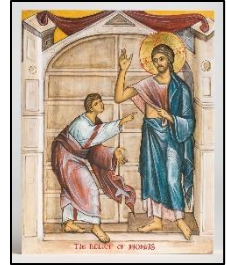


**ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA  
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**THOMAS SUNDAY**  
**Christ is risen!**

**APR 28, 2019**  
**Indeed He is risen!**

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**DIVINE LITURGY**

Sunday 10:00 AM      Holydays 7:00 PM

Confession: Sunday 9:00-9:30 AM or by appointment

**Welcome to all visitors** to St. Nicholas Church. If you are new and wish to register as a parishioner, please see Fr. Stephen after the Divine Liturgy.

**Parish Membership**

The Family of Saint Nicholas of Myra is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- Who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries.
- Who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love.
- Who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church.
- Who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor.
- Who will attend Liturgical Services on Sunday, and on the Great Holydays.
- Who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure.
- Who will participate in the yearly Eparchial Appeal

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUN. APR 28 – Thomas Sunday

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Acts 5:12-20, John 20:19-31

WED. MAY 01—Jeremiah, Prophet

7:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

Acts 4:13-22, John 5:17-24

SUN. MAY 05 – Sunday of the Ointment—Bearers

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Acts 6:1-7, Mark 15:43-16:8

**Please join us** in the hall after the liturgy for fellowship and light refreshments.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

Χριστός воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

¡Cristo resucitó! ¡En verdad resucitó!

**PRAY FOR THE SICK & INFIRMED OF OUR PARISH & PARISHIONERS RELATIVES:**

Paul Bruckler, Robert Gubany, Teresa Sandoval and Gloria Brissette.

**04/21/19 Attendance: 50**

**Parish Income:** Tithe -\$680.00, Donations -\$136.00, Good Friday- \$185 **Total - \$1001.00**

**Eparchial Appeal** – The annual Eparchial Appeal is a significant source of revenue for the Eparchy. Every parish household is expected to participate by contributing \$275.00. If you can't give that much, please give what you can. If you can afford more please be generous. If you have not done so, please submit your pledge or payment directly to the Eparchy before the end of May.

**The Fontana Breakfast Lion's Club** hosts **BINGO** here at St. Nicholas on **Saturday evenings**. The kitchen has become a significant source of income for the parish. Please participate in this fundraising effort. It is a good opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. Many hands make light work, but currently there are few that regularly participate. Please sign up in the hall to ensure there are at least three working.

**Thomas Sunday**

Thomas Sunday is named by which the second Sunday of Easter is known by Eastern Catholics. The name refers to the event commemorated that day, described in the Gospel passage read that day at the Divine Liturgy, (John 20:19-31), which recounts the story of Christ appearing to the Apostle Thomas in order to dispel the latter's doubt about the Resurrection. Among Eastern Christians Thomas is not so much remembered as "doubting Thomas," but is rather remembered for his confession of faith: "My Lord and my God," thus being the first to publicly proclaim the two natures of Christ: human and divine.

In the Western Church this Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins and punishments. The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II, who canonized St. Faustina and designated the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy (Dominica II

Paschae seu de divina misericordia) in the General Roman Calendar. John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1 May 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI. He was canonized, with Pope John XXIII on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April 2014, by Pope Francis.

## **How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades (On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.