

Happy Name Day!

We extend our love and respect to our Metropolitan Isaiah who celebrates his name day today. *Many Years Master!*

Saints of the Day

The Apostle Thomas: Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Savior wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29). This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

Happy Mother's Day

We extend to all mothers our love and gratitude for their never ending and selfless love and care they show us.

"In this beautiful world there is nothing more cherished, no duty more honorable, no responsibility more sacred, no task more difficult, than that of motherhood."

*From the dedication plaque at
St. Anna's in Dumont, CO*

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Services: Sunday-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays*
8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: Sunday of Thomas, The Holy Prophet Esaias (Isaiah), Christopher the Martyr of Lycea, Monk-martyr Nicholas who lived in Vuneni, of Larissa in Thessaly

Order of Service

Antiphons: *From Pascha*

Small Entrance we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

In the congregations • bless God, • the Lord from the well-springs of Israel; • save us O Son of God, • who are risen from the dead, • we sing to You: alleluia.

*Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τόν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ.
Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι,
Ἀλληλούϊα.*

After the Entrance

Apolytikion for St. Thomas Tone 7

While the tomb was sealed, You, O Life, did shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and while the doors were shut, You did come unto Your disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion for Pascha Tone 8

Though You did descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet did You destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Your Apostles O You Who does grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of Axion Estin Tone 1

You, the brightly shining lantern and the Mother of our God,* the conspicuous glory,* you are superior to all creation.* We hymn you and magnify.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia.

Instead of *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen

Divine Services

Sat. May 15: Great Vespers 5pm

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our church by cleaning, decorating, cooking or donated toward the ongoing work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen*

During the Paschal Season

- Memorial Services for the departed are **not** permitted from Lazarus Saturday (*April 24*) to St. Thomas Sunday (*May 9 inclusive*). The church does this so we may focus our attention solely on the Resurrection of our Lord. It also reminds us that death in and of itself, is not final for the true believer. As followers of the Risen Lord, we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with our Savior.
- Also, we do not kneel during church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of "*Heavenly King...*", is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: "Truly this was the Son of God" the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of

our Lord Jesus Christ. It is "*With the fear of God, faith and love*" that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

May 9: Anonymous

May 16: Sponsor Needed

May 23: Sponsor Needed

May 30: Sponsor Needed

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Capital Campaign

Amazon Smile: You may support Archangel Michael GOC through Amazon Smile. Please make sure you sign in at: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

King Soopers Rewards: Please continue to input your King Soopers Rewards number when shopping there. We receive a percentage of the amount you spend. You must register for the program in order to activate this benefit for us.

Stewardship 2021

Please support our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship packets have been mailed. See Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

Bookstore and Library

Visit our Bookstore for many books and items that can be given as gifts for upcoming graduations. Please see Olga Sonnenburg.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Ascension:** 40 days after the resurrection and it **always** falls on a Thursday: June 10.
- **Pentecost:** 50 days after the resurrection and it **always** falls on a Sunday: June 20.
- **Saints Peter and Paul Fast** begins on June 28 and ends on their feast day, June 29.