

# ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THOMAS SUNDAY

April 16, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m.

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SUN. 10:30 a.m.

+Anthony & Margaret Hanigosky by Susan & Rick Teter

MON. 10:30 a.m.

No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m.

+Charles Turjanica by Sister, MaryAnn

WED. 10:30 a.m.

+Veronica Kovach by Maureen Krull

THU. 10:30 a.m.

No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 am.

No Liturgy



## SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARERS .....GREAT MARTYR GEORGE

April 23, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m.

+Joyce Haydu by Maureen Newell & Family

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SUN. 10:30 a.m.

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*with his probing right hand, Thomas searched Your life-giving side, O Christ our God. When You entered, although the doors were locked, he cried out to You with the other Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!*

**CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!**

**VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!**

**FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS!**

**VALO'BAN FELTA MADT!**

**CHURCH DONATIONS April 9, 2023**  
**sisters of St. Basil \$50.00**  
**Candles \$110.00 Monthly Dues \$87.00**  
**Holy WEEK. \$ 700.00**

**EASTER SUNDAY \$ 4,486.00**

**BCW ...NEWS**

**If you do not want to receive the BCW and have not been sending in your donation, please let us know so we can remove your name.**

**SUPER BINGO....HUGE SUCCESS!**

**On March 4th. We held a Super Bingo and are happy to say it was a huge success! After all the expenses and Pay-outs we were able to deposit \$10,269.00 plus \$3,000.00 matching Funds from GCU for the grand total of \$13,269.00. We thank our dedicated workers for their time and effort that they put in to make it so successful. They are planning to have another Super Bingo Sept. 9th. Mark your calendar to attend and join in the FUN!!**

**THANK YOU**

**We are happy to say that the monies you donated throughout Lent for our Sisters in Uniontown was a total of \$770.00 . These funds will be matched by GCU and will be sent to our Sisters. Thank you for your generosity ! God bless each of you!**

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE ST. MICHAEL'S**  
**....Robinson Rd. will be held May 4th from 4:00 -7:00 p.m., May 5th 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and May 6th from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m (BAG DAY)**

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

### SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS

The first Sunday after Easter is called The Sunday of St. Thomas. The name comes from the Gospel that will be read today. The Gospel begins with Jesus appearing to His disciples the evening of His Resurrection. "When it was late that same day, the first day of the week...Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you"....and after eight days, His Disciples were again inside and Thomas was not with them. Jesus came, the door being closed, He stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you!" Thomas was not present when He first showed Himself to his disciples. When the Apostles told Thomas of the Lord's appearance, he said that he would not believe until he saw Jesus himself. Eight days later, Jesus again appeared and called Thomas to him and showed His hands and side that Thomas might believe.

The Church remembers this gathering of the Disciples and celebrates Thomas' confession on the eighth day after the Feast of The Resurrection. Thomas' brief but pointed affirmation of belief "My Lord and my God", is the title given to the Icon of St. Thomas. It portrays the greatest confession of anyone in the Gospels. Thomas, who has seen Christ in His earthly existence, now is transformed to see Christ through the eyes of faith. In the Icon, Christ shows Himself to Thomas. Christ, the dominant figure at the center, initiates the activity in the Icon as He bends toward Thomas and shows him His side. Thomas called to see and believe. The remaining Apostles stand as witnesses to the Risen Lord. This event takes place in the upper room where the Disciples gathered, and the closed doors witness to Christ's entering even through doors that were locked. This Icon is a witness of the Resurrection. It is a witness to us, and a call to believe and profess our faith in Christ, our Lord and our God.

### EASTER BRINGS NEW LIFE

Easter reminds us that God is with us in the present and that He awaits us in the future. Death is part of every person's future. We fear death because it is going into the unknown and leaving behind our loved ones. The Resurrection of Jesus shows us that we overcome death by accepting it and by finding God in it. Jesus died and was raised to new life. Because we are one with him we too will be raised to new life at death. No longer will he be hidden in sunrises and rainbows and flowers. We will see him face to face.

So when we die we will change our state. It will be like going to sleep here and waking up there. As one finishes a long journey, stills the motor, turns off the lights, steps from the car and walks up the path to the home that awaits us. Not an end, but a beginning, not a death, but a new birth, not farewell, but welcome home.

New life is God's gift to us at Easter. Bringing new life to others is what God asks of us. We give new life when we carry out our work with care and attention, when we choose right from wrong. When we treat all people with fairness and justice. When we listen to the young with openness. When we stretch out the hand of forgiveness, when we treat the elderly with respect and gentleness; when we reach out in generosity to the poor, when we thank the people that enrich our lives.

*May the Risen Lord give each of us the faith and courage to face our struggles and accept God's gift of New Life, Hope, and Resurrection.*

### MIRACLES NEVER HAPPEN

Miracles never happen...so they say...yet one day, with words like ours, He made all living matter. Another day, with feet with flesh like ours, He was nailed to the tree. Another day, He rose in power, to set creation free!