



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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Sunday of St. Thomas, Mother's Day, May 9, 2021

Paschal Antiphons, pp. 215/216, Tropar and Kondak
of St. Thomas Sunday, p. 221, Prokimen, Alleluia, p. 222

Our Schedule of Activities this Week

- Sunday: *Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
*Panachida for all of our departed +Mothers
*Reception for First Confession Class
*Coffee Hour for our faithful after Liturgy
- Monday: *Community Dinner in
"Grab & Go Format," 5:30-7 PM
- Wednesday: *Moleben in honor of the Resurrection, 9 AM
*Moleben to the Mother of God, 6 PM
St. George Orthodox Church Taylor, PA
- Thursday: *Moleben to Mother of God, 9 AM
*St. Michael's CHOW Pantry, 4:30-6 PM
- Friday: *Divine Liturgy, with memorial prayers
for Fr. Stephen and Pani Mary Dutko,, 9 AM
- Saturday: *Divine Liturgy, for health of Michael Kundrat
by Steve Kuchka, 8 AM
*Vespers for Holy Myrrhbearers, 5 PM
- Sunday: Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers
*Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
*Coiffee Shop, 10:30-11:30 AM
*11th-12 Grade Class by ZOOM, 10:45-11:30 AM



*A Blessed Mother's Day
for all Mom Everywhere!
Icon of the Theotokos
Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA*

A Prayer for Mother's Day and for Every Day for Mom!

*O Eternal God and merciful Father!
We ask You to hear the voice of our prayer
which we, your humble and lowly servants
offer this day on behalf of all our mothers.
Grant Your guidance and wisdom to our young mothers
In the prime of life, endowing them with spiritual joy.
Comfort and sustain our elderly mothers
whom You have called into Your Heavenly Kingdom.
Kindle within our hearts the burning love and faithful devotion that
Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ
showed His most Holy Mother the most pure Virgin Mother.
We pray to You, O Heavenly Father to accept our prayer
and graciously hear us and have mercy. Amen*

Scripture Readings for the Week of St Thomas

Sunday:	Acts 5: 12-20	St. John 20: 19-31
Monday:	Acts 3: 19-26	St. John 2: 1-11
Tuesday:	Acts 4: 1-10	St. John 3: 16-21
Wednesday:	Acts 4: 13-22	St. John 5: 17-24
Thursday:	Acts 4: 23-31	St. John 5: 24-30
Friday:	Acts 5: 1-11	St. John 5: 30-6:2
Saturday:	Acts 5: 21-33	St. John 6: 14-27
Sunday:	Acts 6: 1-7	St. Mark 15: 43-16:8



You can find the daily readings on line at www.acrod.org

Reflections!

Epistle Reading: Acts 5: 12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

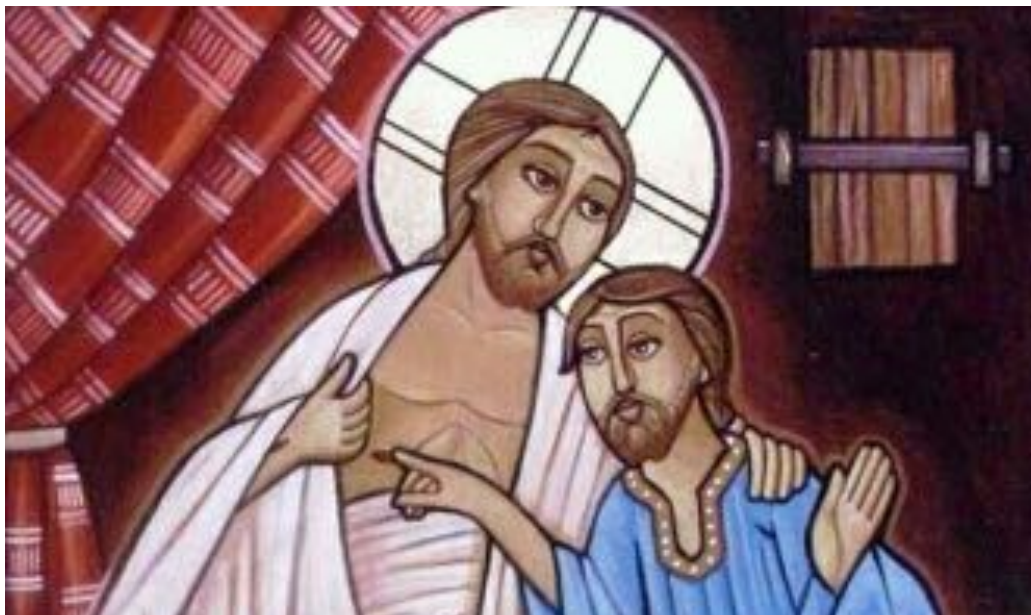
Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the



doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

Congratulations to our First Holy Confession Class of 2021!

We are pleased to congratulate the three members of the First Holy Confessions Class of 2021, Vassia Asquith, Padraig Green and Mia Paccio. They shared in their first Confession on Friday evening here at St. Michael's, and then went to work in the Recreation Center kitchen under the guidance of Pani Kathy in preparing and baking the Prosfora, the special bread for Communion in today's Divine Liturgy. We are very proud of these youngsters and we ask that Our Risen Lord bless them with joy and peace, health and salvation for Many Blessed Years!



Vassia Asquith, Padraig Green and Mia Paccio at a Saturday morning class!



Holy Saturday morning insights into the instruments of the crucifixion of Jesus



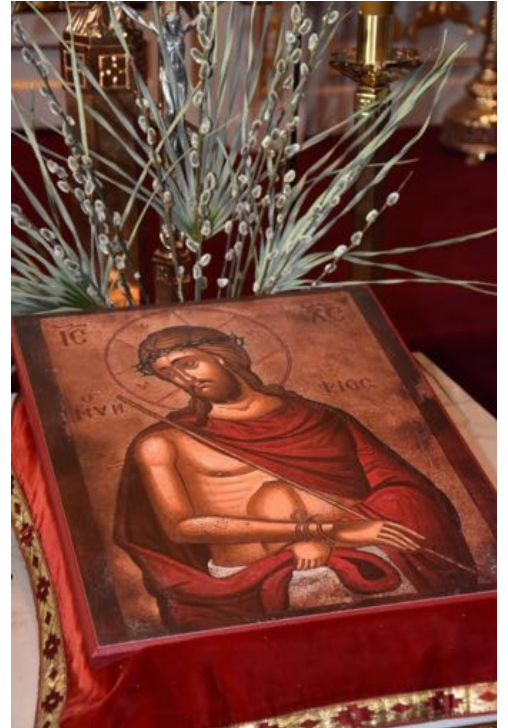
Elizabeth Puzakulics, May 2
John Puzakulics, May 3
Karen Leiser, May 3
Barbara Knighton, May 8
Paul Smetana, May 9
Sara Trott, May 10
Natasha Fernandez, May 10
Cindy Matyas, May 11
Theresa Koast, May 13
Steve Cruty, May 14
Shellee May, May 18
Lori Baynes, May 23
Alexis Eastman, May 26
Matthew Eastman, May 26
Julia Sedlack, May 27
Randy May, May 29
Carol Petras, May 29
Douglas Fernandez, May 30
Judy Rice, May 31

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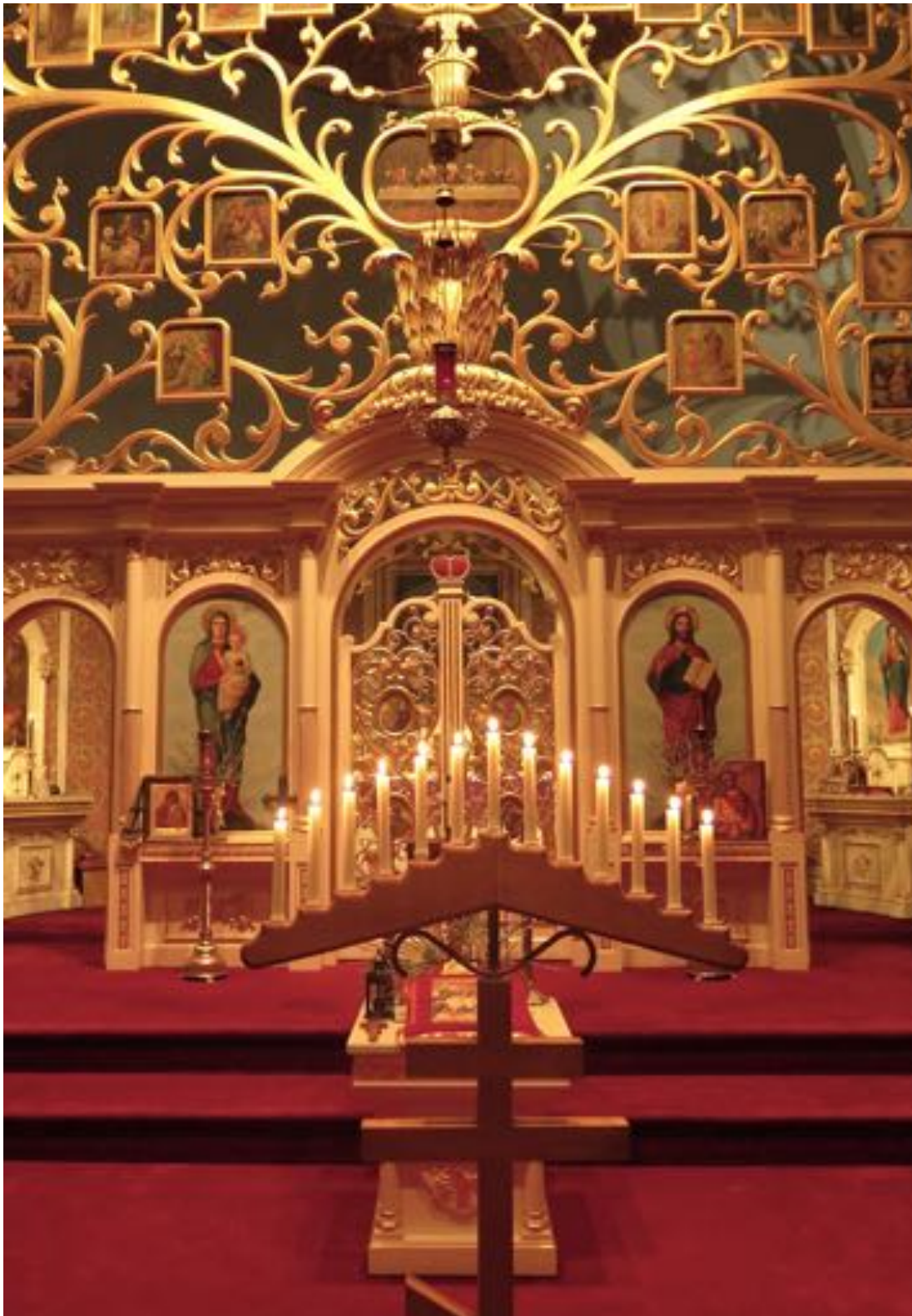
Spring Garage Sale Set for Saturday, June 5th

We are pleased to announce that the annual Spring Garage Sale will take place at our Recreation Center on Saturday, June 5th, from 9 AM-2 PM. Hosted by our Ladies Guild, an appeal is extended to all of you to start your spring cleaning! With the exception of clothing, all household items that could be used in a 'new life' will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the Recreation Center in the coming days. God bless one and all!

Memories of our Holy Week, Paschal Celebration at St. Michael's



Pussywillows and the Icon of Christ the Bridegroom were early themes in the opening days of Holy Week



The 12 Passion Gospels are a defining time of enabling faithful to understand the reality of the passion of the Lord which leads from the Upper Room of Holy Thursday to the Hill of Golgatha on Great and Holy Friday.



Following the Passion Gospels, our crew of volunteers set up the Tomb and then decorate the church with some of the most beautiful flowers of spring that add beauty and majesty to the services leading to Pascha!



Good Friday and Holy Saturday are special days for our faithful and friends to come to the Tomb of the Lord to discern the incredible love of the Lord for all and to offer prayers of gratitude for such Divine Love. Those at the tomb include Vassia Asquith and Dr. Nicholas and Marta Seketa.



Holy Saturday is the traditional time to welcome converts into the fullness of our Orthodox faith. Sharing in the joy after the Chrismation of Judy Rice are from left to right, Lisa Lance, Patricia Gay, Fr. Jim and Judy's sponsor, Barbara Knighton. May Our Lord grant Judy and all her friends Many Blessed Years!



Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One, We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy Resurrection, for You are our God and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's holy Resurrection For behold through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His Resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.