s faith. His speech was followed by silence and he demanded, “Are there any questions?” As deafening silence filled the auditorium, for what seemed an eternity, a man approached the platform and the lectern standing near the powerful communist leader. He surveyed the crowd scanning the silent faces from left to right. Finally, he shouted the ancient greeting known so well in the Orthodox Church: “CHRIST IS RISEN!” En masse, the crowd rose to its feet and the response came crashing forth like the sound of thunder: “INDEED, HE IS RISEN”.

**Propers for Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

***Tropar:*** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death and upon those in the tombs, bestowing Life. (3X)

***Tropar of the Second Sunday of Pascha, Tone7***

Christ our Life, You rose from the tomb after it had been sealed. While the doors remained closed, You stood among Your disciples renewing a righteous spirit in them. Our God, the Resurrection of all, You are most merciful.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

***Kondak of Thomas Sunday, Tone 8***

Christ God, Thomas explored Your Life-giving side with an inquisitive hand. Since You had entered the room while the doors were locked, he cried out with the other Apostles: “You are my Lord and my God.”

Great is our God and great is His Power. His understanding is beyond measure.

***Verse:***Praise the Lord, for a Psalm is good. Let our praise to God be sweet.

***Alleluia Verses in 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.

***Instead of “It is right in truth…”***

The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, 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 all peoples.

***Irmos:***Shine, Shine, O New Jerusalem for the Glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now and be glad O Zion and rejoice, Pure Birth-Giver of God, in the Resurrection of Your Son.

***Communion Hymn:***

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem, praise Your God, Zion. Alleluia (3X)

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***At the Dismissal the Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead (3X)***

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**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**!!! 02 May…John & Linda Vitushinsky (50th) !!!**

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**06 May…**Stephen Unger

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**NECROLOGY:**

**27 Apr…**Helen Vasilosky ’88

**28 Apr…**Tekla Fedorovych ’26

**29 Apr…**Philip Kereb ’25. Nelcy Azar ‘15

**30 Apr…**Julian Didenko ’39, Mary Kulp ’91, Natalia Lutyi ’18

**02 May…**Nicholas Kymiankevych ’29, Caroline Kuliansky ’72,

Metropolitan Ioan (Teodorovich) ’71

**03 May…**Agnes Chuyko ’64

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**Directives from our hierarchy:**

**NONE OF THE FAITHFUL FROM YOUR PARISH OR FROM ANYWHERE ELSE MAY BE PRESENT IN CHURCH FOR THE LITURGY.**

**Regarding to the situation, Sunday School, Pierogi making, Church Studies, ARE CANCELLED.**

**Illustration.** Dr. Werner Von Braun, the great scientist who headed the United States’ space program, speaks as a scientist on life after death. He said. “Many people seem to feel that science has somehow made religious ideas untimely and old fashioned. But, I think science has a real surprise for skeptics. **Science**, for instance, tells us that nothing in nature, not even the tiniest particle, can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation.

Dr. Braun continued, “Now, if God applies this fundamental principle to the most minute and insignificant parts of His universe, doesn’t it make sense to assume that He applies it also the human soul? I think it does! And everything science has taught me – and continues to teach me – strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Nothing disappears without a trace.”

St. Thomas the Apostle had his doubts concerning the reality of our Lord’s resurrection from the dead. He had to have it verified to him personally as today’s Gospel informs us. There are still many doubters today. From the words of our Lord, it seems there will continue to be those who will not accept the reality of a future life.

In the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, through the mouth of Abraham, Jesus said, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the Prophets, they will not be convinced, even if someone should rise from the dead.” How true!

**Tradition of the Day**. In the early Church, **Baptisms** were usually celebrated on Holy Saturday, and throughout the week that followed the new Christians wore the white garments they received as they came up from the Baptismal font. On the Sunday after Pascha – “Antipascha,” as it is called – the new Christians wore these special white garments for the last time, and then resumed their ordinary street clothes. However, the bishop would remind them that they were still “robed in Christ,” and should walk henceforth, no longer as unbelievers, but as Baptized Christians. In other words, we Christians, who have been Baptized, must live according to the Gospel, not according to the standards of the society around us. In today’s Baptism ritual, the newly Baptized is “robed” in a white garment, symbolic of the new life they shall live in Christ.

**2020 ESSAY CONTEST.** Let's participate! https://uolofusa.org/essaycontest

**The Youth of our Parish are collecting funds for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA** as part of the Great Lent Giveaway 2020. You can participate by our Facebook page. Thank you for your generous donations!

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Allan, Lubov Slonova, Chet Bohanek, William Savitz, Catherine Kochenash, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Michelle Pierzga, Susan Ferretti, Carole Zarayko, Mariana Goshow, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous.

**GOD BLESS YOU. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON IN THE CHURCH**