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***We are each of us angels with only one wing...
And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

April 12, 2026 Thomas Sunday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parios.

Intentions this Sunday

Sunday at 10am: Parishioners.

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death. And to those in the tombs He granted life.

First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works!* Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You".* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,* and the great king over all the earth.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 7: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors

Пасхальний Тропар

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав,* і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Перший антифон

Воскликніте Господеві, вся зємле,* співайте ж імені Його, віддайте славу в хвалі Йому! *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Скажіте Бóгові: як страшні діла Твої!* У мно́жестві сили Твоїї леститимуть Тобі ворогі Твої. *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Вся земля нехай поклóниться Тобі і співає Тобі,* нехай же співає імені Твоєму, Всеви́шній!* *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорóдний Сїну.

Третій антифон

Прийдіте, возра́дуємся Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві на́шому. *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мёртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلуя.*

Ідім перед лицем Його з ісповіданням, і псалма́ми воскликнім Йому. *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мёртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلуя.*

Бо Бог – великий Господь і цар великий по всій землі. *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мёртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلуя.*

Вхідне

Прийдіте поклонімся* і припадім до Хри́ста.* *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мёртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلуя.*

Тропарі й кондаки

Тропар (г.7): Хоч запечатаний був гріб,* як життя із грóбу возсіяв Ти, Хри́сте Бóже,* і, хоч за́мкнені були́ двєрі,*

were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon

Tone 3: Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

Repeat: Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Repeat: Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

Epistle Acts 5:12-20

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Gospel John 20:19-31

Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.* Praise your God, O Zion.*
Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

ученикам представ єси, як воскресіння всіх,* дух правий через них обновлюючи нам,* по великій Твоїй милості.

Слава Отцю, і Сїну, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак (г. 8): Допитливою десницею* життєдайні Твої ребра Томá провірив, Христе Бóже,* бо, хоч замкнені були двєри, як Ти увійшов,* він із іншими Апóстолами клікав до Тебе:* Господь єси і Бог мій.

Прокімен

(г. 3): Великий Господь наш і велика сила Його, і розумові Його немає міри.

Всі: Великий Господь наш і велика сила Його, і розумові Його немає міри

Стих: Хваліте Гóспода, бо благий псалóm, Бóгові нашому нехай солóдке бóде хваління.

Всі: Великий Господь наш і велика сила Його, і розумові Його немає міри.

Апостол Ді. 5, 12-20.

Алилуя (г. 8)

Стих: Прийдіте, возрадуємося Господєві, воскликнім Богу, Спасітелеві нашому.

Стих: Бо Бог – великий Господь і цар великий по всій землі

Євангеліє Йо. 20, 19-31

Замість Достойно співаємо:

Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуєся! І зно́ву кажу: Радуєся! Твій Син воскрес триднівний із грóбу, і мёртвих воздвігнув Він. Лю́ди, веселітеся!

Світіся, світіся, новий Єрусали́ме, сла́ва бо Господня на то́бі возсіяла! Радій нині й веселіся, Сіоне. А ти, чіста Богородице, втша́йся воскресінням Сїна свого́.

Причасний

Похвали́, Єрусали́ме, Гóспода,* хвали́ Бóга твого́, Сіоне.*
Алилу́я, алилу́я,* алилу́я.

It would be a sad thing to get through a life never having loved. It would be a rare thing to get through a life never having loved and lost.

Travelling south from Abbotsford in 1828, the great Scottish novelist Sir Walter Scott wrote that his arrivals in Carlisle were sad

It was there that he had married his recently deceased wife, Charlotte. And there he could not help thinking of her.

Scott had proposed to Charlotte after a mere three-week courtship, and then married her despite his parents' concerns about her background.

It was a true love match in a time when that was not always the socially acceptable thing to do.

"It is something to have lived and loved," he wrote.

"And our poor children are so hopeful and affectionate that it chastens the sadness attending the thoughts of our separation."

Few lives are without loss and sadness.

May we endeavour to live in such a way that the things that outlast us will be suitably – happily – chastening to our sorrows."

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, April 13 Great and Holy The Holy Hieromartyr Artemon and those with him.	Acts 3:19-26 John 2:1-11			
Tuesday, April 14 Our Holy Father Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome	Acts 4:1-10 John 3:16-21			
Wednesday April 15 The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus.	Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24			
Thursday, April 16 The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene, and Chionia.	Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30			
Friday, April 17 Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia	Acts 5:1-11 John 5:30-6:2			<i>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Saturday, April 18 Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapolitan.	Acts 5:21-33 John 6:14-27	4:15pm	Divine Liturgy (English)	Intention: Parishioners
		5:30pm	Great Vespers	
Sunday, April 19 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8	9:30am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)	Intention: Parishioners
		11am	Divine Liturgy (English)	Intention: Parishioners

Other Events This Week

Monday, April 13 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 15 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Saturday, April 18 at 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, April 19 at 10am-12:30pm: All-You-Can-Eat Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CHRIST IS RISEN! We welcome our visitors joining us for Liturgy this morning. We especially welcome Fr. Alex Laschuk, who is with us this today as Fr. Michael is out of town for a wedding.
2. WELCOME SPRINGTIME TAKE-OUT FUNDRAISER: Friday, April 24, pick up from 4-6pm. Menu: 6 perogies, 3 cabbage rolls, ½ lb sausage patty, mixed vegetables, sour cream. \$20 per meal. Get your tickets today! Tell your friends!
3. Divine Mercy Sunday Service at Our Lady of Good Counsel (114 MacDonald Ave) today at 3:00pm.
4. All-you-can-eat brunch next Sunday from 10-12:30pm. Adults \$15; Children (6-12) \$6; Children (under 5) free.
5. A very big **THANK YOU** to all those who supported our "40 Cans for Forty Days" Lenten mission for our community!!

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh

Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O’Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell, Gary Driver, Rod Stone.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

DONATIONS – April 5, 2026
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For information contact:
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A special thank you, from Fr. Michael, to everyone who helped make Pascha radiant and joyful:

- Marianne and Orest Kinach for getting the flowers and preparing the tomb for Good Friday
- Iryna Pedko for ensuring Paska was available for parishioners
- Charlotte and Karen for keeping the office going with dedication and professionalism—it was an extremely busy week!
- Presbyteria Alessandra and Lesia for leading the singing at the services, all 12 hours of them, and for final decorations and preparation on Saturday evening
- The Dunne children for stepping in to babysit Simeon and Nathaniel when our babysitter cancelled on Good Friday
- Donna Caputo for baking the Artos
- All of you, who by your prayers, presence, and voices enlivened our cries of ‘Christ is risen’

If I omitted your name out of forgetfulness, please forgive!

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

THOMAS SUNDAY

Today is the eighth day after Pascha. It is the eighth day of the Resurrection, and it is the commemoration of the appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles and most especially, Thomas, who doubted the testimony of the apostles and holy women and insisted he would not believe unless “I put my fingers into the wounds” of Jesus’ body. Eight is significant in Christian theology, as it signifies more than completion, more than fullness - it is the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come. This is the eighth day of Pascha, and Thomas now understands exactly Who Jesus, and that His Kingdom is beyond earthly time!

It is worth noting that the inscriptions of Icons of this event never say “Unbelief” or “Doubting” regarding Thomas. In Greek, the inscription reads Η ψηλάφηση του Θωμά, that is, the “Touching of Thomas”, making no reference to Thomas’ doubt and implying *Jesus* touching Thomas, both in body and soul, and not the other way around. In Slavic icons, the meaning is even clearer because the inscriptions always read Уверение Фомы, i.e. the “Assurance of Thomas”. Usually, English icons mis-translate the Slavonic and inscribe their icons “The Belief of Thomas”. They miss the point: the Slavonic emphasizes that Jesus assures Thomas of the reality of His resurrection, His glorified body which still is wounded, His living presence. So too, for us moderns who think we know everything – Christ touches *us*, Christ comes to *us*. He takes the initiative, and we are healed as a result.

In the icon, Jesus is always shown higher than Thomas and the other apostles, to emphasize His status as Son of God Who “is risen from the dead” in a glorified body. Many times, He holds a rolled scroll, to show that He is the Eternal Word, the Logos, Who became incarnate and lived among us. Both of His wounded hands, His wounded feet, and the wound in His side are shown. Saint Peter is usually in the right foreground, distinguished by his white hair (age and wisdom) and that he is in the front, the spokesman for the group. John the Evangelist is behind him, a reminder that he and Peter went to the empty tomb after the proclamation of Mary Magdalene and the other women. The other apostles are not shown in any particular order. Thomas should be in the left forefront, reaching out to touch the wound in Jesus’ right side. He usually bends down, to show his humility and lower status than Christ, but always has his right index finger extended from his right hand, pointing to the wound (the church of Santa Croce in Rome claims to have this finger).

St. Thomas is the patron of India and founder of Christianity there. He followed the Roman trade routes across the Indian Ocean and established churches along India's coast, from the Indus valley south. The northern ones were overwhelmed in the Muslim invasions, but the southern churches flourished and today form the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches, both Catholic and Oriental Orthodox, where they are called Thomas Christians. His tomb is at Mylapore.

Source: Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

