

April 19, 2020  
Second Sunday of Pascha

Acts: 5: 12-20  
John 20: 19-31

### Upcoming Services:

All services are cancelled until May 10, 2020.

Sun. May 10, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am

#### Reader Schedule:

Sun. May. 3 - Wesley Hatch  
Sun. May 10 - Greg Kuzmenchuk  
Sun. May 17 - Kurtis Lauser  
Sun. May 24 - Jim Hamer

### Second Sunday of Pascha - Saint Thomas Sunday

After his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples. He miraculously entered a locked room, and showed them his wounds. Then he ate and drank with them, proving that he was not a ghost or a phantom, but that he was really Jesus, the Christ in the flesh.

St. Thomas was not with the rest of the disciples in the room that day. He returned later, only to find out from the others the exciting news that Jesus had visited them. Thomas doubted their story of the bodily resurrection of Christ.

So the Lord appeared again, and invited Thomas to put his fingers in his side and touch the wounds made by the nails. And after seeing and feeling for himself, he finally believed. He cried out, "My Lord and my God!" and fell at Christ's feet. Christ told Thomas that he was glad that Thomas no longer doubted, but also lamented, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet believed!"

Christ uses Thomas' doubt to teach both the disciples and us that we don't need to physically touch him to have faith. Upon hearing of Christ we can be spiritually moved by his presence to follow him, and trust in his promise that all men will be raised on the day he appoints for judgment, and know either eternal joy of being reunited with God or torment of being without him.

St. Peter heard and understood, as he writes to his flock: "You did not see him, yet you loved him. And still without seeing him you are filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe. And you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls." (*1 Peter 1:8*)

It is an Orthodox custom to travel to the cemetery on this day to pray, light candles, and to sing, "Christ is Risen!" to deceased family members.

### Birthdays:

April 27 - Darryl Perry

### Upcoming Events:

May 19, Tues- 7:00 pm Executive Board  
Meeting in the church hall.

### Notices:

#### Covid-19 Virus Shut Down

The executive board of Holy Ghost UOC has canceled all church activities until May 10, as directed by our Metropolitan.

### Notice of Passing

With great sadness we mourn the death of Matthew Estes. Asleep in the Lord Friday, April 17. Also, Anna Rosolowicz mother of Cathy Danczak. April 21 in Pottsville, PA. she was 102.

### 2020 National Activities

UOC of USA Church camp and Convention are canceled this year.

### Church Directory

Continue to send any Directory updates to Ambrose and Tabitha.

### Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler

### Anniversaries:

May 1 - Raymond & Prudence Vito  
May 1 - Ambrose & Linda Kozlowski  
May 2 - Robert & Illaria Steele

### Notices:

#### Church Finances

The church is closed but the bills don't stop. The executive board of Holy Ghost urges that tithes continue to be contributed to the church, they should be mailed to 392 Charles St.

### Pascha Flower Donations

Parishioners will be encouraged to take flowers home. Donations may be given to Lauren or Greg or mailed to 392 Charles St. Please use your flower donation envelope. Checks payable to "St. Anastasia Sisterhood".

### Foods Available For Sale

Pierogies, (Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Mushroom, Sweet Potato), Paska breads (with or no raisins), Kielbasa, Haluski & Pumpkin or Nut Rolls and soups.

### April Charity

Ukrainian Orphanage

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Parishioner Care Fund

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm