

SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY

April 24, 2022

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 25th *FR. Sal is going out of town for the week*
NO SERVICES

Tuesday, April 26th
NO SERVICES

Wednesday, April 27th

5:30PM Rosary

6:00PM Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children

6:40PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March April 28th
NO SERVICES

Friday, April 29th

9:00 AM PART 1 - PEELING & PREP OF ONIONS AND POTATOES

6:00 PM PART 2 - ADDITIONAL PREP

Saturday, April 30th

9:00 AM PYROHY PROJECT PART 3 - PINCHING

5:00 PM + **James Robb** – by the Family

SUNDY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

9:40 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners

Easter Sviachene Dinner & Welcoming new parishioners ☺

*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!

DONATIONS April 17th:

Last Sunday: \$1,435

Easter: \$4,090

Relief for priests: \$550

Holy Land: \$120

Palm Sunday: \$340

Emergency Fund: \$20

Ukraine Relief: \$1,188.69

Total: \$8,323.69

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Ehor Halamay (4/29)** and celebrates his birthday. **Tim & Helen Jett (5/01)** celebrate their wedding anniversary. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Easter Sviachene Dinner:

This year's Easter Dinner will be held on Sunday May 1st following the 10 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)

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.

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!

OUR NEW WEBSITE:

Same Address, New Look - check out our new website at hgucc.org. It has a complete calendar of everything happening in the church, materials to use if joining liturgy online and even a photo section of life in our Parish. All are welcome, just like in real life. Thank you Katerina Griffiths!

NEW LOCKS:

Seasons change - so did the door locks! The new locks will allow parishioners wishing to spend time in prayer and reflection in the church to do so without having to arrange with Fr. Sal to unlock the doors. See Dave Griffiths if you would like an access code.

Baptism of **Sophia K. Shevchuk** May 7th @ 12pm – followed by a small reception. Please RSVP to Halyna Shevchuk 330-645-5585.

Sat. May 7th – No Divine Liturgy at 5pm

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!

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.” At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire an end to the violent confrontation and killing in Ukraine. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles, and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.



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*The myrrh-bearing women at the break of
dawn drew near to the tomb of
the Lifegiver.*

*There they found an angel sitting upon the
stone, he greeted them with
these words:*

*Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Why do you mourn the incorrupt amid corruption?
Go: proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples.*

Paschal Stikherion

**EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHS IN THE
USA**

Christ is Risen!
Dear Sisters and Brothers!

Great Lent—marked by the inexpressible pain of invasion, war crimes, murder, and lies about our people and our Church on the part of the aggressor—has passed. Now we see the Resurrection. Our Ukrainian people live, unite all people of goodwill, and give new meaning to Europe and the global community. In a sacramental way, we witness a paschal passage from death to life.

Today, we repeat the lofty, joyous Easter troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs giving life.” The crux of our faith and our victory is found in this concise chant. The entire Gospel is a preface preparing the reader for the central story of Pascha. For “...if Christ did not rise” – thus radically writes the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians -- “then what we preach is vain, and vain is our faith” (I Cor. 15:14). Without the Resurrection, what we preach becomes a set of rules and obligations. Participation in church life sinks to the conservation of traditions and rituals, empty and lacking substance.

But the Lord is risen indeed, that we might live with Him forever!

For this reason, in his Easter sermon St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, author of the Divine Liturgy, which we pray each Sunday, affirms that all are to enter into the joy of the Resurrection – the rich and poor, the continent and careless, those who fasted and those who did not. The feast is so great that this is not the time to get lost in details but to focus on the main thing — Christ is Risen!

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In His love for humanity, the immortal and eternal God entered fully into our lives and took on our trials and sufferings – ultimately death. Yet this is not the end of the story. Drawing near to the tomb with the myrrh-bearing women, we discover that Christ is alive. He has come alive not like a superhero in a film or a computer game, but as the

Creator and the Christ – the source of life, who taking on our death, has risen from the dead and given life to all humanity.

Life reigns, and death is vanquished. Defeating death, Christ has made us victors too. Can you believe it? In Christ we are all conquerors of death!

It is crucial to grasp this truth. Our loved ones, whose passing we mourn, are among those to whom Christ has given new life. Among those who live in Christ are the murdered inhabitants of Bucha, Borodianka, Hostomel, Mariupol, and Kramatorsk. Among the living, over whom death has no power, are the fallen soldiers who gave their lives in testimony to the greatest love. The sufferings of the brutal aggressors' innocent victims – executed, trampled, suffocated – have ended. Death, and the fear of death, rule over them no more. With the Apostle Paul they mock death: “Where, O death, is thy sting? Where, O Hades, is thy victory?” (I Cor. 15:55). They have seen death, and in Christ, its ultimate defeat.

Do we believe? Do we realize that the Lord has vanquished death, sin, and the devil, and that our sufferings—however great and painful—are temporary, for death no longer has power over us? Are we ready to announce the good news of God's triumph?

We appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to look at the event of the Resurrection not only through the prism of our beautiful and profound rituals and traditions, but to focus on the essence of the Easter message for each of us who face death: Christ is risen from the dead, with His humble death on the cross He has overcome death, and with His sacrifice, He has given life to each of us.

Let us proclaim Christ's Resurrection and our own!

+ Borys Gudziak

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