

April 21, 2019 – Holy Pascha, Resurrectiuon of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy: Festal Tone

Acts 1:1-8 and Jn 1:1-17

April 28, 2019 – Thomas Sunday

Divine Liturgy: Festal Tone

Acts 5:12-20 and Jn 20:19-31

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Sunday	Apr 21	9:00am(Ruthenian)	Holy Pascha-The Resurrection Resurrection Matins
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy -for our Parish family followed by Basket Blessing
Monday	Apr 22	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
		7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Bright Monday Divine Liturgy, for deceased of the Rafaj and Prikazsky families by family
Sunday	Apr 28	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Blessing of the Marriage of Jenni & Greg Garcia Thomas Sunday Divine Liturgy in Thanksgiving Fr. Elias' 20 th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Mysteries of Christian Initiation of Paul Joseph Emmanuel Sentmanat
Sunday	May 5	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
		3:00pm (Chaldean)	Holy Liturgy
		10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Ointment-bearers Divine Liturgy for health and blessings upon Winnie Pizzitola by St. John's friends
Wednesday	May 8	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
		11:00am(Ruthenian)	Holy Apostle and Evangelist John Divine Liturgy Special Intention By Marcela Colbert
Sunday	May 12	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Paralytic Divine Liturgy & Panachida For our living and deceased mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and Godmothers
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

Wednesday	May 15	11:00am(Ruthenian)	Mid-Pentecost Divine Liturgy Special Intention By Marcela Colbert
Sunday	May 19	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Divine Liturgy Special Intention by Marcela Colbert
Tuesday	May 21	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
		11:00am(Ruthenian)	Sts. Constantine and Helena Divine Liturgy +James Sandrock By wife Nancy and children
Sunday	May 26	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Man Born Blind Divine Liturgy +Robert & +MaryAnn Fitz by the Kowalik Family
Wednesday	May 29	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
		7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Ascension of Our Lord Vigil Divine Liturgy +Fred Wey By friends
Sunday	June 2	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council Divine Liturgy and Anniversary Blessing Aly & David Dominguez 10 th Wedding Anniversary (May 30)
Sunday	June 9	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
		10:00am(Ruthenian)	Pentecost Sunday Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Prayers +Antonia Soto by Aly & David Dominguez
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :
Peter Mytchak, Greg Chapman, Bill Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Yuhanna Hirmiz, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Nancy Sandrock, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: God bless you for your generosity!

Apr 7-\$1,866.00

Apr 14-\$1,464.00

Calendar of Events

Apr 27 Czech and Slovak expat picnic, 3pm

Apr 27 Vigil Typika, San Antonio 6pm

May 4 Vigil Divine Liturgy, San Antonio 4pm

May 8, 15 & 21 Open Studio for Iconography, 9:30am-6:30pm

May 11 Vigil Divine Liturgy, San Antonio 4pm (Mother's Day)

May 18 Vigil Typika, San Antonio 4pm

May 25 Vigil Typika, San Antonio 4pm

May 26 Social Hall private event, 3pm-9pm

June 1 Brunch with St. Thomas the Apostle, 10:30am-1:30pm

June 1 Vigil Divine Liturgy, San Antonio 4pm (Ascension)

June 8 Vespers Divine Liturgy, San Antonio 4pm (Pentecost)

June 15 Vigil Typika, San Antonio 4pm

June 17-28 Apostles Fast

June 22 NO SERVICES, San Antonio (due to Eparchial/Archeparchial celebrations)

Jun 22-23 Celebration of the 50th anniv. of Eparchy of Parma/Archeparchy of Pgh.

June 29 Vigil Divine Liturgy, San Antonio 4pm (Sts. Peter and Paul)

Sept 21 Brunch with Sts. Ludmila and Wenceslaus, 10:30am-1:30pm

Nov 23 Brunch with St. Andrew the First-called, 10:30am-1:30pm

On Bright Saturday, April 10, 1999, Fr. Elias was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at St. John the Baptist Cathedral by +Metropolitan Judson of thrice-blessed memory. He served his first Divine Liturgy the next day, on Thomas Sunday at St. John Chrysostom Church in Pittsburgh (Ruska Dolina). This year marks the 20th anniversary of Fr. Elias' priesthood and since the actual calendar date falls during the Great Fast, we will observe the anniversary according to the Liturgical Calendar, celebrating on Sunday, April 28, Thomas Sunday.

Mother's Day will be observed on Sunday, May 12 with a Divine Liturgy for our living and deceased mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and Godmothers. Please submit the names you would like remembered, indicating whether living or deceased (mark with a cross +), by email or drop into the collection basket.

Prayers:

Cynthia Burnette who is recovering after hospitalization; may Jesus fully restore her health!

Pilgrimage to Turkey-Fr. Elias will be leading a pilgrimage to Asia Minor and Constantinople from Sept. 30-Oct. 13, 2019. Please contact Fr. Elias at 713-256-8953 for further information. Deadline for signing up is June 30th!

Thank You!!

With the responsibilities of two communities separated by a 3 hour drive, but united in faith, this Holy Week and Pascha had much help from a cast of volunteers who prepared food, practiced cantoring, cleaned, set up the tomb and Church, and so much more.

Fr. Peter Davids and Deacon Andrew, who served so beautifully this week. Al Dancsak who cantored for the Presanctified Liturgies during the Great Fast and Will Colbert who cantored beautifully for Holy Week services for the first time this year. David and Aly Dominguez who spearheaded to preparation of foods for Pascha assisted by Ruthanne Picos, Jan Garver, Bridget and Briene Tu, Mary Hays, Helen Kee, Anna Rafaj and Jose Frech.

Helen Kee who ordered and delivered the flowers for Pascha, Zuzana Misely who donated the roses that decorated the tomb on Good Friday.

Thank you to the servers, the readers and to those who read the Pascha Gospel in many languages! God bless you for all you do!

Mission Trip to Guatemala-in fall of 2018, lay missionary Ron Covey gave a wonderful presentation on the missionary work of "Caminando Por la Paz" in Guatemala City, in collaboration with the Maryknoll Fathers and Sisters. His efforts and the generosity of many have contributed to the success of this project which focuses on the education of children and the fostering of stability in their families and homes. St. John's will be sponsoring a Mission Trip to Guatemala in November of this year (probably Thanksgiving Week). ***If you are interested please speak with Fr. Elias.*** Although only a small group will be traveling to Guatemala, the entire parish will participate in this effort through education, missionary preparations, donations and of course prayer.

The Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

Patriarch of Constantinople (~400 AD)

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!
Is there anyone who is a grateful servant?
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!
If any have toiled from the first hour,
let them receive their due reward;
If any have come after the third hour,
let him with gratitude join in the Feast!
And he that arrived after the sixth hour,
let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss.
And if any delayed until the ninth hour,
let him not hesitate; but let him come too.
And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour,
let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first.
He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour,
as well as to him that toiled from the first.
To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows.
He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.
The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!
First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!
Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.

Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.
Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.
Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free.
He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He destroyed Hades when He descended into it.
He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.
Isaiah foretold this when he said,
"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.
It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.
Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.
O death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!
Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!