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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**April 22, 2018**

Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7

Gospel: Mark 15: 43- 16:8

**COFFEE HOUR:** There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Christian fellowship.

**PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH:** Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Ann Telep, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Chuck Ealovega, Mary Lusko, Jestin Spears, Jacob Ruppert, Barbara Lamendola, Kenneth Chambers, Mildred Cislo, John Vasilco, Anna Hagopian, Michael Kerrigan, Tamara Perri, George Krett, Sister Mary Hickey and Gregory Patrick.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Fr. Timothy is available if you want any of the graves of your loved ones blessed before *Holy Ascension Day, Thursday, May 17th, 2018*. Graves may be blessed at any time, but if you want them blessed before Holy Ascension day - We may all sing: **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**PARASTAS:** Fr. Timothy will serve a PARASTAS on Sunday, April 29th, 2018, before Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. for the following repose soul:

*Matushka Jane Barna* – for her birthday on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Memory Eternal!

**REMININDER: THERE IS NO KNEELING FROM PASCHA TO THE PENTEOST KNEELING PRAYER!**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** – Next scheduled Council Meeting will be held today, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*ARTOS – During Easter Week a loaf of bread, representing the Bread of Eternal Life, and called Artos, is placed under the Icon of Christ. The custom of having this bread in church on Easter dates back to the time of the first Apostles who always left an empty place at the head of the table to honor the memory of Christ. It was their firm belief that, He was invisibly present with them.*

*The Artos is kept on the lectern during Easter week. On St. Thomas Sunday, the eighth day after Easter, the Artos is again blessed by the priest and is then broken up and given to the worshippers.*

*During the period between Easter and Pentecost, because of the glory bestowed on mortals by Christ's victory over death, Orthodox Christians do not kneel in church.*

*(taken from Faith of our Fathers)*

**PRAYER FOR ARTOS ON ST. THOMAS SUNDAY:** *O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Angelic Bread, the Bread of life eternal, who came down from heaven, and hast fed us on these most bright days with the spiritual food of thy divine benefits, for the sake of thy three days' burial and redeeming Resurrection: Look now also, we humbly entreat thee, upon our prayers and thanksgivings; and as thou didst bless the five loaves in the wilderness, so now also do thou bless this bread, that all who shall partake of it may be vouchsafed bodily and spiritual health and blessing, through the grace and bounties of thy love toward mankind. For thou are our sanctification, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now, and ever, and unto age of ages. Amen.*



**EASTER LILIES:** Please take a lily home to plant in your garden. Cut off the stalk after it turns yellow/brown and it could possibly bloom in the fall, but should bloom next year.

**7 DAY VIGIL LIGHTS:** This year a total of **235** (7 Day Vigil Lights) were lit from Holy Friday thru Pascha and Bright Week! The church looked really beautiful with all those vigil lights burning. Thank you all for lighting them for Pascha and Bright Week.