



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
“Christ Is Risen! Christos Voskrese!”  
“Indeed He Is Risen! Voistunu Voskrese!”*

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the Rectory next door. On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, our potluck luncheon is open to everyone, especially our guests. Come join us for fellowship.

In the East, we call the second Pascal Sunday (the seventh day after Easter) Thomas Sunday, Sunday of St. Thomas or Antipascha (The “antithesis” of the Octave of Easter). The eighth day after Easter is also commonly known as Divine Mercy Sunday, particularly since St. Faustyna (St. Faustina) shared her private revelations about Christ’s mercy with the world.

### **Need to request an appointment with Father?**

Father is available for confession or spiritual direction by appointment, and he welcomes you to contact him whenever you need him.

### **Prayers for the sick or other intentions:**

If you have a special intention for the sick, birthdays, deceased, need to request a Liturgy or other service to be offered for someone please give a note, text or call Father at 216-532-6364.

### **Opportunities to Help with Fundraising....we are called into service**

At this time, our parish is unable to exist without fundraising initiatives. Our most successful venture over the years has proved to be the traditional pierogi and European baked goods made in our commercial kitchen and sold at the various local Farmers’ Market venues. **Volunteers are always needed to help with the baking and selling.** Cleaning the work areas and equipment are also welcomed opportunities to serve (can be an evening after work). **You are always needed, even if it is for a couple of hours.**

There will be no Carmel Market during the month of April. Bakery activities will continue however, to build inventory for the Summer Market which begins in May.

**Please contact John Danovich, (317) 538-7444, to schedule a workable day and time (Tuesday through Saturday) for you and/or your family.**

### **Opportunities For Service At St. Athanasius**

- The Summer Farmer’s Market in Carmel runs on Saturday mornings beginning in May and lasts through September. Volunteers are needed to bring products to the market and sell them to free up those who spend their days preparing the products Tuesday through Friday.
- Pierogi pinchers and bakers are always needed (Tues through Friday).
- Our worship space needs to be kept maintained; plants watered, candles filled, carpet vacuumed.
- Our social space needs to be kept clean and organized, including bathrooms.
- **Items for the food pantry are always needed; (food, cans with pop tops, toiletries, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, hand warmers). Toothbrushes also are almost out**
- Bags for the food pantry need to be assembled.
- In the garden: weed around garlic, prep soil for planting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year’s Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a positive difference, such as: Development of Parishes, Vocations and Seminarian Education, The Works of the Apostolate and Retired Priests of the Eparchy.

**2024 ByzanTEEN Rally**

The Rally will take place in San Diego on **June 27-30, 2024**. Registration for the event will be open on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, and we are thrilled to invite all teens in your parish ages 13-17. The price for the event weekend is \$380.

**10<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS JULY 17–21, 2024**

For the first time in a generation, the Church in the United States will gather for a National Eucharistic Congress. The Congress will be held in Indianapolis and those interested in attending need to register <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>  
**St Athanasius will host the Divine Liturgy** on Thursday and Friday (July 18 and 19) at 4:00 PM for registered Congress participants interested in experiencing worship in the Byzantine Rite. 100-200 people are expected on each of the days. We will have, available for purchase, the products we sell at the Farmers’ Market venues throughout the year. To maximize this opportunity for fundraising, help is needed now from many volunteers to generate an inventory of products.

**Paschal greeting and response in various languages**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam! Háqqan qam!

German: Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlicít ist er erstanden!

Greek: Christós anésti! Alithós anésti!

Hungarian: Feltamadt Kristus! Valoban Feltamandt!

Polish: Khristus zmartvikstau! Zaiste smartvikstau!

Slavonic: Christós voskrése! Vo-ístinu voskrése!

Ukrainian: Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!

Services for the Week of April 7 – April 14, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	April 7 Thomas Sunday	8:15 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy and mirovanije Artos bread Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31
		10:00 AM		
		1:00 PM		
Monday	April 8 Herodian & Others Apostles		No services	Acts 3:19-26 Jn 2:1-11
Tuesday	April 9 Euphrosyne Martyr		No services	Acts 4:1-10 Jn 3:16-21
Wednesday	April 10 Terence & Others Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Acts 4:13-22 Jn 5:17-24
Thursday	April 11 Antipas Bishop- Martyr		No services	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 5:24-30
Friday	April 12 Basil of Parium Bishop	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Acts 5:1-11 Jn 5:30-6:2
Saturday	April 13 Artemom Priest-Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Acts 5:21-33 Jn 6:14-27
Sunday	April 14 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF	Acts 6:1-7 Mk 15:43-16:8

**Financial Report 3/31/2024**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candle	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
3/31	\$3,218.33		\$145.00	\$1,780.00	\$1,966.18	\$7,109.51

## Thomas Sunday

### Acts 5:12-20

**The Apostles Heal Many** <sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>13</sup> No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. <sup>15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

**The Apostles Persecuted** <sup>17</sup> Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

### John 20:19-31

**Jesus Appears to His Disciples** <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**Jesus Appears to Thomas** <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**The Purpose of John's Gospel** <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**The Sunday after Pascha is the Sunday of St. Thomas**, also known as Second Sunday or Antipascha ("opposite" Pascha, i.e., at the other end of Bright Week). Historically, this day in the early Church was the day that the newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world. This day is also known as Antipascha. This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek. The Orthodox Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection starting on this Sunday, the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week.

**St. Thomas Sunday: Keeping the Joy of Pascha Alive** "....How are we to keep the joy of Pascha alive within our hearts after Pascha and, for that matter, the whole year? We go through times of doubt, despair and difficulties, and somehow the Bright Light of Pascha begins to fade. We return, not to the empty tomb of Christ, but to Holy Saturday, that unique moment between death and resurrection. Thankfully, the Church, inspired by the Holy Spirit, has given us many days to continue pondering and celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. This is why we are given Saint Thomas Sunday as the first Sunday after Pascha. The Church knows how quickly we forget, how quickly we fall into the darkness of doubt, and how that can squeeze out all of the joy of the Resurrection. ....

.....The other theme given to us for this particular Sunday is that of the closed doors. Christ appears to His disciples even though the doors were shut. The closed doors, through which Christ appears, are linked to the sealed tomb from which Christ has shown forth. It is always striking to close the doors before Vespers on Saint Thomas Sunday. The service books instruct us to close all of the doors of the iconostasis, which had been open throughout Bright Week, before the Ninth Hour preceding the Vespers of Thomas Sunday. Then we hear all of the references to the closed doors through which Christ appears. And then it dawns on us—Christ can manifest Himself to us even when our doors are shut. Is this not the key to the joy of Pascha remaining with us? We recall lines from the Lamentations from the Matins of Holy Saturday as we stand at the sealed tomb.....

.....Each day may we continue to rejoice in our Lord's Resurrection. May we continue to offer our praise and glory—and even offer our glorious doubt—like Thomas. Christ continues to come to us even though the doors are shut, leading us to deeper faith in Him. He not only offers His hands and His side, but He allows us to be partakers of Himself in His Holy Mysteries. O most glorious wonder! As we sing from the depths of our hearts as we did on that bright night." Father Christopher Foley

<https://www.oca.org/reflections/misc-authors/st.-thomas-sunday-keeping-the-joy-of-pascha-alive>



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**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers  
**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins  
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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