

THOMAS SUNDAY
Second Paschal Sunday
April 27, 2025

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 Gospel: John 20:19-31 Matins Gospel 1: Mt. 28:16-20

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This week at St. Nicholas

Sat.	4/26	3 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litija
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy (<i>anonymous intention</i>) Panachida for +Pope Francis
Sun.	4/27	<i>Thomas Sunday: Second Paschal Sunday (obligation)</i>	
		8:30 a.m.	Festal Matins
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>*for the people of the parish</i> Panachida for +Pope Francis
		10:40 a.m.	Thomas Sunday Brunch & Egg Hunt for Children
Mon.	4/28	6:30 p.m.	Scouts

*Monday, April 28 through Thursday, May 1 (evenings from 6 - 8pm)
Annual Eparchial Conference for All Clergy & Chancery Staff*

Fri.	5/2	First Friday - Holy Communion to the Home-bound	
Sat.	5/3	2 - 2:30 p.m.	Confessions - Holy Mystery of Reconciliation
		3 p.m.	Great Vespers
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy (<i>anonymous intention</i>)
		5:10 p.m.	Rosary (after divine liturgy)
Sun.	5/4	<i>Sunday of the Myrrhbearers: Third Paschal Sunday (obligation)</i>	
		8:30 a.m..	Sunday Matins
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>*for the people of the parish</i>
		10:40 a.m.	Parish Meeting

Mid-Pentecost (May 14 at 9am); Ascension (May 28 vespers at 7pm; May 29 divine liturgy at 9am)

Eparchy of Parma Website & Facebook: See parma.org or Facebook

App for Byzantine Divine Praises
The daily Divine Praises with changeable parts are on the free app ECPubs.com.

**Byzantine Catholic Radio
& Podcast
“Light of the East”**

Program hosted by Fr. Thomas Loya
Sundays 11:30am-12noon
(replay 11:30 pm) on 1260AM The Rock
Podcasts of previous broadcasts (to 2009)
available at byzantinecatholic.com/podcast

Fasting Requirements: No food or drink (except water) one hour before receiving Communion. Simple abstinence (no meat) every Friday, except on days exempt by law. Simple abstinence required on days with the calendar “fish” symbol; may be moved if it falls on Sunday (Sept. 14, Dec. 24, Jan. 5, Aug. 29, Holy Saturday). During the Great Fast, simple abstinence required Wed./Fri. Strict abstinence (no meat, eggs, dairy) on the 1st day of the Fast & Good Friday.

***What Kind of Church is
St. Nicholas Parish?***

- We are a Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church, in communion with the See of Rome.
- Our tradition is rooted in the authentic apostolic tradition. The Byzantine Churches have roots in the Church of Constantinople, which played a central role in the formation of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, commonly called the Nicene Creed, and in all the early ecumenical councils (1st through 7th).
- The Byzantine-Ruthenian Church began when the territory of Greater Moravia called Rus’ was evangelized by SS. Cyril & Methodius in A.D. 863-864. receiving a Byzantine rite bishop as attested by Patriarch Photius in 867. Our bishop is Bishop Robert M. Pipta of the Eparchy of Parma, a suffragan eparchy of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh.

**Byzantine Catholic Radio
& Podcast
“Beyond the Veil”:**

Program hosted by Fr. Thomas Loya
The program can be heard
(<https://radiomaria.us>).
Archives of previous shows can be found at: <https://radiomaria.us/beyond-the-veil/>

ByziKids Magazine :: byzimoms.com

This is a great resource for Byzantine Moms and for all who are looking for activities for children. For use at home, or in education settings.

Confession: Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Guide to Confession and Guide for Examination of Conscience are available in the narthex. If you have committed grave sins, please go to the Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) before Holy Communion.

God With Us Online Learning Resources: God With Us Eastern Catholic Formation is the official catechetical apostolate of the Eastern Catholic Churches of the USA.

God With Us Eastern Catholic Formation’s mission is to educate, equip, and inspire missionary disciples in Eastern Catholic Churches to serve in the vocation of evangelization and catechesis. This is accomplished through four primary apostolates:

*God With Us Radio
God With Us Books
God With Us Online
God With Us Institute*

To find these ever-expanding resources, go to:

<https://godwithusonline.org>



Pastoral Council: Anne Dillon, Sue Druga, Sandra Farnsworth, Linda Skibo

Economic Council: Joanne Mrosko, Bruce Skibo, Adrienne Terleck

Eastern Christian Formation: Fr. Andrew, Anne Dillon, Erin Nagrant, Debra Obergas

Kitchen Leadership: Bruce Skibo, Linda Skibo, Sandra Farnsworth

Strategic Planning Commission: Rita Deliman, Sue Druga, Erna Kodman, Rosemary Moroni, Debra Obergas, David Stacko

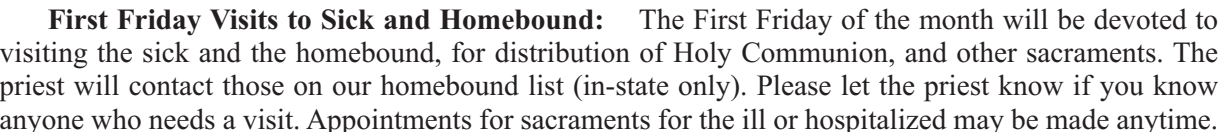
Social Committee: Barbara Crawford, Sue Druga, Sandy Farnsworth, Erna Kodman, Laverne Mackin

Church Cleaning Crew: Rita Deliman, Sue Druga, Anne Dillon, Debra Obergas, Linda Vanca

Community Outreach Committee: Sandy Farnsworth, Sarah Skrepich, Madeline Zaworski

Fundraising Committee: Sue Druga, Sarah Skrepich, Helen Truskolaski, (Madeline Zaworski)

Protopresbyteral Council Representative: Anne Dillon



Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions): 1st Saturday of the Month 2 - 2:30pm or by appointment

Rosary: First Saturday of the month after the 4pm divine liturgy (approximately 5 pm).

Sunday \$3349, Candles \$78.50, Great Thursday \$373, Great Friday \$328, Bright Monday \$5, St. George \$5, Lent \$30, Easter \$3010, Gift Shop \$27, Initial \$5, GCU \$1000.
TOTAL: \$8,210.50. *Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas Parish!*

Divine Liturgy Propers for Thomas Sunday

After Blessed is the Kingdom...

Christ is Risen Troparion (164)
Troparion: 175
Kontakion: 176
Prokeimenon: 176
Alleluia: 176

Instead of It Is Truly Proper:

The Angel Exclaimed... 176
Communion Hymn: 177

Instead of We Have Seen the True Light...

Christ is Risen Troparion

Instead of Glory to... Lord Have Mercy...

Christ is Risen... Lord Have Mercy
Give the Blessing. (170)

After the dismissal:

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen! (3x)
then Christ is Risen Troparion (3x) then
And to Us He Granted Life Eternal (170)



Christ is Risen!

In this week of brightness we are reminded that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ means that darkness, sin, and death never have the final word in our lives. We commend the soul of the departed servant of God, our Holy Father Francis, to the loving arms of our God and Savior.

As I was appointed to my episcopal ministry in the Eparchy of Parma by Pope Francis and as I had an opportunity to meet

him in person when attending the courses for new bishops in Rome this past September, I recommit myself to my work of shepherding with all the joy and hope represented by his pontificate.

Remembering the ministerial spontaneity that Pope Francis exemplified and encouraged, let us be motivated as an eparchial Church to grow in increasing unity with our spiritual leaders and their unique gifts, that we may grow even stronger in missionary discipleship and godly fellowship.

During this Bright Week we pray: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, by death trampling Death and granting life to those in the tombs, place the soul of his departed servant in the abode of the just and number him among the just, and have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all. Christ is Risen!

Special Collection - Catholic Home Missions: You may use the special collection envelopes - - on the back table of the church, for this USCCB collection.

Thomas Sunday Brunch & Egg Hunt
The faithful are reminded of the Brunch & Egg Hunt (after the Sunday morning liturgy this weekend): Suggested donation: \$10 ages 12+, \$5 under age 12, infants & toddlers free.

Parish Meeting We will meet again on Sunday, May 4 after the morning liturgy to discuss the parish's future. This is a follow-up to the March 26 meeting.

Prayers for Pope Francis In the Eparchy of Parma, we are praying the panachida after the weekend liturgies this weekend. At St. Nicholas Parish, we also offered the panachida on Bright Monday, the day of his passing.

Meeting of Pastoral & Economic Councils Fr. Andrew would like to meet with the Pastoral & Economic Councils on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm, to discuss the direction of the parish going forward. Alternate times include May 6 at 6:30pm, May 10 at 10am. Please let Fr. Andrew know if you can or cannot attend.

379th Anniversary of the Union of Uzhhorod This union, on April 24, 1646, reunited the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church to the See of Rome (they had been separated after the great Orthodox Schism of 1054).

Excerpts from SAINT JOHN PAUL II's statement from 29 years ago (on the occasion of the 350th anniversary):

"The joyful occasion of the ... anniversary of the Union of Uzhhorod constitutes an important moment in the history of a Church which by that act reestablished full union with the Bishop of Rome. It is therefore very understandable that I too join in the thanksgiving to God of all those who rejoice in the memory of that significant event. The facts themselves are well known: on 24 April 1646, in the church of the Castle of Uzhhorod, 63 Byzantine-rite priests of the Eparchy of Mukacheve, led by the Basilian monk Parthenius Petrovyc and in the presence of the Bishop of Eger, George Jakusics, were received into full communion with the See of Peter."

... .. "Sown in the fertile soil of Mukacheve, it was the mustard seed of the

Gospel which grew with time into a tree under the shade of which a vast group of faithful of the Byzantine tradition gathered. Taking note of this reality, on 10 September 1771, with the Apostolic Constitution Eximia Regalium Principum, Pope Clement XIV established the Greek-Catholic Eparchy of Mukacheve, the seat of which would be transferred a few years later to nearby Uzhhorod.

Subsequently, like flourishing offshoots of that vigorous tree new ecclesiastical jurisdictions came into being: the Eparchies of Krizevci (1777). Presov (1818) and Hajdudorog (1912). In the meantime, a steady flow of the faithful heirs of that Union, had migrated overseas. The Holy See, always careful to identify and favour God's providential designs, erected for them in the United States of America the Byzantine Metropolitan See of Pittsburgh (1969) with the suffragan Eparchies of Passaic (1963), Parma (1969) and Van Nuys (1981)."

... .. "While the Union of Uzhhorod came about as a result of the deliberations of the Council of Florence (207 years earlier laying the groundwork), it is certainly not out of place to highlight its close spiritual connection with the background of the mission of the Apostles of the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius, whose preaching extended from Greater Moravia to the Carpathian Mountains. Rightly therefore the faithful of the Churches linked to the Union of Uzhhorod are proud to be sharers in the heritage of Cyril and Methodius."

... .. "In recent times, unfortunately, the Eparchy has once more been called, in not a few of its members, to walk with Christ the sorrowful path to Calvary in persecution, imprisonment and even the supreme sacrifice of their lives. This witness, sealed in blood, was borne by the Pastor of the Eparchy himself, Bishop Theodore Romzha, who did not

hesitate to offer his life for the sheep of his flock (cf. Jn 10:11).

We cannot forget these shining examples of faithfulness to Christ and his Gospel: they constitute the precious patrimony of the Greek Catholic Church linked to the Union of Uzhhorod."

... .. "The joyful commemoration of the Union of Uzhhorod provides a favourable opportunity for giving thanks to the Lord who has dried the tears of his children at the end of a tragic period of severe persecution. He has sustained them in such a difficult period of their history, enabling them to preserve the wealth of their Eastern tradition and to remain at the same time in full communion with the Bishop of Rome. They thus bear witness to that universality which makes the Church a diverse reality able to embrace, under the charism of Peter, that legitimate variety of traditions and rites which, far from harming her unity, shows forth all her richness and splendour. This was what Pope Leo XIII recognized when, emphasizing the precious exchange of gifts between the Latin and Eastern traditions, he affirmed that the variety of the Eastern liturgy and discipline adorns the whole Church, illustrates her catholicity and clearly shows the divine unity of the Catholic faith."

Stewardship Appeal Message from the Eparchy of Parma: We are now in our final month for promoting the 2024-2025 Stewardship Appeal. The Stewardship campaign goal is \$320,000. This year's Annual Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Support of Mission & Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals, and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support of our Retired and Active Priests.

Your generosity is appreciated and thanks to everyone for their contributions. We hope to finish this year's campaign STRONG! If you have not made a gift, please do so today! Visit us online at parma.org/stewardship-appeal to make your donation.

From Fr. Andrew Nagrant about Stewardship Appeal As of April 6, St. Nicholas parishioners have contributed \$5,900, which is 55% of the way toward the parish goal of \$10,800. The appeal ends on May 15. The eparchy is asking for 100% participation, with our parish goal based upon a suggested donation of \$150.00 per registered household. Even if you can only truly afford to give just \$1, \$25, \$75, or \$100, that will help us meet our goal. So far, 18 households have contributed \$5,900 (an average of \$328), accomplishing 55% of our parish goal. That leaves only \$4,900 remaining for our goal to be accomplished by the remaining 55 households who have not yet contributed. Please visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to submit your donation online.

Parish Birthdays

May God Grant many more years in peace, health, and happiness to:

Late April & May Birthdays:
April 29 Richard Druga; 30 Rebecca Camp

May 1 Erna Kodman, 4 Joseph C. Huber, 6 Sandra Farnsworth, 9 Luke Nagrant, 16 Patricia Brandon, 20 Daniel Dillon, 21 Rita Deliman, 27 John Gresh

If your name was omitted, please call the parish office and we will gladly add your name!

*Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!*