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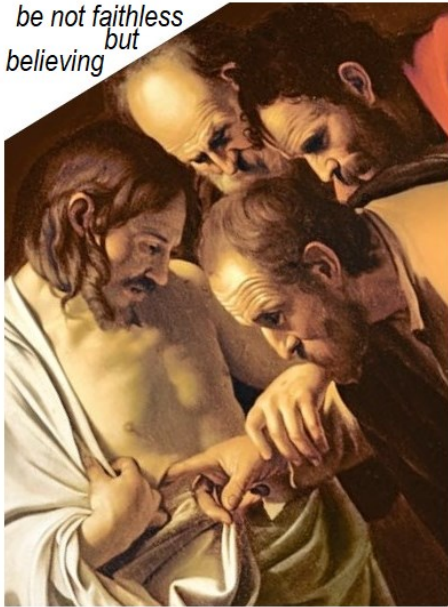
ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

**April 24, 2022**

Томина Неділя

**Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії**

be not faithless  
but  
believing



← **“Thomas, put your hand into my side and BELIEVE!”**

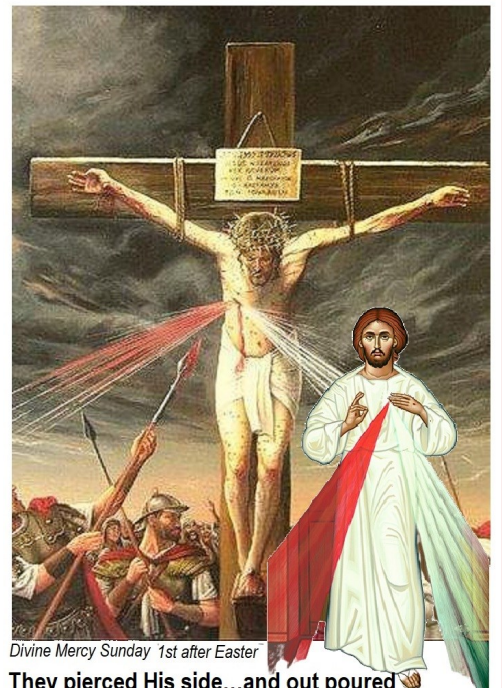
## Dear Parishioners! Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

This Sunday is rich with challenges and opportunities. Today we ask ourselves what does it take for me to truly declare my love *for* and belief *in* the risen **Jesus Christ** as my one and only God and Saviour - to whom I dedicate my life 100% in the hopes of obtaining life everlasting? St. Thomas for various reasons (because he was a practical *pragmatic* kind of guy?... he was kind of hurt that everyone had a personal encounter with the risen Lord except him? who knows) wanted not only to see the risen Jesus, but actually touch His wounds to verify that what he was seeing was truly Jesus and was not just a vision of some sort. Well, he was granted his request. In a nano-second St Thomas was ready and willing to exclaim his faith that Jesus was truly, **“my Lord and my God!”**. St Thomas went to Babylon and established the first Church in that country. In fact, he preached

the Gospel in Persia, China, and India. The Syro-Malabar Eastern Christians in India are known as the “St Thomas Christians” to this day. It was while he was Evangelizing in India that St. Thomas was martyred December 21st. **Today we celebrate**—at least in spirit—**Easter** again with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. In fact, it is not only in spirit, but **in faith**, as we pray the Eucharistic Liturgy today and **WE ARE ALL INVITED TO COME DOWN** after the 1st (8 AM) and the 2nd (10 AM) Divine Liturgies through to the all-purpose room for some Easter fellowship with Paskha, eggs, kovbasa and more! Please come for this parish get-together. Yes - **We continue our prayer for Ukraine** and today - with many thousands of local Christian communities and churches and parishes throughout Canada (see p. 2,#2) as we pray a special prayer for an end to the war in Ukraine and a restoration of justice.

This **Passion Week** and **Easter** were truly a balm and restoration to the soul after the long Covid cloud of uncertainty and restrictions. Then there was the long (not-over-yet?) winter and then the trauma of the horrific Russian invasion of Ukraine (and the seeming hesitancy of the west to adequately come to her aid!?). Yet we had - in spite of everything - a great parish experience! Volunteers came together to put up the tomb, and then participate in the services - especially Easter Sunday morning (wow!) and the various singers throughout the services gave their heart and soul! (The singers on Easter Sunday early were obviously pumped about the feast and they shook the walls!) One can feel that we have set out on a new enthusiastic course. Let's not break momentum until we stop for a breather well within our second century!

**Fr. Michael**



Divine Mercy Sunday 1st after Easter

They pierced His side...and out poured

(see page 3 #2)

blood and water....

1. **Sviachene! Our Easter Blessed Food parish gathering is TODAY.** Come downstairs after each Divine Liturgy, and enjoy some blessed egg, a slice of babka, a nice piece of kovbasa... and chat with your parish brothers and sisters. Please make sure to come downstairs!

2. Today is also **"Mercy Sunday"**, a day laden with graces for those who pray the little chaplet of Divine Mercy, and gain a plenary indulgency today (recent confession, receive Holy Communion today, and recitation of a short prayer for the intention of the Holy Father). **Let's ring our bells at noon** (per the CCC and CCCB Prayer Appeal for Peace in Ukraine today), and immediately afterwards we will **pray the short chaplet**. Please come if you can, or join us online — that's NOON today — and have your bell(s) handy!



3. Today at **2:00 p.m.:** **Msgr. Dobriansky Dance School's annual concert** in our church auditorium downstairs.

4. **Congratulations to baby Malia who was baptized yesterday!** Her proud parents are **Bryan and Meghan Glennie**, and proud Baba is **Violet Matwichyna**. Please pray that she grows up to become strong in her faith, and to do much for the Lord!

5. Knights of Columbus (Canon Luhovy Assembly) invites all to come for **an evening of PRAYER for UKRAINE this coming Tuesday at 6 PM** (St. Nicholas church on Bannerman). Please make the effort!

6. Always the gentlemen! The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Filipow Council, St. Nicholas Parish) are **cancelling their June Garage Sale**, since so many of the items meant for sale are actually being put into service for the refugees from Ukraine.

7. **UCWLC meets next Sunday** after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy. Really try to come, ladies: it's our regular meeting (very short), plus our awesome AGM. *Go through the tunnel, please.*

8. Solemn Holy Communion children meet at church from 9-10 AM. for all of May. Solemn Holy Communion will occur this year on **June 5** (confessions prior, on June 4). Please pray for all of our catechism children.

9. **Spring Clean for Ukraine!** When doing your decluttering this spring, please put some items aside for the Ukrainian refugees who will be coming to Winnipeg. They will need everything from blankets to towels, cutlery to plates, paper towels to toilet paper. This effort will be similar to the Move -Out-Kits that we did for Siloam Mission a few years ago. Thank you and Happy Decluttering! *Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC.*

10. **Let's get our books read!** Collect the books in your house that haven't been opened in years and bring them here for a **BOOK SALE in 2 weeks' time.** May 8, after each Divine Liturgy — wonderful books! Amazing books! If every family brings a bag of books, we'd have a great time... plus declutter our basements. Leave in the cryroom OR bring to the parish office during the week. Proceeds go toward our 100th Anniversary Homecoming expenses in June.

11. **Church Photo Directory** — This is the year of our 100th anniversary as a parish family, and it's time to have a nice, professional photo taken of each family for a new directory. Look at our last one (10 years ago) — so many changes since then! We ask you to please, please sign up at the back of the church for your own time slot when you see the sheets. The actual photography days will be **June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11th** (ie. leading right into our Homecoming weekend). This way, the books will be ready for pick-up and enjoyment just before our banquet in October. Your participation in this is a real service to our parish, and to our parish office, as it uses the books often. There is no cost to you unless you choose to buy one or more photos, and the parish itself is not charged. Information brochures are coming.



10. **Thanks to those** who have been dropping in on Friday afternoons to help run off and fold the bulletin (and stuffed those Easter eggs last week, and...): Pat Korch, Bob Halayda, Diana Kochanski Kornik. It's a huge help! Anyone is welcome to drop by between 2 and 3.

11. **The National Week for Life and the Family** runs May 8-15th. See the **website** for inspiration ► <https://lifeandthefamily.com/>

Here are some suggestions: 1) Help plant 100,000 pink and blue flags to commemorate the 100,000 babies lost IN CANADA ALONE to abortion. Show up at St. Boniface Cathedral grounds at 9 AM on Thursday, May 12. 2) Help take the same flags down that night, starting at 8 PM. 3) Say a short prayer with your family at a set time every day, for those eight days. 4) Plan a one-morning excursion to Steinbach on May 28 for the official Manitoba pro-life walk. Buses leave Wpg. and will bring you back for only \$10 return. Call 204-326-5433

#### **HIRE , SWAP, BARTER, and BUY CORNER**

1. St. Nicholas Church has **perogies** for sale at \$6 per dozen. Pick-ups are on Wednesdays. To order please phone Sophie at 204-633-8783.

2. Are you looking for a **job in caregiving?** Come to an Open House (free refreshments!) and JOB FAIR all Tuesday morning (8 AM to noon) April 26th at 2147 Portage Ave., 2nd floor. "Interview guaranteed!" (Hosted by company called "Comforts of Home").

3. **UKRAINAIN/ENGLISH INTERPRETERS NEEDED!** Send resume to [recruiting@cantalk.com](mailto:recruiting@cantalk.com). More info at [www.cantalk.com](http://www.cantalk.com).

4. **Season passes for Ukrainian Park** are \$20 this year; 48hr notice needed. Pay via e-transfer at [parkdirect@archeparchy.ca](mailto:parkdirect@archeparchy.ca)

5. Book sale — outside! (weather permitting) after Divine Liturgies **May 8.**

**Donations from Sunday, April 17th:**

Sunday collection **\$2907** ( 39 envelopes)

Candles: **\$435.65**

Church needs (building upkeep): **\$600**

Lenten offering: **\$50**

Easter offering: -

Vigil lamps: -

Flowers: **\$140** (\$100 in mem. of Stella & Wm. Demedash)

For 100th Anniversary 2022 Celebrations: **\$100**

**Expenses: \$ -** (No cheques written this week.)



**SPECIAL ENVELOPES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH - HELP FOR UKRAINE BY DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID and/or HELP FOR REFUGEES IN EUROPE AND HERE IN WINNIPEG!**

**CENTENARY UPDATE CORNER:**

*Here's what we know so far:*

1. **Doors Open 2022 (May 28)**
2. **Homecoming Weekend (June 11 & 12)**
3. **Centenary Banquet Oct. 16 at Canad Inns Garden City** — next meeting May 4 in parish boardroom
4. **100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory**— The company is ready to take our individual photos in June. This will be a great centenary souvenir.

The thing is — there is a need for a whole lot more **VOLUNTEERS**. Ask! If everyone does just what he feels comfortable with - everything will be covered without stress and a great time WILL be had by all! (BTW, two more parishioners have asked to sign on... THANK YOU!)

**Annual MAY MEMORIAL SERVICE in 2 weeks!**

Our Centenary celebrations include our annual Memorial Service on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10**



**AM.** You and your family are invited for the Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda prayer service, where we will pray for our late clergy and parishioners of our parish. Please let us know how many of your family members will be attending by phoning 204-582-7535 or emailing the parish. Refreshments will be served. following the service.

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**Siloam Mission**

Sister Michaila plans to go at 11 AM to the

**OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
9 AM to 2 PM  
Siloam Mission  
300 Princess Street  
Buhler Centre Main Entrance

She asks anyone interested to meet her there!



**ON-GOING EVENTS:**

**Sundays:**  
Catechism online classes

**Mondays:**  
Church open for adoration 2 -3 PM  
Music/Dance School: 6-8 PM

**Wednesdays:**  
Church open for adoration 2-3 PM

**Fridays:** Please come help run off the bulletin and maybe help with a few more odds and ends. 2-3 PM.

# Schedule of Services April 24 to 30, 2022

Sun., April 24 **SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS — Томина Неділя (MERCY SUNDAY) — Distribution of Artos, Parish Gathering**

8:00 am - Divine Liturgy- Божого благословення для України сьогодні на Великдень  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян

Mon., April 25 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Apostle & Evangelist Mark** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For +Helen, +Sophia, +Volodymyr**  
 1 Peter 5: 6 – 14 *by Dmitro Sikora*  
 Mark 6: 7 - 13

Tues., April 26 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Priest Martyr Basil** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Rev. Edward Kwiatkowski**  
 Acts 4:1-10 *by Helen & Debbie Dolski*  
 John 3:16-21

Wed., April 27 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Priest Martyr Simeon** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+John Gorbay**  
 Acts 4:13-22 *by wife Maria Gorbay*  
 John 5:17-24

Thurs., April 28 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Apostle Jason** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Victoria Werbicki (17 years)**  
 Acts 4:23-31 *by children Pat, Marilyn and Bob*  
 John 5:24-30

Fri., April 29 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**9 Martyrs of Cyzice** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Joe & Virgie Nakonechny**  
 Acts 5:1-11 *by cousin Phyllis*  
 John 5:30-6:2

Sat., April 30 8:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Apostle James** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **+Jean Jarema, +Lillian Pickering, +Mae Spryszak**  
 Acts 12:1-11 *by SSJs*  
 Luke 5:1-11

Sun., May 1 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN Неділя Мирносоиць**  
 8:00 am - Divine Liturgy... for a special intention (anon.)  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян **UCWL meeting**

**SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...**  
**Pastor, Parish Priest:** Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535  
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**UCWLC President -** Janet Kuchma 204-582-5932  
**Men's Club President -** John Natyna 204-339-9366  
**Perogy Committee President -** Myron Fedoruk 204-338-7243  
**Catechism Coordinator -** Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298  
**Church Auditorium Rental -** 204-582-7535

**Please pray for the sick and shut-in** members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can.  
**"O God Our Father,** We ask You to restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in them the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."  
**Heritage Home:** Edward Holowich  
**Holy Family Home:** Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk  
**Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

## VIGIL LAMPS



**Sanctuary Lamp** - In loving memory of mother **+Pauline Krawchuk** (Terry Krowchuk)

**Christ Icon** – Lord for the sake of the countless Ukrainian Martyrs, spare Ukraine

**Mother of God Icon** – Mary, protect the Armenian People (107 years after Armenian Genocide)

*Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention.*