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**Liturgical services for the week of April 11–17, 2021**

**Thomas Sunday – Festal anointing**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 10, 2021</b>	
	3:00 – 3:30 PM	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)
	4:00 PM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) <i>In Memory of +Gary Palka requested by Gerard and Joan Beres</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 11, 2021</b>	<b>Festal Tone, p.175</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Nicholas) <i>Health and Blessings for the Parish Family of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church and St. Nicholas Church</i>
	10:00 AM	<b>Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) <i>Health and Blessings for Mary Walsh requested by Mary Ann Walsh</i>
<b>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 17, 2021</b>	<b>Festal Tone, p.177</b>
	3:00-3:30 PM	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)
	4:00 PM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) <i>In Memory of Deceased members of the Mladenetz, Weber and Berry Families requested by Barbara Weber Berry</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 18, 2021</b>	
	8:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Nicholas) <i>Health and Blessings for the Parish Family of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church and St. Nicholas Church</i>
	10:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) – <b>Livestreamed</b> <i>Health and Blessings for the Thomas Petty from Thomas and Gwenn Petty</i>

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

**We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.**

**A special Thank You**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who prepared our churches and grounds for the Holy Resurrection! Everything looks bright and new to welcome our Risen Christ!!!

**Proper posture for prayer during the Easter Season**

From Resurrection Matins until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost the proper posture for all prayer is to stand rather than to kneel. Standing is a sign of joy. And what greater joy do we have other than the Resurrection of Christ? This is because each Divine Liturgy is a celebration of the Resurrection. All of the parishes in the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh have been following this directive of the Bishops which was promulgated in 2006. This is a restoration of true Eastern Tradition. If it is not physically possible for you to stand, please feel free to kneel or sit. You may begin standing during the Divine Liturgies now if you wish to. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask Fr. Yuriy.

**Church Bulletin**

Church Bulletins will soon be back in church! Please let us know by April 30, 2021 We will soon start offering bulletins in church and discontinue the bulk of paper copies. We understand that not everyone is able or comfortable attending church in person. We respect your decision and are not pressuring anyone to return if the environment is not right for you. We will continue to mail or email a bulletin to you.

Your action: Please let the church office know if you would like to continue to receive a bulletin in whichever format you are currently receiving, paper or email. You can let us know by a note in the collection basket, an email to [stmarybyzatholic@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybyzatholic@gmail.com) or a voice message on the office phone number 609-394-5025. For those in assisted living facilities, we will continue to mail to you. There is no need to contact the office. Please remember the bulletin is posted every week on the church website <https://stmarybyztholictrenton.org>

**Thank You**

Dear parishioners on behalf of my family I want to say a sincere Thanks to all of you! Your kind wishes, cards and gifts, made this Easter so wonderful. May Risen Christ always fill your heart with His peace!

**Thomas Sunday Reflection**

Once having faced his doubts Thomas was able to resolve the questions of faith and come out with a STRONGER faith that ever before. After Jesus appeared to him Thomas exclaimed: MY LORD AND MY GOD! Thomas is the first person in the Gospel of John to look at Jesus of Nazareth and call Him God! With these five words Thomas made the highest possible confession of faith. So, I think it would be more accurate to call him Courageous Thomas or Thomas the Believer than Doubting Thomas. Thomas proclaimed Jesus as his Lord and his God. This is what anyone must do in order to become Christians not just believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Scripture teaches that even the demons believe that. We must follow Thomas' lead, go one step further and confess our FAITH...our BELIEF...that Jesus is MY Lord...MY Savior.

Jesus, thank you for Thomas, whose love for you was complete, whose devotion to you was absolute, whose questions, once answered, liberated him to live his whole life free in Christ. Dear brothers and sisters, Make Jesus Lord of all your life, and you'll never be disappointed.