

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, May 8, 2016

St. Thomas Sunday

Tone 1. Epistle, Acts 5:12-20. Gospel, John 20:19-31

Holy Apostle John, the Theologian

TODAY 50th Anniversary Remembrance of dep. Alexander (Sander) Gursky, (5/11/56), offered by Sandra Aitken. Memory Eternal!
Prayers will also be offered today for all our departed mothers.
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MOTHER'S DAY DINNER will be sponsored by our "O" Club today, following the Divine Liturgy. All mothers are guests of the "O" Club; Adults are \$8 and children are \$4. A special thank you to all those who worked for today's dinner.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

ALTAR EASTER BASKETS (2), offered by Eleanor Prystash and Jim Prystash, in memory of husband and father, John Prystash. Thank you for your kind offering!

BLESSING OF GRAVES

(Weather permitting)

Sunday, May 15 2:00 p.m. Monongahela Cemetery
Sunday, May 22 2:30 p.m., Memorial Park Cemetery
3:45 p.m., Charleroi Cemetery

PRISCILLA KALUPONOV would like to express her appreciation to all our parishioners for their kindness, cards, prayers, and candles.

GIFT CARDS can be ordered in the Candle Room.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

St. Thomas Sunday takes place on the eighth day of the Feast of the Resurrection, and it is one of the Seven Minor Feasts of our Lord. On this day, the Lord of glory appeared to His disciples while they were gathered in the upper room in the presence of St. Thomas.

However, Christ appeared to them in the absence of St. Thomas a week before. The disciples repeatedly informed St. Thomas about the appearance of the Lord Christ to them, but he refused to believe them, as he said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

For this reason, the Lord of glory appeared on the eighth day following the day of His resurrection, and told St. Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." The result was awesome: it resulted in the confession of St. Thomas that Christ is the Lord and God, as he cried out saying: "My Lord and my God."

Truly, Saint Thomas is a characterization of a great deal of people who have willingly submitted to worldly concerns; hence, they do not believe unless they see or hear. For this very reason, the Lord of glory is encouraging faith in these people. He even came especially to remove their doubts and strengthen their faith.

The Church celebrates this important event because it is considered a day when the truth of the Resurrection is clearly affirmed. Initially, even the disciples, after they witnessed Christ, thought that He was a phantom or a spirit; however, after He proved the reality of His resurrected Body, they believed.

Most importantly, the Church looks at this day as a confirmation of the resurrection of the Lord of glory; hence, the church uses and considers it a vital aid to every person who requires seeing before believing.

A **SPECIAL REMINDER** that St. Nicholas Church will be publishing a special Commemorative Program Book in recognition of parish's 100th Anniversary on July 24. Our 100th Anniversary Committee is now accepting ads for the Program Book, including the following sizes:

- Full page - \$100
- Half page - \$50
- Quarter page - \$30

In addition, we are offering Memorial ads (\$20) and Listing ads (\$10). Memorial ads will mention your name and the departed person(s) you wish to remember. Listing ads will include your name. All ads and payment must be received no later than June 15, 2016. To place an ad, see anyone from our Church Council.