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Sunday, April 27, 2025

**Second Sunday of Pascha - St. Thomas Sunday**

May the Victorious Christ bless all of us with His kindness and love. May the joy of Jesus Christ's Resurrection fill our hearts and souls. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував!  
Khrystos voskres iz mertvykh, Smertiu smert podolav, I tym shcho v hrobakh, Zhyttia daruvav!

Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death, And upon those in the tombs, Bestowing life!

This is a Pascha of the faithful, a Pascha that has opened for us the gates of Paradise, a Pascha that makes us all holy. On this day of renewal, we hope you take the message of Jesus Christ into your hearts and your souls. Glorify Him in your daily lives. We encourage you to worship together with us every Sunday, so that the spirit of this day stays with you throughout the year.



SUNDAY, April 27, 2025 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by a Panahyda for Mr. George Raniuk on the tenth anniversary of his passing. May his memory be eternal. There will also be a forty-day Panahyda for the soul of the newly departed, Inna. May her memory be eternal. After the service, Inna's daughter, Yana Rubina, invites you all downstairs for Coffee Hour offered in memory of her mother.

12:30 P.M. Provody at Mt. Hope Cemetery Father Roman will bless graves at Mount Hope Cemetery on St. Thomas Sunday after the Liturgy. If you would like to have him bless a grave at another cemetery, please call him to make arrangements.



On Pascha, Fr. Roman blessed the Artos, which he baked.

It will be cut and distributed to the faithful this Sunday, April 27, 2025.

In the New Testament, "artos" primarily refers to bread, a staple food in the ancient Mediterranean diet. It is used both literally, to describe physical bread, and metaphorically, to signify spiritual nourishment and sustenance. Bread is often associated with life and provision, symbolizing God's care and the sustenance He provides.

We were overjoyed to have had so many faithful worship with us on Pascha. We invite everyone to join us every Sunday for the Divine Liturgy. There are too many pictures from Holy Week and Pascha to post in the bulletin. They will be sent in a separate email.

# LIVING THE LITURGY

## Icons for Pascha

Here are some important items to note within the icon of the  
**Belief of St. Thomas**



In the 20th chapter of St. John's Gospel, after His resurrection, Jesus appears to all of the apostles but Thomas who arrives late to the gathering. When the other disciples tell Thomas of the resurrection, he says, "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" (John 20:25). Jesus comes to the apostle again, eight days later. This time Thomas is present. Jesus offers His body as proof, saying "Do not be unbelieving, but believing" (John 20:27). Christ tells Thomas to touch his side, where He was wounded by a spear. This is shown in the icon. Thomas declares, "My Lord and my God," professing his faith.

Because of this story, St. Thomas is called Doubting Thomas. He is shown as an example of what not to do in matters of faith; a person should simply believe without needing proof. (In fact some people call the icon of this event, which is remembered on the Sunday after Pascha, "The Doubting of Thomas." The actual title of the icon is "The Belief of St. Thomas," which is the Slavonic title).

Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women - 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

12:30 P.M. Provody at Garden of Gethsemane Cemetery in West Roxbury. If you would Fr. Roman to bless a grave at another cemetery, please call him to make arrangements.

We welcome a volunteer to provide Coffee Hour For May 4, 2025. Please get in touch with Sandra Kondratiuk if you are able to help out on one Sunday. [slmkondratiuk@gmail.com](mailto:slmkondratiuk@gmail.com)

Happy birthday greetings are extended to all those who have birthdays in May: Dennis Levchuk (May 3), Tetyana Lesyuk (May 7), Oleh Kalita (May 13) Helen Muzyka and Nadia Annese (May 22), Angie Grundhoff (May 24), Georgi Levchuk (May 27) and Alexander Banadyga (May 29). May God grant them many happy years!

Happy birthday greetings are extended to all those who have birthdays in April: Iryna Priester (April 6), Natalia Banadyga (April 12), Valentina Dingle (April 16) Helen Hazard (April 19), Michael Muzyka (April 20), and Matthew Tarnavsky (April 30). May God grant them many happy years!

The Church Choir is happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Tanya Portyankina, our choir director.

Check us out on Facebook and/or visit our website – [ukrainianorthodox.org](http://ukrainianorthodox.org)

If you would like us to honor you or a family member on your birthday, we would be happy to include that in our birthday greetings. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone's anniversary or birthday or just to offer good wishes, please send your information to Jane Yavarow and make a donation of your choosing to the church.

Please keep Mr. Mark Walling, Mrs. Iryna Priester, Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Mrs. Larissa Dijak, Mrs. Angelina Grundhoff, Mrs. Marion Musial, Mr. Vasyl Stan, Mr. Ralph Annese, and Ms. Sasha Kondratiuk in your prayers.

We continue to ask for volunteers for Coffee Hour! Please consider hosting on a Sunday of your choice, or unfortunately, there will be no Coffee Hour. Please get in touch with Sandra Kondratiuk if you are able to help out on one Sunday. [slmkondratiuk@gmail.com](mailto:slmkondratiuk@gmail.com)

# LIVING THE LITURGY

## Icons for Pascha

Here are some important items to note within the icon -  
Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene or Touch Me Not

Here we see the empty tomb and Christ's burial clothes. Mary has just left this sight.

Mary has fallen to her knees. Her hair is loose as a sign of mourning. Above her you see the word 'Rabboni', which means My Master/teacher.



Christ shows Mary his wounds. He shows not only His hand, but foot and side.

Mary is reaching toward Jesus, but he stops her telling her, "Touch Me Not".

### Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord - John 20

*But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"*

*She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."*

*Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).*

*Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.*

**We are taking monetary donations for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. Please drop off your donations of support in the church office. Pray for Ukraine and its children.**



WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LARGE OR SMALL. We are most grateful for your kindness. Your donation is essential to the church. From your contribution, we pay the priest's salary and health insurance, as well as pay the utilities for the church including water, heat, electricity, lawn care, general maintenance, and special projects that will be done around the church.

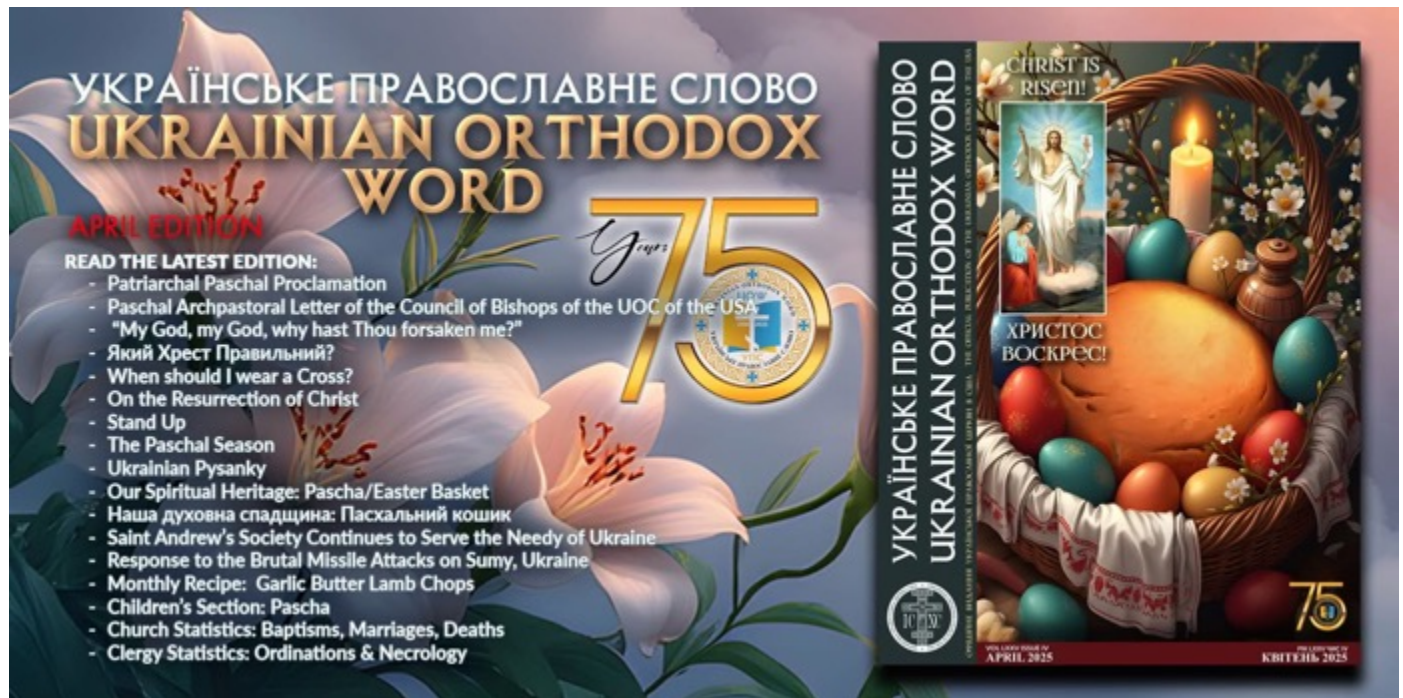
Checks should be made out to: St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston

Please offer your donations during the church collection or send your dues and donations to: Mr. Leonid Kondratiuk, Treasurer  
53 Vernon Road  
Belmont, MA 02478



Recently we had to have grease trap maintenance taken care of in the kitchen, the kitchen stoves repaired, and plumbing issues fixed in the men's room. Please consider making a donation to help defray these costs.





Please click on the link below to view the most recent edition, April 2025, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word

<https://uocofusa.org/files/publications/UOW/2025/April-UOW-2025.pdf>





# FROM PASCHA TO PENTECOST 2025



APRIL 20

THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST,  
THE PASSEVER (PASCHA) OF THE LORD

APRIL  
27



THOMAS SUNDAY,  
ANTI-PASCHA

MAY  
4



SUNDAY OF THE  
MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

MAY  
11



SUNDAY OF THE  
PARALYTIC

MAY  
18



SUNDAY OF THE  
SAMARITAN WOMAN

MAY  
25



SUNDAY OF THE  
BLIND MAN

MAY  
29



THE ASCENSION  
OF OUR LORD

JUNE  
1



SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS  
OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

JUNE  
8



PENTECOST—  
TRINITY SUNDAY

WALTHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY LITERACY CLASSROOM  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
LEARNING CLASSES**  
*MAY 5TH- JULY 11TH*

**Beginner Level 1  
English Class**

Mondays & Thursdays  
11:15am-12:30pm

with Catherine

**Beginner Level 2  
English Class**

Mondays & Thursdays  
11:15am-12:30pm

with Margo

**Intermediate  
Level 1  
English Class**

Mondays & Thursdays  
3:30pm-4:45pm

**Beginner Level  
English Class**

Tuesdays & Fridays  
3:30pm-4:45pm

Register on our program calendar



**Weekly English  
Practice**

Wednesdays  
6:15pm-7:45pm

**Intercambio  
Spanish / English  
Language Exchange**

Wednesdays  
5:00pm-6:00pm

Register for one class,  
and you will automatically  
be registered for the whole  
series

**ESOL Book Group**

Tuesdays  
11:00am-12:00pm



Questions?  
Contact Catherine:  
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Our parishioners Steve Kostecki and Len Kondratiuk are soliciting donation for the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 31 for the purchase of solar-power generators for the Ukrainian Army. If you would like to donate you can give Len a check or cash or mail a check made out to UAV Post 31 to Mr. Stephen Kostecki, 31 W Britannia St, #2, Taunton, MA 02780.





PRAY FOR UKRAINE!



## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

LORD OUR GOD,  
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH  
HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE  
BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE  
NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER  
TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY  
AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE  
PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND  
RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS  
THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY  
DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.  
SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF  
KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR  
WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC  
SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT  
CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY  
MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER,  
SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.  
AMEN.

We are grateful to Valentin Golina who graciously donated his services for our recent Foodfest. Val owns Jump Around Party Rentals. If you are planning an event, he's the guy to call!

