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**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS**

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Liturgical Color: **WHITE**

## WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday May 8

9:30am Divine Liturgy St. Thomas Sunday

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO OUR MOTHERS**

Panachida in memory of our Mothers who have fallen asleep in the Lord

**MEN SERVING Coffee Social**

May 10—13

Priests Convocation — Camp Nazareth

**Father will be away during this time.**

**If a priest is needed call Father on his**

**Cell Phone 607-377-0587**

Saturday May 14

5:00pm Great Vespers/Confession

Sunday May 15

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers

Coffee Social

*This week's Bulletin and Eternal Light is  
sponsored by*

**NANCY GABEL**

*Wishing*

**CHRIS**

*A Happy Birthday!*

*Mnohaja L'ita!*

***THANK YOU!***

*TO EVERYONE WHO  
SUPPORTED THE SPRING  
BASKET RAFFLE IN ANY WAY.  
THE TURN-OUT WAS GREAT!  
THIS YEAR'S PROFIT WAS AN  
OUTSTANDING  
**\$2,300.***

***THANK YOU!***

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

*I would like to thank our Church Officers, Church Council, our Cantors Chuck Coons and Gloria Ewsuk, our Altar Servers, the Altar Society and to all our Parish Family for all your love and dedication to Saint Mary's Church and most of all, all your hard work to make our Lenten Journey to Pascha, our Lord's glorious Resurrection, a most spiritual and uplifting experience for all of us.*

*It takes a lot of work from everyone to clean the church, to do all the baking and cooking that is so very important and necessary to make Pascha a wonderful experience for all of us.*

*A special Thank You to Mary Leonard who coordinated the ordering and decorating the beautiful flowers that graced our church, to Carole Herrlich for baking the Artos, to Paul Topichak for once again cleaning the chandeliers in the church and to the countless others who did their share in making the Feast of the Resurrection so wonderful and spiritually fulfilling.*

*In the Risen in Christ,*

*Father Dan*

# SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY



*The Sunday after Pascha is the Sunday of Saint Thomas. It is also known as the Second Sunday or Anti-Pascha (opposite Pascha), at the end of Bright Week. Historically, this day in the early Church was the day that newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.*

*This day is also known as Anti-Pascha. This does not mean “opposed to Pascha”, but “in place of Pascha”. Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian and the “Lord’s Day” in Greek. The Orthodox Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection starting on this*

*Sunday, the eight day of the Pascal celebration, the last day of Bright Week.*

*Liturgically, the Church remembers the Apostle Thomas’ vision of Christ after eight days. At that time He said to Thomas “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not be faithless, but believing”. Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (John 20:26-29).*

*As with all services until the feast of Ascension, the Pascha Troparion is sung, and the epistle readings are taken from the Book of Acts, telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. Finally, the Gospel readings are from the Gospel of John, considered by many to be a Gospel written particularly for the newly baptized.*

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*O Holy One, You have placed us in Your house. You have opened Your dwelling to us, and have put the hymn of victory into our mouths. You have gladdened us with Your pure and holy Body; You have given us to drink from Your ever-flowing fountain. Your pure and life-creating Side, which Thomas saw, touched and worshiped as he cried in a loud voice: “My Lord and my God!” How, O Master can we repay You for all You have given us? O mighty King of all, clothe Your Priests who live in true faith with righteousness, strengthen our government, keep the people present here in peace, stop war among nations, free our fellow Christians who are in captivity and give peace to the world. O God our Savior. For all glory, honor, thanksgiving, and worship are due to You, together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.*

*The Angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin, again I say rejoice. Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb, and He raised all the dead. Let all people rejoice.*

*O Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem; for the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son.*

*O Lord God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. You shattered the bronze gates and iron bar, You freed the holy souls held fast in the depths of Hades, and let them appear to many after Your Resurrection. Give us a part and inheritance with all Your Saints in Your kingdom. Lord, on this holy day of Your Resurrection, remember those present here, and those absent or traveling, those in affliction or distress, those who are oppressed, and those sick in mind or body. Remember them all and heal them, and blot out all their sins, whether they are rich or poor, free or in bondage. Reveal Your newly-baptized warriors to be sons of light and heirs of Your everlasting good gifts. Pour out upon them the rich gifts of Your Holy Spirit to raise these who have come from the holy baptismal font above the brightness of the sun. Make our city and every city and village and the Christian people living in them grow and increase. Implant reverence of You into their hearts, that they may always do Your will and please You. For You are good God and love mankind, and we give glory to You, together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.*

*Amen!*

# CAMP NAZARETH FAMILY CAMP

**JUNE 3– JUNE 5, 2016**

“...AND I BY MY WORKS WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH”

JAMES 2:18

## ***DON'T LET ORTHODOXY BE YOUR FAMILY'S SECRET IDENTITY***

*OUR FAMILY'S ORTHODOXY IS BOTH **PUBLIC** AND  
**PRIVATE**...SOMETIMES THE FAMILY HAS TO BE LIKE  
SUPERMAN AND SOMETIMES LIKE CLARK KENT*

***COME AND DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR  
FAMILY AND HELP ONE ANOTHER GROW IN CHRIST!***

*VISIT [CAMPNAZARETH.ORG](http://CAMPNAZARETH.ORG),*

*EMAIL [CAMP NAZARETH@ ACROD.ORG](mailto:CAMP_NAZARETH@ACROD.ORG)*

*OR CALL THE CAMP @ 724-662-4840*

*FOR REGISTRATION*

### **PATRIARCHAL PENCE**

Special Basket Collection

**Sunday, May 8**

**Sunday, May 15**

Please help in supporting our  
Ecumenical Patriarch and all their  
good works!

### **FAMILY DAY RAFFLE**



**JUNE 5, 2016**

**Tickets are here!**

Try you luck and you may be the  
lucky winner of \$10,000.00!  
Tickets are only \$20 See Pani Joan  
during coffee social your ticket today!



## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Month of May NANCY GABEL

Month of June Diane Rodrigues

### MOTHERS DAY CARD SALE

**Mother's Day** is only two weeks away. Did you get a card yet for Mom? Honor them by giving a card with the Mother of God.

**Don't forget the fathers.** Choose a card of Christ or one of several male saints to honor the men in your life.

Wedding season is almost here and we have beautiful card with Russian Folk art and the Wedding at Cana. Plus countless blank cards for whatever the occasion. See Helen Revelas in the hall or check out the binder of styles Cards are only \$1.50 each, an incredible value.

*Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society*

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

#### FOR MAY

##### Birthdays

May 8	Melissa Cox
May 9	Christopher Gabel
May 18	Dan H.
May 20	Haley Mackiewicz
May 21	Blake Benyo
May 25	Helen Revelas
May 26	David Benyo
May 28	Kyson Benyo

##### Anniversaries

May 27	Dan & Katerina H.
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### MENU

PRIME RIB SANDWICH, BARBEQUE CHICKEN, POTATO SALAD, PASTA SALAD, TOSSED SALAD, CHIPS/DIP, HOMEMADE DESSERTS, DRINKS

VEGETARIAN OPTION:  
VEGETABLE PRIMAVERA

ADULTS: \$10.00  
CHILDREN UNDER 13: \$6.00  
CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE  
**FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00**  
**(INCLUDES 2 PARENTS & ALL CHILDREN UNDER \$13)**

## CAMP NAZARETH

### ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

*SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016*

*10:00am—DIVINE LITURGY*

*LUNCH/PICNIC*

*FOLLOWING LITURGY*

## MEANINGFUL NAMES

**“GOD JUDGES AND DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN HIS CREATURES AS THEY NATURALLY AND TRULY ARE.”**

The weakest things are animals who reproduce in corrupt, damp elements. But the most honorable things are righteousness, holiness, and anything else that pleases God. So then, are flies, midges, and frogs... considered “holy” and “righteous” enough to be given honorable names, even though they don’t have such high qualities? But up until now, we’ve never heard anything like this—the weak given dignified titles, or the great and honorable degraded by their names. For Scripture says Noah was a righteous man. Abraham was faithful, Moses meek, Daniel wise, Joseph pure, Job blameless, and David perfect in patience. So, then, were these people given these titles because they lived the contrary? Or consider those who are spoken of unfavorably such as Nabal the Carmelite, Pharaoh the Egyptian, Abimelech the alien, and all who are mentioned for their evil. Did God honor them with dignified names? No! God judges and distinguishes between His creatures as they naturally and truly are. He doesn’t call them names contrary to their natures, but gives them the appropriate titles with clear meanings.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa

*Saint Gregory of Nyssa (330-395) was born in the city of Caesarea near the middle of the fourth century. He was given a comprehensive education by his brother Basil and his sister Macrina. His first profession of the Christian faith came from a vision in which the martyrs of the church appeared to him, chided him for his indifference to the faith, and beat him with rods. Gregory became a rhetorician but in 371 was forced by his brother to become bishop of Nyssa, where he remained until removed in 376. His most important contribution to the Christian faith is the twelve-book *Against Eunomius* (an Arian), in addition to his treatises on such doctrines as the Trinity, the Resurrection, and Jesus’ baptism.*

## FROM FATHER'S DESK....

- If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**  
7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten service or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- If you would like to schedule a Panachida for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285



## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro;  
Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky  
Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban;  
V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch;  
Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar;  
Pani Helen Shutack; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu;  
Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Karen Fuller;  
Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Denise Topichak; Rebecca Cooper; George Officer; Baby Madeline; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich; Karen Kluchonic; Marlene Wheet; William Paslawsky; Kathleen Petrochko; Mae Mary Shonak; Vickie Parker; Sandy Pujari-Harrian

All members of our Armed Forces serving our country at home and abroad