

April 12th, 2026
Thomas Sunday

SUNDAY, 4/12 **8:30 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 4/13 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 4/14 **NO** Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 4/15 **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy + Asunciona Cielo

THURSDAY, 4/16 **NO** Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 4/17 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy + Manuel Yamunaque

SATURDAY, 4/18 **5:00 pm** Typica Service

SUNDAY, 4/19 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Clergy conference

Fr. Volodymyr will be out of parish on clergy conference from **April 27th until April 30th** in Parma, OH. At that time there will be no services.

2 - Nighttime Prayers

Join us for Nighttime Prayers on May 1st, from 9:30 PM to Midnight, in our church. These prayers are a powerful offering to the Lord, as we set aside time normally reserved for rest to unite in sacrifice and devotion. Let us come together in prayer, seeking God's grace and blessings.

**Excerpt from the Easter Pastoral Letter
of His Beatitude Sviatoslav**

Christ is risen!

Beloved in Christ!

Today, when the sun rises with dawn and reveals its paschal light, the Church invites us to set out on a journey together with the myrrh-bearing women. They are heading to the tomb – to the place where they witnessed the burial of Jesus Christ: “It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid” (Luke 23:54–55).

In the Ode of Paschal Matins, the Church emphasizes a particular haste. Christ was hastily taken down from the cross, hastily buried without the proper honors that even an ordinary person is due: “Then they returned [home] and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment” (Luke 23:56).

And now the women hasten once again: “But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus” (Luke

24:1–3). The words of the canon of Matins confirm that they were hastening not so much to the tomb as to Christ.

The godly-wise women hastened after you with myrrh...

The women disciples followed their Teacher from the very beginning of His preaching in Galilee. Christ Himself leads them to where they never expected to arrive. They are motivated by love and mercy for the Scorned and Deceased One.

Those who followed Christ, listened attentively to His teaching, witnessed various signs – miracles and healings, now become godly-wise myrrh-bearers. This is also our path of Christian discipleship, which we have traveled in a particular way during Great Lent.

Although Christ warned His disciples about what was to happen – betrayal, arrest, unjust conviction, cruel mockery and death on the cross – the myrrh-bearing women were not prepared either for the horror of the passion, or for an encounter with the risen Lord. They come to the tomb with indescribable pain in their heart and their soul crying out.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Trust in God’s Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us in a special way that God’s mercy is greater than every sin, every failure, and every weakness. In the Gospel, the risen Christ comes to His disciples even though the doors are locked, and He greets them with peace. He does not come to condemn them for their fear or for abandoning Him during His Passion, but to bring forgiveness, healing, and new life. This shows us that the mercy of God is not limited by our unworthiness; rather, it reaches us precisely in our need.

This feast invites us to place our complete trust in Christ and in His merciful love. No matter how far we may have fallen, the Lord continues to seek us, to restore us, and to call us back to Himself. Divine Mercy Sunday also challenges us to become merciful toward others, showing compassion, patience, and forgiveness in our daily lives. When we open our hearts to God’s mercy, we are renewed—and we become instruments of that mercy in the world.

Thomas Sunday – From Doubt to Faith

Thomas Sunday reminds us that even doubt can lead us closer to Christ when it is honest and sincere. The Apostle Thomas struggled to believe in the Resurrection until he encountered the risen Lord for himself. Yet Christ did not reject him—He met him with patience and invited him to believe.

In response, Thomas made a beautiful confession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” His journey teaches us that Christ comes to us even in our weakness and uncertainty. This Sunday invites us to trust more deeply in the Risen Lord, who brings peace, strengthens faith, and calls each of us to believe.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 4/5/26, including envelope offerings - \$2055,
donations -\$1486, candle -\$95, online-\$300
Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$3986**

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*

May 14th – *Ascension*

May 24th – *Pentecost*

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Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

***THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***