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Sunday of Saint Thomas

**5:00 pm Divine Liturgy and the
Breaking of the Artos**

Sunday Liturgy 5:00 pm Confession: 4:30 pm
Holy Day Liturgy 7:00 pm Confession: 6:30 pm
Eastern Christian Formation for children with Eileen Escobedo
Inquiry Meetings for Adults with Robert Escobedo

Thomas Sunday

April 12, 2026

Welcome to our Parish

Our Bishop, clergy and faithful welcome you to St Nicholas Parish. We are delighted that you have joined us for our Divine Liturgy. Our Church follows the teaching of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel and passed on to us through the teachings of the Apostle and tradition. If you are looking for a spiritual home, try our parish. If you have questions, feel free to ask any of our clergy. Join us again real soon! God bless you!

Thomas Week

THOMAS SUNDAY April 12 page 175 (Green Book)

No Morning Liturgy

4:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Catechism

4:30 pm Confessions & Easter Canon

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for Sunday
& The Breaking of the Artos

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

**SUNDAY, April 19 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS,
page. 177(Green Book)**

No Morning Liturgy

4:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Catechism

4:30 pm Confession & Easter Canon

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for Sunday

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

Spanish: **Cristo ha Resucitado!**

En Verdad ha Resucitado!

Italian: **Cristo e' Risorto! Veramente e' Risorto!**

Arabic: **Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!**

Slavonic: **Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése!**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to your disciples after your resurrection and confirmed the faith of Thomas. Confirm in us a faith that is open to follow you even when we doubt. Guide us to see our vocation to follow you and give us open hearts, so that when you call your sons and daughters to a consecrated life, they would hear and obey this calling, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven..." The priestly life is a beautiful way to bring forgiveness to this world. Is God calling you or someone that you know to consider this life, other holy orders, or the monastic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

BISHOP APPEAL 2026 UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$2,000.00. Pledges: \$2,871.73

We Made our Goal & went over.

On-line pledge: ephx.org

Thank you Fr Lee Perry, Fr Stephen Washko, Ryan Kennedy, Andrew & Sophia Gaydos, Alexander & Meagan Odicino & Daniel & Louise Krist, Robert & Eileen Escobedo.

We wish more our parishioners would have contributed in appreciation to our bishop for keeping our church alive.

It's not too late to make your pledge.

BREAKING OF THE ARTOS at the Ambon Prayer and priest will bless the Artos which represents the Christ as our angelic bread of life giving us spiritual food. It will be broken with a knife and taken to the parish for reception. It is ok to serve it with butter and a little jam. The Artos was made by our friends at Annunciation.

THANK YOU

We want to Thank Bishop Artur for visiting and celebrating PASCHA with us. What a celebration to have our Bishop with us on Easter Sunday. God Grant Him Many Happy and Blessed Years.

To Annunciation Parishioners for baking and providing the Artos for Thomas Sunday Blessing.

To the gentleman who baked the Prophora(Altar Bread) for Holy Communion this morning.

To Maria for decorating the Tomb of our Lord with the many beautiful Easter Flowers.

To our Faithful Cantors and Altar Servers for their ministry of service to the Altar.

To Father Lee for providing the Liturgy this evening.

To our bookkeep John who faithfully records your tithes and donations to the Lord's Holy Temple.

To our faithful pledgers who help make the Bishop's Appeal Goal for our parish.

To the kind people who stay after the Coffee Social to clean up the parish hall.

PARISH NEEDS

- 1) We need someone to wash the floor in the parish hall kitchen and restrooms. We do have a power scrubber in the parish garage.
- 2) Weekly we need families to help vacuum and dust the Altar area, the church and the classroom for our children.
- 3) Someone to donate small bells for the Holy Service at Bishop Artur's request. See Father Stephen.
- 4) Father is looking for members to be appointed to the

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship Pascha with our
Bishop Artur
Souls in Attendance 45
Tithes: \$321.00, Zelle \$40.00
& Candles: \$49.00

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LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

- We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the "Kneeling Prayers" at Pentecost.
- The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.
- During Bright Week, morning and evening prayers are replaced by the Paschal Hours.
- The prayer, "O Heavenly King" is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

THOMAS WEEK 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 with hat of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, "My Lord and my God."

Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples

1. Bring your doubts to prayer. Instead of hiding your questions or struggles, speak them honestly to Christ, trusting that He welcomes your sincerity.
2. Practice mercy like Christ. Offer patience and understanding to someone who is struggling with faith, uncertainty, or fear—be a sign of Christ's peace to them.
3. Choose trust in small ways. When faced with anxiety or uncertainty, make a conscious act of faith by saying, "Jesus, I trust in You," and take one step forward with hope.

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