



April 11, 2010

**ANTIPASCHA—Tone 1—ST. THOMAS SUNDAY**

Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum and disciple of St. John the Theologian; Ven. Jacob the Abbot of Zheleznoborovsk and his fellow ascetic James; St. Barsanuphius, Bishop of Tver; Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome; Ven. Pharmuthius the Anchorite of Egypt; Ven. John the disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis; St. Callinicus of Cernica, Bishop of Rimnicului in Romania; The Appearance of the *Footprint* Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos at Pochaev

Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠**

TODAY	1:00 p.m.	<i>Provodnoye</i> (Blessing of Graves) at the parish cemetery
Sat, Apr 17	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for <b>Dorothy Dabkowski</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> day) and <b>Olga Zawadsky</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> day)
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sun, Apr 18	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 2—SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Venerable Nicodemus;</b> Ven. John the disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis	
Divine Liturgy	Reading: Acts 6:1-7	Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

**✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠**

Because of the *Annual Blessing of Graves (Provodnoye)*, there will be **NO Church School** today; classes will resume **next Sunday, April 18**.

The **Annual Blessing of Graves (Provodnoye)** will be held in our parish cemetery **TODAY**. Starosta James Kornafel will be at the central cross at **12 noon** with forms for writing the first names of those buried at the cemetery. Around 1 p.m., Fr. David and our intern priest, Fr. Sean Levine, along with the Choir, will serve the *Paschal Panihida* commemorating all the deceased people whose names have been given. Following the panihida, Fr. David and Fr. Sean will each start on opposite sides of the cemetery looking **downhill** from the central cross and bless each grave. Afterwards, Fr. David will bless any new monuments, upon request of the family. This is a beautiful custom of our Orthodox faithful as we share the joy of the Resurrection with those fallen asleep. Make a point to join us with your family!

The **Altar Society** will meet in the hall on **Monday, April 12**, at 6 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, April 13**, at 7 p.m.

A **Men's Club Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 15**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

**Parish Council** will meet on **Monday, April 19**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Many questions of faith often arise. Sometimes they stimulate us while, at other times, they can perplex or even confound us. To address your inquisitiveness, Father David will be offering a **Faith Feedback Session** in the church hall on **Sunday, April 25**, during Coffee Hour. If you have a query you would like answered during this forum, write it down on a card provided in the church vestibule

and drop it in the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. Then, on the 25<sup>th</sup>, come and be as part of an enlightening experience. Remember: questions of faith are often a sign of growth.

A **Mother's Day Raffle** is now in progress to support the ministries of our **Holy Myrrhbearing Women Altar Society**. *Serenity Day Spa* has again donated the grand prize: a \$100 gift certificate and basket. Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate and basket from *Hair Event* in Milltown. Buy one ticket for \$5 or increase your chances and purchase five for \$20. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, May 2**, during Coffee Hour. (*Attendance is not necessary to win.*) See any Society member for tickets. Thank you and good luck!

## ✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

**WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...**Attendance at the Paschal services last Sunday: Nocturne & Matins, **221**; Liturgy, **190**. Envelope offerings were **\$14,791**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next week by **Subdeacon Joseph Shaluha**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Senior R Club**.

**CONFESSION & COMMUNION DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON** As is our parish practice, there will be **NO General Confession** during these glorious days of the Resurrection. Those of you who confessed and communed during Lent may continue to approach the Holy Chalice on Sundays and holidays, provided that you prepare accordingly (prayer and meditation) and fast from food and drink after midnight. Please remember that if you miss a Sunday, you must go to private Confession or speak with Father David before communing the next time. (**NOTE: General Confession will resume on Saturday, May 15, following Vespers. For those who desire a private Confession before then, Father will be available, as usual, on Saturday afternoons starting at 5 p.m.**)

**HELLO & WELCOME** to **Janet Hartman**, who is visiting from West Virginia this weekend; our *Pastor Emeritus*, **Fr. Sergius Kuharsky**, his wife, **Matushka Faith**, and their family, including son and daughter-in-law, **Paul & Teresa**, and new grandson, **Simon**; and **Subdeacon Joseph Shaluha**, who is back again from Ohio for a few weeks to finish work with his former electrical union. What a joy it is to have them praying with us on this St. Thomas Sunday. May God grant them all continued good health and long life.

**SINCERE APPRECIATION** is extended to **Paula Mindzak** for her contribution to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of **Dorothy Dakbowski** and **Vera Rosenthal**. May the blessings of Almighty God be upon her for such a beautiful expression of love.

**OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE** to **Harry & Janice Meade** for generously donating the floral arrangement that is adorning the icons of the Resurrection and St. Thomas Sunday on the center tetrapod today. It was lovingly offered in commemoration of the first birthday of their twin grandsons, **Gavin & Reilly Meade**. May the proud grandparents continue to experience much joy, peace, health and salvation for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR** the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as those who lost their lives in the wake of the twin terrorist bombings in the Moscow subway:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Dorothy Dabkowski	Elaine Ashton	Joan Roshak	Ivan Shidlovsky
Olga Zawadsky	Irene Boule	Sarah Hall	Lisa Beard
Joan Tita	Joseph Casall	Dotsy Hartman	Gregory Nosol
Rose Mankos	Edward Romanofsky	Katherine Tarzewski	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Peter Keimer	Walentyna Posluszny	Paula Hila	David T. Floyd
Nadejda Sicko	Alan Zenkert	Joseph Posluszny	Patrick Lohr
Rita Lyons	Michael Dargento	Nancy Filak	Keith Sudder
Helen Visocky	Daryl Deissinger	Anna Durovich	Priest Paul Rivers
Joseph Strugala	Cynthia Denlinger	Kira Gregor	Andrew Kubik
William Fedak	Linda Martinovich	Lisa Muhs	Jason Vaughn
August Hofling	Josephine Tillison	Denise Yager	Patrick Baldwin
Nicholas Boshko	Mary Lou Goldy	Martha Drobnak	Timothy Stepan
Jakob Vail	Julia Glazer	Chrise Murrell	Michael Gregus
	Joseph Casale	Dorothy Sopchak	Peter Shaw
	Donna Casale	Elaine Boshko	Jacqueline Martinez
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Andre Tirenin	Robert Mahrer
	Randall Cline	Glynne Smith	Karen Bonet
	Joseph Lynch	Marian Morgan	David Gambert
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	James Dewan	Gregg Poole

Aiden Gowarty  
Dorothy Swenticky  
Sara Cseh  
Olga Smith  
Anthony Garito  
Ermelinda Faziola  
Kirsten Hyland  
John Cameron  
Janet Firestone  
Adam Krosnowski  
Ellie Shipman  
Savanna Dore

Beverly Martucci  
Gregory Huba  
Frederick Bhend  
Kathryn Patricia Gmitter  
Walter Smorgans  
Helen Smorgans  
Karen Vernak  
Philip Folino  
Margo Stewart  
Stephen Janosko  
Mat. Eugenia Nehrebecki  
Robert Kornafel

Fred Bush  
Travis Hartman  
Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.  
Elizabeth Brent  
Kyle Abbott  
Matthew Scudder

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Fr. David or Starosta.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** go out this week to **Meredith Garretson** and **Gavin & Reilly Meade**. May their lives continue to be filled with good things for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP** Through the generosity of donors John Tolls, his deceased wife Leatrice, their daughters Lea and Lynley, and honorees Anna, John and John Jr. Schemick of blessed memory, two worthy high school seniors and/or college students will be awarded a \$500 scholarship to help them in their studies. The deadline for applying is **Saturday, May 1**. To request an application, all interested individuals should contact Carol Deerson (732-254-4979).

**THE SOUTH RIVER FOOD BANK** is participating in the *13th Annual Alan Shawn Feinstein \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger*. Throughout April, all donations of food and money will be matched dollar for dollar. See the flyers in the church hall for more information. Everyone is asked to be especially generous with his/her contributions this month.

**THANK YOU** to **Fred Koch Jr.** for towing the parish tractor and lawn mower, free-of-charge, to and from the *John Deere* facility in Farmingdale for maintenance. We are sincerely grateful for such a tried and true friend of the parish—God bless!

**MEMORY ETERNAL** The servant of God, **Nicholas Boshko**, fell asleep in the Risen Lord on Holy Tuesday, March 30; he was the dear cousin of **Edward & Paul Boshko** and beloved brother of **Judy (Boshko) Schiebel**. May his soul be granted rest and peace—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Announcements for next week's edition must be submitted to Father David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Thursday evening**. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).



*Please remember that until the Vespers of Holy Pentecost (“Kneeling Prayers”), there is **no kneeling** in church or at home for private or corporate prayer. Standing is the position of gladness and rejoicing. Also, the prayer to the Holy Spirit (“**O Heavenly King...**”) is **not** recited. From Pascha until the Feast of the Ascension, it is substituted with the Paschal Troparion (“**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and, upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!**”). We are like the Apostles during this period, “waiting” for the Holy Spirit to come, and the absence of this prayer makes a strong statement of our profound need for the Holy Spirit.*



After the exertions of Great Lent and Holy Week that led to the exuberant celebration of the Feast of Feasts, Holy Pascha, and Bright Week, many of us are probably feeling low, let down and/or spiritually exhausted. We've experienced the Risen Lord. Now what? What should we do? Return to the mundane routine we had eight weeks ago? Not at all!

As Orthodox Christians, we are “Pascha People;” a post-festal lull or letdown does not exist! Without the Resurrection of Christ and the firm hope of our own resurrection, we have no life! Knowing this, we must never forget that the days after Pascha are the best, because the good news that Jesus is alive only gets better with each passing day.

May the joy, hope and renewal of this season continue throughout the year, thus blessing our hearts, homes and parish.

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

## ✠ PASCHAL PLATITUDES ✠

Once again, we were blessed to experience a moving Lenten season together, as well as a poignant Holy Week and glorious Pascha and Bright Week. How wonderful it was to see so many people work quietly behind the scenes to make these past eight weeks so truly inspirational and fulfilling, especially:

- **Parish Council** for faithfully manning the Candle Desk and taking care of so many details that provided for smooth and prayerful services.
- The **Church Choir** and its director, **Basil Kozak**, for their wonderful and prayerful singing.
- **Karen & Kristen Berezniak, Anastasia Essl, James Kornafel** and **Paula Mindzak** for preparing the church and arranging the flowers on Good Friday and Pascha. Gratitude is also extended to those who removed the Tomb and assisted in rearranging the flowers during the procession on Pascha night.
- The **Altar Boys** for setting up the tables in the hall for the blessing of Easter food.
- All the righteous **Grave Watchers**, under the direction of **Gregory Sprogis**, who kept vigil at the Tomb of Our Lord from Good Friday afternoon until the start of Nocturne on Holy Saturday.
- All the **Church School Families** for preparing red eggs for Paschal distribution.
- The **Saint Anne's Guild** for organizing the *Easter Egg Hunt* and *Paschal Potluck Luncheon* on Bright Monday; the kids had a wonderful time celebrating Jesus' resurrection.
- **Hank Dziemian, Father David, James Jones, James Kornafel, Janusz Naumiuk** and **Yuri Nerush** for installing the Paschal sign above the front entrance of the church.
- **Everyone** who carried icons and banners in the processions on Good Friday, Pascha night, Easter Sunday afternoon (Paschal Vespers) and Bright Monday.
- Our *Pastor Emeritus*, **Fr. Sergius Kuharsky**, and our intern priest, **Fr. Sean Levine**, for assisting Fr. David with liturgical services throughout the season.
- **Mirjana Dostanich** for baking the *Artos* (Paschal Bread).
- **Walter Swenticky** and his assistants, **Alexandra Romanofsky, John Treziak** and **Paul Zelanko**, for supplying, trimming and preparing the beautiful pussy willows for Palm Sunday.
- **Daria York** for providing the bread and wine for the *Agape* after Liturgy on Holy Saturday.
- **Natasha Rogozenski** and **Daria York** for organizing a beautifully prepared and sumptuous *Festive Agape* after Liturgy on Pascha night; over 100 parishioners attended and wonderful food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.
- **James Jones** for shampooing the carpet after the censer mishap on Good Friday evening.

To all those we may have unintentionally missed: thank you for your generosity, love and continued support. Your offering of time, talent and/or treasure, however big or small, contributed greatly to celebrating the Resurrection—the cornerstone of our Faith.

May the Risen Lord continue to surround us with His peace and renew us with His grace throughout this Paschal season.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**