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APRIL 19, 2026 – THOMAS SUNDAY – 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

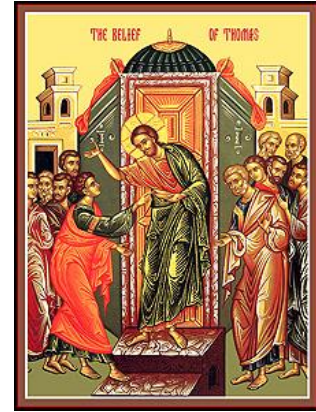
<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, APRIL 20 Acts 3:19-26 John 2:1-11</p> <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 21 Acts 4:1-10 John 3:16-21</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 23 Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 24 Acts 5:1-11 John 5:30-6:2</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 25 Acts 5:21-33 John 6:14-27</p> <hr/> <p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BRIGHT WEEK</u></p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 19, ANTIPASCHA, 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA -- THOMAS SUNDAY Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Blessing of Graves</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 25 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 26, MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN SUNDAY Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Parish Council Meeting.....11:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christ is Risen!</u> <u>Indeed He is Risen!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Христос воскрес!</u> <u>Воистину воскрес!</u></p>

ANTIPASCHA, 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

THOMAS SUNDAY

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” The Slavonic inscription is, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as “Antipascha.” This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek.



Acts 5:12-20

(Epistle)

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And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch.

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Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

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And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

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so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

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Also, a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

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Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,

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and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

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But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

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“Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

John 20:19-31

(Gospel)

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Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

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When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

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So, Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

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And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

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If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So, he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

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And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

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Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

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And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

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Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

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but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

CANDLES/DONATIONS

- \$300 donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Nicholas & Olga Sinchuk from Joanne, Nicholas, and Daria.
- \$21.28 to the Building Maintenance fund in loving memory of John Forstrom from his wife, Georgiana

CANDLE DESK DUTY

April 19 – Barb Dulin

April 26 – Dave Lepesko

SAFETY/SECURITY ISSUE REMINDER ... Please be reminded that children should not go downstairs *unless* accompanied by a parent or at least two adults present. Thank you!

EASTER PLANTS ... Those who ordered Easter plants may pick them up today

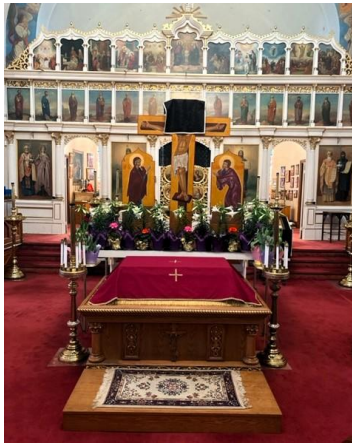
PARISH SURVEY – FUNDRAISING MEETING APRIL 18 ... The results of last month's Parish Survey are in: we received about 50 responses! The purpose of the survey was for you to make your voice heard to shape the future of Holy Ghost Church, with God's help. We asked, you responded, and now it's time to take action, together. The full results will be published soon. In the meantime, many of you reported in the survey that you're interested in being a part of fundraising efforts. If you're one of those people, come to the Holy Ghost basement hall on **Saturday, April 18** at 5:00pm (after Vespers) for an exploratory meeting and fellowship. Food will be provided! RSVP to holyghostbpt1894@gmail.com by April 15.

THOMAS SUNDAY ... Fr Mark will be blessing graves (weather permitting) today. If you wish to have a loved one's grave blessed, please sign up at the candle desk.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ... is scheduled for **April 26th**.

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW ... This week's cleanup crew is Group P through Z. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Daria Ploski-Slavin.

SAVE THE DATE ... for Holy Ghost's Annual Summer Camp, **August 10 - 14**, at Holy Ghost Park in Shelton, CT!



*Many thanks to the work crew:
LoveAnn Curran, Subdeacon
Mark Curran, Harry Sholomicky,
Joe Curran, and Jerry Kopko for
decorating the плащеница!
(Shroud) and preparing our
beautiful church for Pascha!*

HOLY WEEK!





PARISH METRICS (APRIL 19 THRU APRIL 25)

BIRTHDAYS

Helen Kaimer, April 22nd; Christian Boyles, April 24th (24 years old)

God Grant them Many Years!

Многая лета!

ANNIVERSARIES

None listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

APRIL 19 – Mary Bakos Zastenichik, 1982 (87); Anna Novasad, 1985 (93)

APRIL 20 – Pelagia Kosko, 1948 (58); Helen Ruis, 1988 (79)

APRIL 21 – Alexander Osedach, 1940; Michael Koliada, 1978 (58); Ernest Pistey, 1999 (75)

APRIL 22 – Adam Kanoch, 1918 (Infant); Stephen Kochiss, 1928 (44); Anna Fetkovich Bernacki, 1957 (65)

APRIL 23 – Michael Chanda, 1937 (60); Serafima Bondar, 1961 (68); Vera Abramchik Markewicz, 1970 (83); Olga Serdechny, 1975 (65)

APRIL 24 – Anna Labash, 1950 (76); Natalie Gotta, 1967 (72); Mary Yacko Zelnik, 1980 (70); Peter Hardy, 1989 (91); Alexandra Komarowsky Oleinik, 1996 (92)

APRIL 25 – Serge Dragivsky, 1915 (35); Vasilissa Iasygen, 1926 (29); Theodore Stelmashuk, 1946 (58); Theodore Ostopchuk, 1959 (64); Anna Kotrady Jankura, 1970 (73); Michael Pistey, 1970 (83); Peter Oleinik, 1973 (78); Peter Hylwa, 1989 (71); Helen Gullick Buzgo, 1993 (83)

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!



Beautiful flower arrangement by Debbie Rapaport