

APRIL 15, 2018
SUNDAY OF THOMAS

COMMEMORATIONS:

Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus of the Seventy (67). St. Mstislav Theodore, prince of Kiev (1132). Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul (1st c.). Martyr Suchias and his companions: Andrew, Anastasius, Thalaleus, Theodoretus, Ivchirion, Jordan, Quadratus, Lucian, Mimnenos, Nerangius, Polyeuctus, James, Phocas, Domentianus, Victor, and Zosima (Chorimos), in Armenia (123). Martyr Sabbas the Goth of Buzau in Wallachia (Romania) (372). St. Ruadhan, founder and abbot of Lothra, Ireland (ca. 584) (*Celtic & British*). St. Leonidas, bishop of Athens (*Greek*). St. Basil of Poiana Marului (1767). St. Daniel of Achinsk, Siberia (1843). Martyr Pausilipus of Thrace (2nd c.). Martyr Crescens of Myra (3rd c.).

Martyr Anastasia of Rome, the Disciple of Apostles Peter and Paul

The Holy Women Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia lived in Rome and were converted to Christianity by the holy Apostles Peter and Paul. They devoted themselves to the service of the Lord.

When the emperor Nero (54-68) persecuted Christians and gave them over to torture and execution, Saints Basilissa and Anastasia took the bodies of the holy martyrs and gave them reverent burial. Rumors of this reached Nero, so Saints Basilissa and Anastasia were locked up in prison. They subjected them to cruel tortures: they scourged them with whips, scraped their skin with hooks, and burned them with fire. The holy martyrs remained unyielding, however, and bravely confessed their faith in Christ the Savior. By Nero's command, they were beheaded with the sword (+ ca. 68).



Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/04/15/101087-martyr-anastasia-of-rome-the-disciple-of-apostles-peter-and-paul>

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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CHRIST IS RISEN!



Matins Gospel: St. Matt 28:16-20
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Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.

TROPARION OF ST. THOMAS - TONE 7 - While the Tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light! While the doors were closed, thou didst come in to thy disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy mercy!

TODAY: Coffee Hour, Sunday School, and Teens after Liturgy
WEATHER PERMITTING: Procession to Cemetery for Blessing of Graves following Sunday School and Coffee Hour.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Apr 22):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	---	Justin G/ Mary Lynne
EPISTLE READER:	Joe Kyriakos	Karen Burke
ALTAR CANDLES:	Tadesse Family	---
GREETERS:	Todd & Kristi Moore	Don & Maryann Reigle
CLEANING TEAM:	The Teens	Serge & Alex
COFFEE HOUR:	Howanetz Family	Jn. & Mary Lynne Black

- * **MANY THANKS** to all who made offerings for flowers and decoration; who provided palms and willows, olive oil, wine, rose water, and incense for the Holy Days, and red eggs for Pascha; and who gave their voices for singing and their time for cleaning.
- * **THOMAS SUNDAY CEMETERY OFFERINGS** this year will be used to fund one or more "mercy graves" to be offered to bereaved families when appropriate. Please be generous.
- * **IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS.** Thank you for remembering the needs of others.



Mark Your Calendar:

Ascension
Thursday, May 17

Pentecost
Sunday, May 27

Blood Drive
Wednesday, May 30, 2-7pm

Apostles Fast
June 4-29

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

International Food Festival
September 21-22

Pray For:

Living	Departed
James E	Constantine
Vladimir R	Dumitru
Christine S	Claudiu
Angela G	
Mary K	
R Maxime	
Michael I	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Robert C	Catechumens
Kristen C	
Stephanie	Couples prepar-
Helen	ing for marriage
R Herman E	
Zafer	Faith
M. Emiliani	Mary
Mebrat	Michael
Ethiopia, Syria	
& unstable lands	+ Corrine

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Invite a young couple out for dinner, or offer to baby sit for them.

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- ✦ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.
- ✦ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
- ✦ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.
- ✦ There is a relaxed fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- ✦ In honor of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers.

This Week:

Monday, April 16:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Tuesday, April 17:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Wednesday, April 18:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon COMPLINE & Chant workshop, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Friday, April 20:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Vespers, 6 pm, & St. Basil Center Lecture & Reception, 7 pm
Saturday, April 21:	Bible Study: Sacrifice in Scripture, 4:30 p.m. VESPERS at 6 p.m., Confession, 7 pm Bible Bowl practice, 7 pm
Sunday, April 22:	HOLY MYRRHBEARERS ORTHROS 9 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m. Sunday School, Teens, & Coffee Hour.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Cleaning products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: The Liturgy never ends.

ATTENDANCE: At Bridegroom Matins on Sunday, Apr 1: 55 Bridegroom Matins on Holy Monday evening: 76 Bridegroom Matins on Holy Tuesday evening: 87 Holy Unction: 129 Vespers on Holy Thursday: 90 Twelve Gospel Matins: 107 Vespers of Burial on Holy Friday: 101 Lamentations Matins: 182 Holy Saturday Liturgy: 106 Paschal Services: 219 Agape Vespers on Sun., Apr 8: 73
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$728.04. Collections, \$717. Flowers, \$80. Youth, \$3. BookShelf, \$128.95. Food for Hungry, \$2,027.50. Cemetery Fund, \$40. Honorarium, \$3,000. Stewardship, \$2,609.50. Total received: \$9,333.99.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY