



April 7, 2024
THOMAS SUNDAY

April 6 Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Kevin Ianni req by Larry & Linda Kushner

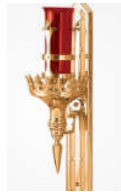
April 7 THOMAS SUNDAY
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
For the volunteers and their families for
all their support

April 13 Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Jude & George Bodnar req by Cindy & Sandy Prodan

April 14 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Monsignor Russell Duker req by Mary Cvejkus

~~~~~  
Our tithe to our Parish - March 31, 2024 - \$ 6,458.00  
~~~~~

Our Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church for Agnes Babich req by son Andy.



~~~~~  
*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers*

Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,  
Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Jeff Kaloski, Helen Magdic,  
Bill Pritz, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Mark Sethman

We greet each other during the next forty days with our Paschal greeting:

CHRIST IS RISEN! (English) INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! (Slavonic) VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!  
CHRISTOS ANESTI! (Greek) ALITHOS ANESTI!

~~~~~  
Choir Paschal Program

Members of the Archeparchial Choir and Father Vitalii Stashkevych, pastor of St. Elias Church invites faithful and friends to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord.



Presented at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pa. 15120 on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00pm.

A cake and coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall.

Featured will be many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, **“Christ is Risen ! Christos Voskrese !**

Please join us and enjoy this joyous celebration.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

According to the Byzantine Missal “In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ.” It is also a sign to indicate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

(In St. Stephen, the Sanctuary Lamp is on the wall to the right of the main altar.

As noted in our bulletin:

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church for a special intention.

Note: When you request a lamp your loved one is being remembered in the presence of Our Risen Lord.



THE ARTOS

On the tetrapod you will notice a loaf of bread, the Artos. It is a symbol of Christ’s victory over death.

The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).

THOMAS SUNDAY



The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews. On the evening of the Sunday after Passover, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, "Peace be with you." He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side.

Thomas was not present with the disciples when Jesus appeared, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ's Resurrection. He stated, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst he said, "Peace be with you." He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied by saying, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."