

THOMAS SUNDAY

April 16, 2023

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners**

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 17

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, April 18

9:30 AM **H/B for Martin and Elizabeth Misbrener** – by Fr. David Misbrener

Wednesday, April 19

9:30 AM + **Helen E. Uhall** – by the Kurylak Family
5:00PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
5:30PM Rosary
6:00PM Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children

Thursday, March April 20

NO SERVICES

Friday, April 21

9:30 AM + **Deceased Members of BVM Sodality** – by the Crookston Family

Saturday, April 22

5:00 PM + **Genevieve Benedick** – by Jeannette Wolansky

Sunday, April 23 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners**
Easter Sviachene Dinner

DONATIONS – April 9:

Sunday:	\$821
Easter:	\$3,695
Good Friday:	\$135
Holy Land:	\$80
Seminary :	\$350
Ukie Display:	\$198
Ukraine Releif:	\$500
Dues:	\$30
Pyrohy:	\$29
Total:	\$5,409

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Paula Yurko (4/20), Irene Martyniuk (4/22), Ada Babiy (4/22)** celebrate their birthdays. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

DIRECT TO YOUR EMAIL BOX:

Don't miss the weekend bulletin because you are out of town, ill, or unable to come to Holy Ghost. Fr. Sal will be happy to deliver your bulletin via email. Just send your request to info@hgucc.org.

O God, bless Ukraine! Bless the prophets of our time who speak to the conscience of modern man and reveal to him the eternal truth about God, present among us! O God, bless Ukraine, which lives and dies for God's truth today.

Mark Your Calander!
Parish Festival Saturday, June 24

ANOINTING / MYROVANIA

As we celebrate Thomas Sunday today, at the end of the Divine Liturgy the faithful will be anointed by the priest with Holy Oil and receive a piece of the artos. Artos is a Greek word which means leavened bread. The Artos is a loaf of bread especially baked for the Feast of Pascha/Easter, and it is blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday and placed on the tetrapod to be venerated by the faithful. A seal depicting the resurrection of Christ covers the artos. The Artos symbolizes the appearances and the physical presence of the risen Christ among the disciples. Today, on Thomas Sunday, the artos is cut and distributed to the faithful symbolizing Christ, the bread of life.

Emergency Relief Fund:

Parishioners can contact Father Sal with total confidentiality to request assistance along with prayers and counseling. Thank you everyone for contributing to this cause!

EASTER SVIACHENE DINNER:

This year's Easter Dinner will be held on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, immediately following the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy. In addition to serving the traditional Easter foods of paska, ham, kielbasa, eggs, cheese and beets with horseradish, there will be fried chicken and vegetables for a little variety. (Note: Any baked goods for dessert would be appreciated.).

Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!

May your Pascha be a special celebration of the glorious light, life and love of Our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*The Church was a mother to you in life, providing for your spiritual needs; please remember the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma in your last will and testament. The wording to do this is as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, ____% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$ ____]."*Thank you!

U.S. Bishops' Doctrine Committee Issues Statement on the Proper Disposition of Bodily Remains

March 23, 2023

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine has issued a statement providing principles for evaluating some newer methods and technologies for disposition of the bodies of the deceased. The USCCB's Administrative Committee approved the issuance of the statement on March 15.

In their statement, the doctrine committee affirms that every human being has been created in the image of God and has an inherent dignity and worth. Furthermore, since "every man and woman is a unity of body and soul, respect for the person necessarily includes respect for the body." The Church considers burial to be "the most appropriate way of manifesting reverence for the body of the deceased," as it "clearly expresses our faith and hope in the resurrection of the body." While the Church permits cremation unless it is

chosen for reasons contrary to the Catholic faith, the preferred method is burial.

Applying the basic principles found in the Instruction regarding Burial of the Deceased and the Conservation of the Ashes in the Case of Cremation (*Ad resurgendum cum Christo*) issued by the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2016, the committee evaluates the two most prominent newer methods for disposition of bodily remains that are proposed as alternatives to burial and cremation -- alkaline hydrolysis and human composting -- and concludes that they fail to satisfy the Church's requirements for proper respect for the bodies of the dead. After the alkaline hydrolysis process, there are about 100 gallons of liquid into which the greater part of the body has been dissolved and this liquid is treated as wastewater. At the end of the human composting process, the body has completely decomposed along with accompanying plant matter to yield a single mass of compost, with nothing distinguishably left of the body to be laid to rest in a sacred place.

The doctrine committee concludes their statement by recalling that the Catholic faith teaches us that our ultimate destiny as human beings includes our bodiliness: “We are therefore obliged to respect our bodily existence throughout our lives and to respect the bodies of the deceased when their earthly lives have come to an end. The way that we treat the bodies of our beloved dead must always bear witness to our faith in and our hope for what God has promised us.”

The committee’s full statement may be read here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/On Proper Disposition 2023-03-20.pdf>.

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