

*Our Lady of the Sign  
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**CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!  
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Pascha Sunday**

**Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ  
Matins and Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets**

EPISTLE Acts 1: 1-6  
GOSPEL John 1: 1-17

**Saturday, April 4, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

For the Faithful of the Parish

**Sunday, April 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

For the Faithful of the Parish

*Sanctuary Candle:*

*Health & Blessing of Fina Gonzalez & Raul Gonzalez*

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**no weekday services or activities**

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**St. Thomas Sunday**

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

**Saturday, April 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

Health & Blessing of Jon L. Cipyak, V  
by Jon & Suzie Cipyak

**Sunday, April 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

+Gēnesis Mia Hebbert  
by Lynn McFadden

*Sanctuary Candle:*

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**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy or by scheduling an appointment in advance by contacting Fr. Martin.

**ROSARY SCHEDULE**

- Wednesday: 6:40 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:40 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:40 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

We welcome our guests and visitors, and are happy to have them join us in prayer.  
If you have not officially registered in the parish, and would like to, please speak with Fred.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Please continue to remember in our prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, especially Frantisek Vavrak, Helena Huk, Angie Nemeth, Lesia, Fina Gonzalez, Raul Gonzalez, and Natasha Lemeshova. Let us remember the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart. ***Please check our website during your daily prayers for an up-to-date listing of those who are in need of our prayers.***

*Pastoral Message*

Dear faithful parishioners, and you who have come to our church for the first time – welcome!

PASCHA – PATROLOGY

*The Easter Sermon of John Chrysostom / Archbishop of Constantinople (~400 AD)*

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

*In Christ,  
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Pastor*