

**ST. MARY'S  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**THOMAS SUNDAY**

April 7, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m.

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SUN. 10:30 a.m.

+William & Veronica Vicini by Dr. Mrs. Tom Sopkovich

MON. 10:30 a.m.

No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m.

+Elizabeth Turjanica by Daughter, Mary Ann

WED. 10:30 a.m.

No Liturgy

THU. 10:30 a.m.

+Tom Hritz by Kay & Tim Sheppa

FRI. 10:30 a.m.

No Liturgy

**SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARERS**

April 14, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m.

+Annette Ragan by Sharon Hrina

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SUN. 10:30 a.m.

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Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave You arose, O Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, You appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of All. Through them You renewed an upright spirit in us according to Your great mercy.

***CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!***

***VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!***

***FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS!***

***VALO'BANFELTA MADT!***

**CHURCH DONATIONS March 31, 2024**

*In Memory ...Don Danko \$250.00*  
*Holy Week \$370.00 Cemetery \$600.00*  
*Candles 46.00 Monthly dues \$32.00*  
*Maintenance \$90.00 Lent \$20.00*  
**EASTER SUNDAY \$ 5,084.00**

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**

**Deacon John will be ordained TODAY, April 7th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael Byz. Catholic Church in Hermitage, PA. God grant His servant, John ,Health & Happiness for many blessed years!**

**THANK YOU Father John for serving as Deacon at our Parish for the past few months.**

**Father John will also have his FIRST LITURGY on Apr. 14th at 3:00 p.m. at his home Parish, Sts. Peter & Paul in Warren .**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Please mark your calendar....May 18th the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Liturgy will be Father's 49th Anniversary. There will be a celebration in our Center following the Liturgy.**

**SOCIAL GAMES**

**Games are played every Sunday...Doors open 4:30 p.m and Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Stop by Sunday...we offer great Prizes...Don't miss out. ALSO..We will hold a Super Bingo May 11th ..plan to join us ...Seats are going FAST. Stop by the office Mon-Fri from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. to purchase your tickets.**

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

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## SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS

Thomas doubted. That is why we call him doubting Thomas. The news he heard on that first glorious day, that You were risen from the dead, O Lord, was just so wonderful, so unbelievable, that he would not believe it for himself unless You showed him it was true..

And you did! You came to him and said, "Reach out your hand and touch my side, and see my hands and feet."

Then he believed, with no more doubt. With all that happened the last few days, our minds just could not accept nor understand. And so when something even more astounding occurred, no wonder people just could not grasp. They wanted to believe; but having endured the incomprehensible, they dared venture no more.

You did not have to encounter so tenderly Your disciple Thomas, but it was typically kind of You to take the time and effort to come again and show poor doubting Thomas that the best good news the world has ever heard was really true. Thank you, Lord for wiping away the doubt of Thomas, and of everybody else who ever doubts that it is You. If I ever doubt like Thomas, be there, Dear Lord to multiply the faith I have in You.

## THIS IS EASTER

A beautiful old legend that has come down through the ages tells us that after Jesus had come forth from the tomb and walked in Joseph of Arimathea's garden, white lilies grew in His footprints in the earth. Even though this lovely story is a precious legend, it portrays a compelling truth just the same.

Wherever Jesus has been, beauty has followed as a matter of course. A missionary once said he could tell as soon as he entered an African jungle village if any other missionary had been there. If Jesus had been preached to the people, there was sure to be some evidence of it in their lives. Wherever Jesus has walked, He has left behind Him a trail of beautiful effects such as hope, love, joy, peace, kindness, truth, honesty, & purity.

There was a Christian physician who retired at an early age in order to devote himself fully to charitable work in the slums of his city. A newspaper reporter called at his home to interview him but found he was out. He was told he would find him in a certain tenement that morning. "How will I recognize him?" asked the reporter. Just look for a man who will be helping someone," replied the doctor's wife. So it was with Jesus. Sacred Scripture tells us that Jesus "went about doing good." He didn't have office hours or demand that people come to Him for help. He went where they were and sought to relieve their sorrows and sufferings.

So it should be with all who claim to be His followers. If we do His will, we shall leave behind us, as we go about, a trail of beauty, of words and deeds, just as the legend describes lilies growing in the foot prints of the resurrected Christ.

## THE RESURRECTION

The very reason and purpose of our joyous celebration; the very cause of all our fasting and abstinence; all the time invested in preparation and anticipation, was to make ourselves worthy to participate in the glory of Your victorious Resurrection from the dead. While it is true others rose from the dead, none did it by their own power. You alone showed Your divinity and manifested the Father and the Holy Spirit. No other word conveys to sinful man a message from heaven so concise and clear: *Christ is Risen!* No words resound and reverberate in the ears and soul of man with such profound impact. No words could affirm man's dignity more than those which resonate from the empty tomb, echoing God's never-ending love for the pinnacle of His creation. No words are so receptive to the ears of man as those which he so needed to hear after falling into despair: *Christ is Risen!* Grasping our hands as He harrows the resting place of the dead He retrieves us from our common destiny and imparts a glimpse of how it would have been had we never parted company with Him. Our common parents, Adam and Eve shriek with unbelievable gladness because they cannot believe the God Whom they offended has followed them to earth's depths and raises them to heaven's heights. If they died disillusioned and in despair, now all their restored senses jubilantly celebrate. *Christ is Risen!* Man is redeemed; Creation is restored. God is Glorified!