

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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23 April 2017

St. Thomas Sunday (2nd Sunday of Pascha)

Holy Glorious Great-martyr George

Martyr Alexandra the Empress

Martyrs Anatolius & Protoleon

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 **Reader:** Anita Anderson

Gospel: John 20:19-31 **Tone:** Festal Menaion

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Sunday, April 30	<i>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women (3rd Sunday of Pascha)</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 7	<i>Sunday of the Paralyzed Man (4th Sunday of Pascha)</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 14	<i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (5th Sunday of Pascha)</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

PLEASE NOTE that because of the joy of the Paschal Season, there is NO kneeling in church from Pascha until Pentecost Sunday. We will be singing “Chrystos Voskres!” / “Christ is Risen” for 40 days.

WHILE FATHER VASYL IS AWAY: Fr. Vasyl will be away until May 12th. If there are any emergencies, please call Fr. Vasyl Shak (848-702-6481). Fr. John Lyszcz will be serving Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 30.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Natalia Kenask (27)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: Metro & Peg Kopchak (23) *May God grant them many years!*

READER’S LIST: Mike Ratai (4/30), Andy Olear (5/7), Andrei Marinich (5/14)

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS: Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Andrew’s Memorial Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

THANK YOU to those, who made a **Pascha/Easter donations** to our church. We collected \$1,420.00 for that day.

THANK YOU to:

- Metro Kopchak for getting and installing the fluorescent bulbs where needed;
- Mike Ratai and Flo Ratai for cleaning the candle stands;
- Anita Anderson for donating the new plastic underneath for all of our candle stands.
- Andy Olear, Anita Anderson, Chris (Joe) and Monika Vakulchik for taking and dispersing the pierogi orders all year long. Pierogi orders have resumed.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Our parish community is supporting the following institutions. Please consider supporting them by donating the following items:

- South Plainfield Food Pantry: canned goods and/or prepared canned meals
- Ronald McDonald House (Red Bank): soda can pop tabs and cat food tabs

HOLY COMMUNION: Please remember that Holy Communion is only offered to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and sincere repentance of their sins (Holy Confession). Everyone is invited to partake of the “prosfora/antidoron” (blessed bread) which is a reminder of the “agape feast” that followed worship in the early Church at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Bazyl, Fr. Vasyl, Fr. Victor, Fr. Ivan, Fr. Stephen, Dobrodijka Ivanka, Lyudmila, Steffie Tybor, Nettie Sherby, Anita Anderson, Maryanne Quartuccio, Kathie Thomas, Natalia, Taissa, Andy Olear, Joyce Pein, Flo Ratai, David, Yana, Serhij, Angelina and Patricio. *If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.*

Out of respect for God’s House, please keep all communication to a minimum.

Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.

Attend Church as a Family!