

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

*THOMAS SUNDAY*

*APRIL 22, 2012*

*CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!*



Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29). This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the

first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection. (www.goarch.org)

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**Services & Activities:**

**Sunday, April 22**                      **Thomas Sunday**  
   **9:00 am**      **Divine Liturgy/Egg**  
   **Hunt/Breakfast**  
   **Blessing of Graves at All Saints**  
   **Cemetery**

**Wednesday, April 25**              **3:00 pm**      **Akathist**  
**Saturday, April 28**                **5:30 pm**      **Confession**  
   **6:00 pm**      **Great Vespers**

**Sunday, April 29**                      **Sunday of the Holy**  
**Myrrhbearers/St.George**  
   **9:00 am**      **Divine Liturgy**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

**TODAY THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 22, THERE WILL BE AN EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST (scrambled eggs, hash**

**browns and sausage: price: \$5 adults; \$3 children: sign up sheet on candle stand: please sign up early!) AFTER DIVINE LITURGY AND THEN THE BLESSING OF GRAVES AT ALL SAINTS CEMETERY.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints,** their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them Lieutenant General John Yeosock, Susan Scochin, Matushka Natalie Kiryluk Breyan, John Sanko, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedie.

**WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.**

**PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Join us for our Bright Monday Potluck after Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday and for our**

**Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns and Sausage Breakfast today. Thank you to the Evens, Carrell and Rezanka families for the coffee hour today and to the Stafursky families (Steve, Pat & Ken) for coffee hour next Sunday. T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.**

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, DUNDAFF, SUNDAY, MAY 13 FEATURING BARBECUE CHICKEN AND HALUPKE. TAKE OUT 11AM SERVING NOON UNTIL SOLD OUT. ADULTS \$10; CHILDREN \$5 AT DOOR. SEE HELEN & JOE SEMON FOR TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE.**

**BLOOD DRIVE AT LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER, 108 TERRACE DRIVE, OLYPHANT, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 12 NOON-6PM TO BENEFIT BREAST CANCER STAGE FOUR DIAGNOSED THIRTEEN YEAR EMPLOYEE KATHLEEN EARLY.**

**LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church,\$50 each Friday& Saturday.**

**GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH TO SUBDEACONCON JOE SEMON.**

**SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30): in memory of Timothy Naughton ;Web-Site (\$25): Linda Stuchlak; Shut-in mailings (\$25): Linda Stuchlak –Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!**

**SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help**

**us with budgeting for 2012.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: 4/15/12: \$611.00; LOOSE  
COLLECTION (Pascha): \$401.00; SECOND Collection  
(Supplies): \$127.00;**

NORMAL FASTING WEEK: FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

*Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle):* And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

*John 20:19-31 (Gospel):* Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.