

Sundays of Pascha

Each of the weeks of the “Paschal Season” has a theme generated by the Gospel Readings of the Sundays. **Faith** is the great theme of the Resurrection, . . . as St. Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and our faith is empty too.”

St. Thomas Sunday, for example, suggests that our human, understandable and darkened “unbelief” (doubt) may have the search-for-God element characteristic of **Faith** itself.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women has the experience of the first physical encounter with the Risen Christ, as the beginning of all encounters.

Sunday of the Paralytic Man compares the **Faith** inspired by physical cures with spiritual redemption.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman wonderfully assures us that God sees beyond our complex appearances to the well of sincerity with its potential for great **Faith**.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind shows that just as by **Faith** such unimaginable vision is given to a man born blind, so also an unimaginable vision is in store for our souls by **Faith**.

*Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!*

Schedule of Divine Services: May 4th, 2025

SUNDAY OF OINTMENT-BEARERS May 4th, 2025

Sat	4:30 p.m.	Health & Blessing of Parishioners	Page 177
Sun	10:30 a.m.	+Johnny Sandor by Sister, Kathy	
Mon.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy	
Tue.	10:30 a.m.	+ Ron Kohl by Mother, Rose & Family	
Wed.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy	
Thu.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy	
Fri.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy	

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

MOTHER’S DAY May 11th

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When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the brilliance of Your divinity; and when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God Glory to You.

<i>CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!</i>	<i>VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!</i>
<i>FELTA’MADTKRISZTUS!</i>	<i>VALO’BANFELTAMADT!</i>
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Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!
Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

"And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, 'Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" (Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8)

Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers

The icon of the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers depicts the biblical story of the women arriving at the tomb to anoint the body of Christ. The angel is seated upon the stone that covered the tomb, and he is pointing to the empty garments showing that Christ has risen from the dead.

Donations Appreciated

We are collecting donations for our St. Mary's Maintenance Fund to finish some projects around our parish grounds. We will be working on reopening the Pavillion in the back of the church including a serenity garden with memorial benches and beautiful landscaping. We are also working on the Shrine in the front of our church that is in desperate need of revitalization. We have had great success with renting our social hall with all the new and updated improvements. Our goal is to have these projects completed for our 125th anniversary this July 13th.

Let's Celebrate!

All Parishioners, On Sunday May 18th immediately after 10:30 Liturgy,

Let's meet for breakfast in St. Mary's Assumption Hall to celebrate Father Richard Lamberts 50th anniversary of priesthood, as well as Father John Welch's First Anniversary of his priesthood, and first full year as our pastor.

All are welcome!

St. Mary's Byzantine 125th Anniversary Party will take place on July 13, 2025. Divine Liturgy will be at 3:00p.m., and dinner will follow at 5:00 in Assumption Hall.

Many details will follow.

Cookies are needed for our Anniversary Cookie Table.

Sign-up sheets are in both entrances for your voluntary participation. If you are interested in baking or buying cookies for our big event, please provide your name, the type of cookie (ex., butterball, brownie, kolachi) and the

approximate number of dozens.

Cookies can be dropped off the day before the event in the Assumption Hall. Exact drop off times will be

provided at a later date.