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Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

**Please join us for Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy starting at 9:00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS**

**EASTER REFRAIN:** *Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves He granted life.*



**TROPAR (Tone 7):** Though the tomb had been sealed, from the tomb You arose, O Life and Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, You appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of all; and thus You restored an upright spirit for us according to your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**KONDAK (Tone 8):** Thomas placed his restless hand into your life-giving side, O Christ our God; and since You entered, although the doors were locked, he cried out to You with the other apostles: "You are my Lord and my God!"

**PROKIMEN (Tone 3):** Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.  
*Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious.*

**EPISTLE:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people. By mutual agreement they used to meet in Solomon's Portico. No one else dared to join them, despite the fact that the people held them in great esteem. Nevertheless more and more believers, men and women in great numbers, were continually added to the Lord. The people carried the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mattresses, so that when Peter passed by at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. Crowds from the towns around Jerusalem would gather, too, bringing their sick and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, all of whom were cured. The high priest and all his supporters (that is, the party of the Sadducees), filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and threw them into the public jail. During the night, however, an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the jail, led them forth and said, "Go out now and take your place in the temple precincts and preach to the people all about this new life."

**ALLELUIA VERSES:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.  
*For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.*

**GOSPEL:** St. John 20:19-31

On the evening of the first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. "Peace

be with you,” he said again. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound”. It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas (the name means “Twin”), was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!” His answer was, “I will never believe it without probing the nail prints in his hands, without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into his side.” A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them. “Peace be with you,” he said; then to Thomas: “Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!” Thomas said in response, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus then said to him: “You became a believer because you saw me. Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs as well – signs not recorded here – in the presence of his disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through this faith you may have life in his name.

**INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...”** The Angel greeted You O full of grace, O purest Virgin rejoice and again I say rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O shine, O new Jerusalem for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice O Zion. And you pure Mother of God exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him who was born of you!

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Glorify the Lord O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,  
The Son of the living God, who came into the world  
To save sinners of whom I am the first.  
Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,  
O Son of God,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace  
For the healing of my soul and body.  
For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies.  
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas,  
But like the thief I profess to you.

Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom  
Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom  
Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess that this  
Which I would receive, and which is now  
Here present with us in Mystery  
Is truly Your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.  
May I one day partake of your mystical supper again for the remission of  
All my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

O God, be merciful to be a sinner.  
O God, cleanse of my sins and have mercy on me.  
O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

*With Ecclesiastical Approbation, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix*

**Instead of:** “Blessed is He who comes ...”, “We have seen the true light ...”, “May our mouths be filled ...”, “Blessed be the name of the Lord ...”, “Glory be to the Father ...”, we sing, “**Christ is risen ...**”

## Weekly Liturgies and Scripture Readings:

Monday, April 20 – Venerable Theodore [Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11]

**Tuesday, April 21** – Priest Martyr Januarius and Those with Him (305-11); the Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga (138-61) [Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21]

**10:00 a.m.** – Divine Liturgy for (+Olga Romashenko 1 year memorial) requested by Darlene Gerein (**Live streaming**)

**Wednesday, April 22** – Venerable Theodore & Vitaly [Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24]

**10:00 a.m.** – Divine Liturgy for (+Jean Brown) requested by Joe & Christine Hladky (**Live streaming**)

**Thursday, April 23** – Great Martyr George [Acts 12:1-11; John 15:17-16:2]

**10:00 a.m.** – Divine Liturgy for (+Fr. Yuriy) requested by Don and Lydia Gabruch and family (**Live streaming**)

Friday, April 24 – Martyr Sabbas [Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:2]

Saturday, April 25 – Apostle & Evangelist Mark [Universal Letter of Peter 5:6-14; Mark 6:7-13]

Sunday, April 26 – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia (c.322) [Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8]

**NOTICE:** Our parish expenses continue, even though there are no church services except via live streaming. Therefore, it would be very much appreciated if you could continue your support of this parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or now you can also do an e-transfer to [stathandeposit@sasktel.net](mailto:stathandeposit@sasktel.net).

**PRIEST'S EASTER GIFT** is a gift of love and a tax receipt **cannot** be issued. If issuing a cheque, please make it payable to Fr. Vasyl Tymishak.

**Thank you Father Vasyl** for your leadership, especially during these past weeks of dramatic changes in our world and our immediate community! Your efforts to connect with Parishioners has been exemplary and much appreciated. The live streaming of the Sunday Services including the Rosary, all our usual Holy Week observances and especially Easter Matins & the Resurrection Liturgy has been a true gift to all those far and wide who have tuned in. The changes and additions you've made to the Parish Website are also very much appreciated.

None of that would have happened without you and your technical knowledge, persistence, and enthusiasm to move forward online! We also thank Alla & the boys for supporting you in these endeavours. Thank you for asking us to serve with you. We are *most grateful* to be able to assist. It's interesting trying to do all this while maintaining the required physical distancing, which we have all been very careful of.

Thanks also to Mark Woitas for his competent camera work through Holy Week and Easter Morning, and for researching equipment options for the future. Your excitement about this propels us forward!

We miss all the Parishioners being in the Church, and we miss the full Choir. We know this distancing will pass. We wish all of you a Peaceful, Healthy, Joyous Easter Season, & beyond, in the knowledge of the Resurrected Christ!

--- *Sincerely, Peter & Marion Federko, and Phyllis Lukey*

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!** For several more weeks to come we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Although we cannot do this physically and with each other, we will continue to bring you our services via live streaming. A special thank you is to be extended to the following: Fr. Vasyl Tymishak for his foresight, technical knowledge and leadership; to Phyllis, Peter and Marion for their beautiful singing; and to Mark for his camera work. This extra work is greatly appreciated and is being enjoyed by many. May God continue to bless each of you for your dedication to our parish and also in your personal lives.

Rosanne Miller, President, St. Athanasius Parish Council

**Donations Received:** **April Pre-Authorized Giving:** 11 - \$1,775; **April 5:** 8 regular envelopes - \$1280; 3 Easter offering envelopes - \$450; **April 12 Donations:** 4 regular envelopes - \$170; 5 Easter offering envelopes - \$430; 2 Holy Land envelopes - \$30; 2 Building Fund donations - \$150; 10 e-transfers - \$1640.

### Prayer for Those Who Care for the Sick

Lord Jesus, our brother,  
you showed your compassion for the sick  
when you reached out in love to them.  
We praise you for the saving love  
that is exercised among those who care for the sick.  
Conform them more and more to your image  
that they may be your healing touch to the sick,  
and share the peace  
of your Holy Spirit with all they meet.

Glory and praise to you, Christ Jesus,  
the incarnation of the Father's love,  
you are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*,  
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In the early Church, baptisms were usually celebrated on Holy Saturday, and throughout the week that followed the new Christians wore the white garments they received as they came up from the baptismal font. On the Sunday after Pascha – “Antipascha”, as it is called – the new Christians wore those special white garments for the last time, and then resumed their ordinary street clothes. However, the bishop would remind them that they were still “robed in Christ” and should walk henceforth, no longer as unbelievers, but as baptized Christians. In other words, we Christians, who have been baptized, must live according to the Gospel, not according to the standards of the society around us. In today’s baptism ritual, the newly baptized is “robed” in a white garment, symbolic of the new life they shall live in Christ.

The account of St. Thomas the Apostle, which we hear in the Gospel today, reminds us that as Christians, baptized into the Risen Lord, we must not only have faith, but we must be witnesses to our faith by our lives. The Gospel is given to us so that, when we hear the Gospel, our faith may be strengthened and increased.

Our Lord took the doubt of his apostle Thomas and turned it into faith, revealing to him the wounds in his side and hands. This week is a feast of our faith in the resurrection, bestowing on us the hope of newness of life and victory over death, and we join our profession of faith with that of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, “My Lord and my God.”

Text commentary from the Typikon of Father David Petras



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**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; **TEMPORARILY** by live streaming**

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

**Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.**

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