Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Sunday, May 9th
Thomas Sunday
Mother’s Day
8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Liturgy
10:35 AM Sunday School
2:00 PM Wedding

Tuesday, May 11th
8:30 AM-4:00 PM Gyrofest Baking
*8:00 PM Meet Missionary Elaine Piniat (via Zoom)

Wednesday, May 12th
6:30 PM Trisagion Service & Dedication of tree in memory of Paul Karpouzis
7:00 PM Paraklesis

Thursday, May 13th
9:30–11:00 AM Food Box Distribution & Delivery
Donated by Philoptochos
“In memory of our deceased Philoptochos members”
10:00 AM Women’s Orthodox Fellowship Study

Friday, May 14th
8:30 AM– 4:00 PM Gyrofest Baking & Kataifi cutting & packing
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 15th
**11:00 AM—7:00 PM Gyrofest Drive-Thru Only
7:00 PM Vespers

Daughters of Penelope
“Happy Mother’s Day from Daughters of Penelope to all of our beloved mothers of the parish! With love and appreciation, we have laid flowers at the graves of our departed mothers at Conestoga cemetery. In light of COVID-19 considerations, instead of providing corsages to the mothers at Sunday’s service, we are delighted to sponsor a Food Box Distribution in July!”

Philoptochos Meeting
Tuesday, May 18th @ 6:30 pm in the AHEPA Room. Please use the Preschool entrance.

A reminder that masks must be worn in the church before, during, and after the services; and please do not congregate in the Narthex.

**Meet Elaine Piniat—New Missionary
Tuesday, May 11th at 8:00PM
Elaine will discuss her journey to becoming a missionary and planned outreach for Scandinavia on Zoom
Contact Fr. Theodosios for the link
Theodosiospalis@gmail.com

***GYROFEST 2021
Saturday, May 15, 2021
11:00 AM—7:00 PM Drive-thru only!
Volunteers Needed!
Please sign up on our Website under “Signups” or the link below:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m9jb-63LUJPMapsvItbno_875yrJTaI8a5EWM/edit?usp=sharing
You may contact George Soukas:
gsoukas@yahoo.com - 717-875-2666

GOYA Centennial Aprons for Sale
They make a great Mother’s Day gift!
Very appropriate to wear for Gyrofest!
$20
Contact Tina George @ 717-314-4678

Daughters of Penelope End of Year Meeting!
IN PERSON at Neffsville Park on Tuesday, May 18 from 6-8pm. Information has been emailed to all sisters. For questions, please contact Kathy Granbois at dcpolanaster@gmail.com or 717.471.1097.

SAVE THE DATE
Youth Picnic - Saturday, May 29, 1 pm @ A. Herr Park, Landisville.
High School Senior Recognition - Sunday, June 6, following the Divine Liturgy.
Annual Family Church Picnic - Sunday, September 12th, more details to follow.
Centennial Celebration - Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Being Spiritually Ready to See the Risen Lord

Thomas was not granted to see Christ on the first day of His resurrection. In the interpretation of St. Theophylactos, Thomas was hesitant and considered Christ’s resurrection impossible. He had not reached the inner spiritual condition necessary for seeing the Risen Christ.

We have stated already that Christ was manifested to those who were in a state for which Christ’s appearance would have a saving, not a punishing, effect. Thomas seems not to have reached the spiritual maturity required by this event.

Christ postponed His appearance for a whole week for the sake of Thomas’s spiritual readiness. Christ delayed visiting him so long, “so that he might be taught by his fellow disciples and an on hearing these things he might also have a more burning desire, and be more trusting towards what was to be in the future” (St. Theophylactos).

A whole week, then, was needed for him to be taught the facts of Christ’s manifestation by the other Disciples, in order to learn the facts of His manifestation, and for a great longing to develop, and also to express repentance for his lack of faith so that Christ’s manifestation might effect salvation. When Thomas was suitably prepared, he too became a theologian through the manifestation of Christ and confessed: “My Lord and my God” (John 20:29).


WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Fioglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
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The Epistle Acts 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Porch. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more and more people believed in the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy arrested the apostles and put them in common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

The Gospel Jn. 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to Him: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

1. **APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION** *(Plagal 1st Mode)*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

2. **HYMN OF THE SMALL ENTRANCE** *(2nd Mode)*

In the congregation bless God the Lord, who springs out of Israel. Save us, O Son of God who rose from the dead, To you we sing, Alleluia!

3. **APOLYTIKION** *(Grave Mode)*

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though death, through the sheers You brought down the Immortal One, yet You brought down the resurrection. If You had not been born from the sepulcher, the Ephesians would have not sung praises to You, Lord. Alleluia!

4. **KONTAKION** *(Plagal 4th Mode)*

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; And You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; And You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Dismissal

Priest: Glory to His third-day Resurrection.

People: We worship His third-day Resurrection.