

May 5, 2019

Second Sunday of Pascha - Saint Thomas Sunday

Acts: 5: 12-20

John 20: 19-31

Upcoming Services:

Sun, May 5, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy-St. Thomas Sun., followed by blessing of the graves

Sun, May 12, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Myrrh-Bearing Women, Hours at 8:45

Sat, May 18, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun, May 19, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Paralytic, Hours at 8:45

Apostle and Evangelist St. Mark (May 8)

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark was one of the Seventy Apostles, and was nephew of Saint Barnabas. He was born at Jerusalem. The house of his mother Mary adjoined the Garden of Gethsemane. On the night that Christ was betrayed he followed after Him, wrapped only in a linen cloth. He was seized by soldiers, and fled away naked, leaving the cloth behind. After the Ascension of the Lord, the house of his mother became a place where Christians gathered, and a place of lodging for some of the Apostles.

Saint Mark was a very close companion of the Apostles Peter, and Paul and St. Barnabas. He traveled with their ministries to the island of Cyprus, Seleucia, Jerusalem, Antioch and Rome. He traveled to Egypt where he and Saint Peter founded churches. In Alexandria he started a Christian school which produced many famous Fathers and teachers of the Church. Here, St Mark also composed a Liturgy for the Christians of Alexandria. From Egypt they went to Babylon where the Apostle Peter sent an Epistle to the Christians of Asia Minor, in which he calls Saint Mark his son. St. Mark preached the Gospel throughout the inner regions of Africa, and he was in Libya at Nektopolis.

When the Apostle Paul came to Rome in chains, Saint Mark was at Ephesus, where Saint Timothy was bishop. Saint Mark went with him to Rome where he wrote his holy Gospel (ca. 62-63). Saint Mark wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians, emphasizing the words and deeds of the Savior which reveal His divine Power. One of the central theological themes in the Gospel of Saint Mark is the power of God achieving what is humanly impossible. Many aspects of his account can be explained by his closeness to Saint Peter. The ancient writers say that the Gospel of Mark is a concise record of Saint Peter's preaching.

St. Mark was killed by pagans in Alexandria in the year 63 and buried it in a stone crypt. In 820, when the Moslem Arabs established their rule in Egypt and oppressed the Christian Church, the relics of Saint Mark were transferred to Venice and placed in the church named for him. The holy Evangelist Mark is represented by a lion, symbolizing the might and royal dignity of Christ.

Birthdays:

May 8 - Peg Teijaro

May 9 - Chip Bernhardt

Anniversaries:

May 7 - Toby & Mary Seip

May 11- Abby & Peg Teijaro

Upcoming Events:

Sun. May 5 - Blessing of the Graves following Liturgy at the Cemetery. If it is raining the blessings will be rescheduled for May 19 after liturgy.

Sun. May 12 - Divine Liturgy, will be served by *Fr. Antony Ugolnik*. Fr. Michael & Cathy are in Ohio for the wedding of their son Robert.

Tues. May 21 - 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting in the church hall.

Sun. June 2 - Sisterhood Meeting following Liturgy in the church hall. There will be no meeting in May.

Notices:

Food Items for Sale

Spring Bazaar Foods for sale. Items include:
Pierogies potato & cheese- \$6
Cherry or Apple Pierogies - \$5
Paskas - \$12
Nut Rolls - \$12
Kielbasi -\$7
Butter Lambs - \$3

May Charity

Coatesville Association for the Blind

Reader Schedule:

Sun, May. 5 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

Sun, May 12 - Cynthia Neff

Sun, May 19 - Kurtis Lauser

Prayer Corner:



For the Health of: Erin Bove, Linda, Salwa, Donna, Karen, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, James Kish & Erica Kish

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 9 pm