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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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APRIL 19, 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY



The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark, also known as John Mark (Acts 12:12), was one of the Seventy Apostles, and was also a nephew of Saint Barnabas (June 11). He was born at Jerusalem. The house of his mother Mary adjoined the Garden of Gethsemane. As Church Tradition relates, on the night that Christ was betrayed he followed after Him, wrapped only in a linen cloth. He was seized by soldiers, and fled away naked, leaving the cloth behind (Mark 14:51-52). After the Ascension of the Lord, the house of his mother Mary became a place where Christians gathered, and a place of lodging for some of the Apostles (Acts 12:12).

Saint Mark was a very close companion of the Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29) and Barnabas. Saint

Mark was at Seleucia with Paul and Barnabas, and from there he set off to the island of Cyprus, and he traversed the whole of it from east to west. In the city of Paphos, Saint Mark witnessed the blinding of the sorcerer Elymas by Saint Paul (Acts 13:6-12).

After working with the Apostle Paul, Saint Mark returned to Jerusalem, and then went to Rome with the Apostle Peter. From there, he set out for Egypt, where he established a local Church.

Saint Mark met Saint Paul in Antioch. From there he went with Saint Barnabas to Cyprus, and then he went to Egypt again, where he and Saint Peter founded many churches. Then he went to Babylon. From this city the Apostle Peter sent an Epistle to the Christians of Asia Minor, in which he calls Saint Mark his son (1 Pet 5:13).

When the Apostle Paul came to Rome in chains, Saint Mark was at Ephesus, where Saint Timothy (January 22) was bishop. Saint Mark went with him to Rome. There he also wrote his holy Gospel (ca. 62-63).

From Rome Saint Mark traveled to Egypt. In Alexandria he started a Christian school, which later produced such famous Fathers and teachers of the Church as Clement of Alexandria, Saint Dionysius of Alexandria (October 5), Saint Gregory Thaumaturgos (November 5), and others. Zealous for Church services, Saint Mark composed a Liturgy for the Christians of Alexandria.

Saint Mark preached the Gospel in the inner regions of Africa, and he was in Libya at Nektopolis.

During these journeys, Saint Mark was inspired by the Holy Spirit to go again to Alexandria and confront the pagans. There he visited the home of Ananias, and healed his crippled hand. The dignitary happily took him in, listened to his words, and received Baptism.

Following the example of Ananias, many of the inhabitants of that part of the city where he lived were also baptized. This roused the enmity of the pagans, and they wanted to kill Saint Mark. Having learned of this, Saint Mark made Ananias a bishop, and the three Christians Malchos, Sabinos, and Kerdinos were ordained presbyters to provide the church with leadership after his death.

The pagans seized Saint Mark when he was serving the Liturgy. They beat him, dragged him through the streets and threw him in prison. There Saint Mark

was granted a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who strengthened him before his sufferings. On the following day, the angry crowd again dragged the saint through the streets to the courtroom, but along the way Saint Mark died saying, "Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

The pagans wanted to burn the saint's body, but when they lit the fire, everything grew dark, thunder crashed, and there was an earthquake. The pagans fled in terror, and Christians took up the body of Saint Mark and buried it in a stone crypt. This was on April 4, 63. The Church celebrates his memory on April 25.

In the year 310, a church was built over the relics of Saint Mark. In 820, when the Moslem Arabs had established their rule in Egypt and oppressed the Christian Church, the relics of Saint Mark were transferred to Venice and placed in the church named for him.

In the ancient iconographic tradition, which adopted symbols for the holy Evangelists borrowed from the vision of Saint John the Theologian (Rev 4:7) and the prophecy of Ezekiel (Ez. 1:10), the holy Evangelist Mark is represented by a lion, symbolizing the might and royal dignity of Christ (Rev 5:5).

Saint Mark wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians, emphasizing the words and deeds of the Savior which reveal His divine Power. Many aspects of his account can be explained by his closeness to Saint Peter. The ancient writers say that the Gospel of Mark is a concise record of Saint Peter's preaching. One of the central theological themes in the Gospel of Saint Mark is the power of God achieving what is humanly impossible. The Apostles performed remarkable miracles with Christ (Mark 16:20) and the Holy Spirit (Mark 13:11) working through them. His disciples were told to go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creatures (Mark 13:10, 16:15), and that is what they did.

Coffee Hour Quarter 2 2026

Questions/Concerns/volunteer? call Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

April 5	May 10 (<i>Mother's Day</i>)	June 14 (<i>Apostle's Fast</i>)
Mary	Men's Potluck	Whitlock
April 12	May 17	June 21 (<i>Apostle's Fast,</i>
Holy Pascha	Joyce & Judy	<i>Father's Day</i>)
April 19	May 24	Heather Openshaw
Tammy & Cathy	Mat. Jana	(<i>sponsored by anonymous</i>)
April 26	(<i>Sponsored by Una & John</i>)	June 28 (<i>Apostle's Fast</i>)
Cindy Zdinak	May 31	Gabe Tabeling
(<i>Sponsored by Una & John</i>)	Sarah & Mike Brennan	
May 3	June 7	
Whitlock	Cindy Zdinak	
(<i>Sponsored by Una & John</i>)		

PRAYER REQUESTS

4/19/2026

Deceased:

Joseph Wade

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Leon Felon

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Daniel Morris

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Child McKenna Kranek

Betty Balasz

Elisabeth Lavrisiuk

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Jerry Czajkowski

Christopher Magee (*brother of Erin Z*)

Barbara Sheean

Tamara Ponomarenko

Paige Benjamin (*niece of Una Alexandrovic*)

Sara Wilmot (*friend of Tim Clos*)

Catherine (*niece of Judy Schwind*)

Elena Rich

Donald & Catherine & unborn child

Quinn (*niece of John Alexandrovic*)

Andrea Sanders (*niece of Linda Smotzer*)

Michael

Allison

Mackenzie

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Annual Meeting

The next Annual Meeting will take place on May 3rd, 2026, after Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, April 19 Antipascha

Second Sunday of Pascha
St. Thomas Sunday
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, April 20 Ven. Theodore Trichinas ("the Hair-shirt Wearer")

Tuesday, April 21
Day of Rejoicing
Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 22 St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613)

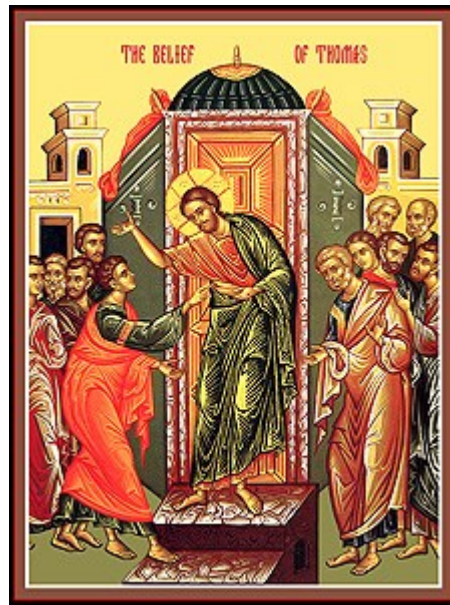
Thursday, April 23 Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer, and Wonderworker George (303)

Friday, April 24 Martyr Savva Stratelates ("the General") of Rome, and 70 soldiers with him (272)

Saturday, April 25 Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (1st c.) 10:00 AM Radonitsa Grave Blessings 5:00 PM Confessions 5:45 PM Leon and Eva Felon Panichida 6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, April 26 Third Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322) 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE 2026



Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, April 27 Hieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem (107)

Tuesday, April 28 Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, the Virgin Kerkyra, and those with them (1st c.)

Wednesday, April 29 Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (3rd c.) 6:00 PM Akathist

Thursday, April 30 Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian (44 A.D.)

Friday, May 1 Prophet Jeremiah (6th c. B.C.). Ven. Paphnutius, Abbot of Boróvsk (1478)

Saturday, May 2 St. Matrona of Moscow. St. Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria (373) 5:00 PM Confessions 6:00 PM Great Vespers Movie Night to follow: *Where are you Adam?*

Sunday, May 3 Fourth Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Paralytic Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobic Monasticism in Russia (1074) 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour Church School to follow Parish Annual Meeting to follow