



Icon of the Holy Apostle Thomas -- October 6th

*St. Thomas the Apostle*

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).

Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous – since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown – but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to

Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of His enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16b).

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the “sons of thunder,” Philip and his foolish request to see the Father – indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting and loving one.



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 10.5.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council 10.12.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 10.19.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Propers are on page 161, Tone 8, in the teal Divine Liturgy book.

**HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE:** Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

**HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email, and let us know, or contact either one personally.

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Clyde Wood, Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline and Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, and +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. **Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church. Thank you for your help!** *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

**STEWARDSHIP:** You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website.

*“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).*

**PATRONAGE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:** Please join us after Divine Liturgy this morning for our pot-luck luncheon in our social hall. We need volunteers to set out food, and clean up from our luncheon afterwards. Thank you to those who prepared a dish for this celebration. All are welcome to join us!

**ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY:** During our feast day luncheon today, Kevin Ross will share his presentation from the Metropolitan Assembly this past July in Indiana: *“Improving Our Parishes’ Online Presence.”* A flyer is posted on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, listing dates/topics for this ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES” PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM:** This program is beginning today in every Byzantine Catholic parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God’s call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon, “The Call of the Disciples,” along with a prayer booklet, in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. **Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.** Remember to bring the icon and prayer booklet to church the following week, and place it on the Tetrapod for the next family on the list. We hope the entire parish family participates in this important program. For more information, please contact Fr. Vasyl.

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF):** All students will have class on **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**, in our rectory basement following Divine Liturgy. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ross ([keviross@gmail.com](mailto:keviross@gmail.com)).

**DECREE ON THE HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE:** Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, regarding cell phones and electronic devices in locations where the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) is held. The Bishop’s order: *“All cell phones, both belonging to the priest or to a penitent must be left outside the confessional or be powered off. It is not enough to have it silenced. The same care should be exercised around other electronic devices that respond to audio commands or contain microphones such as smart speakers and other devices. Speakers that respond to verbal commands should never be near the confessional. A sign stating this rule will be prominently posted where the Mystery is celebrated with regularity.”*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLUPKI MAKING:** Please join us in making Holupki on **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00am**, for our upcoming Slavic Food Festival scheduled on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. No experience necessary. We will teach you! Please contact Mary Demyan ([mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net)), if you are able to volunteer.

**EASTERN CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS (ECP):** ECP has 5 books available commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church in America, and the arrival of the first Bishop, Basil Takach in 1924. To order, visit [www.ecpubs.org](http://www.ecpubs.org). The 5 books include:

1. *Basil Takach, The Good Sheppard*, by: Basil Shereghy
2. *The Byzantine Catholics*, by: Basil Shereghy
3. *History of the Greek Rite*, by: John Slivka
4. *History of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America*, by: Christopher Zugger
5. *Byzantine Rite Rusins*, by: Walter Warzeski

**ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY – PATRONAGE GREETERS:** We have some openings on our sign-up sheet for volunteers who would like to be a greeter, and welcome new faces to our church. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Carol Herder ([carolherder@msn.com](mailto:carolherder@msn.com)), or Dan Bobby ([dnmbobby@aol.com](mailto:dnmbobby@aol.com)). You can also write your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, if you would like to volunteer. Many thanks!

**BETHANY MINISTRY:** The booklets we will be using to establish the Bethany Ministry have arrived! Please contact Kelley Wood ([m\\_k\\_wood@yahoo.com](mailto:m_k_wood@yahoo.com)) or Tim Herder ([timothyherder@gmail.com](mailto:timothyherder@gmail.com)) to borrow a copy. If there is interest, we will start a "reading group" to discuss a few chapters at a time. Those discussions will guide us on deciding how we will support our homebound parishioners.

**ICONOGRAPHY CLASS:** If you are interested in participating in our Iconography Class on **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1, 2026**, at Patronage Church, please contact Kevin Ross ([keviross@gmail.com](mailto:keviross@gmail.com)), as soon as possible. There is limited space available, and spots are quickly filling up. Priority will be given to Patronage parishioners, after which registration will be open to members of other parishes. Beginner students will create an Icon of the Theotokos, while more advanced students may choose to work on an Icon of Christ.

**PATRONAGE FLASH FREEZER SALE:** We are currently selling **cheesecakes** - \$15/each (only 1 left); **specialty pirohi** - \$7.00/dozen, and **kolachi (nut and poppyseed)** - \$15/each. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy. Please help us clear out our freezer!

## Children's Corner

Finish the Bible verses using these words:

loved power work lamp plans life beginning  
begotten self-control spirit path earth

1. "In the \_\_\_\_\_, God created the heavens and the \_\_\_\_\_" (Genesis 1.1).
2. "Your word is a \_\_\_\_\_ to my feet and a light to my \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:105).
3. "Commit your \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord, and your \_\_\_\_\_ will be established" (Proverbs 16:3).
4. "For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that he gave his only-\_\_\_\_\_ son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal \_\_\_\_\_" (John 3:16).
5. "... for God did not us a \_\_\_\_\_ of timidity but a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and love and \_\_\_\_\_" (2Timothy 1:7).

**LITURGY INTENTIONS:** If you would like to request a Liturgy intention. Forms are available either on our website, or on the bookrack in the Narthex. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our church. Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasyi Symyon. Cash will also be accepted.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good-standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com). ***If you want to make us your home church, parish, registration is the OFFICIAL way to join our church.*** Simply complete a census form that is located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

***“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).***