

St. Therese Byzantine Catholic Church

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PASTORAL TEAM

VERY REVEREND ROBERT EVANCHO, PASTOR
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Religious Services for the week of May 26, 2019

SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Confessions
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosary
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Liturgy for the Parishioners
Monday	9:00 AM	No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	9:00 AM	No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	7:00 PM	+Deacon Michael Waak by Maszera Family
Thursday	9:00 AM	+MaryAnn Hvozdoovich by Ed & Chris Black
Friday	9:00AM	No Divine Liturgy

Sanctuary Lamp Is burning this week for in Loving memory of Sr. Martha given by family members.

Icon of Christ: For the intention of Michael & Mariann Sapsara

Icon of the Mother of God: For the intention of Richard & Connie Sernulka

Icon of St Nicholas: For the intention of Jennifer Sosnowski

Icon of St Therese: For the intention Kathleen Sosnowski

Stewardship...Sacrificial Giving....An Act Of Sharing

Last Sunday (31 out of 60) envelopes were used

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday 97

Last Week's Offerings \$ 1905.00

Thank you for bringing your Sunday offering, or for mailing it when you are absent from our community service. The action honors God & yourself

Holyday of Obligation This week we celebrate Ascension Thursday. The Liturgy will be on **Wednesday evening and Thursday morning** in order to give you a choice to attend. Please mark your calendar to attend. Thank you

Thank You I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who helped in any way to make my 40th Anniversary a day to remember. It was a nice time for fellowship and spending time together. The food and drinks were wonderful and the cake was A+ May God Bless each of you for remembering me and showing your kindness.

During the summer months We will only have a bulletin on the 1st Sunday of the month with the Liturgy schedule for the entire month.

The hymns and prayers of the Ascension celebrate the triumph of our Savior who ascended into heaven with his body in order to establish our humanity on the throne of the Divinity. For us also it is a day of triumph, beautifully expressed in a Troparion of the office of the Feast: "O Christ, You have come down from heaven to earth. Being God, You lifted up Adam's race that had been brought down in the prison of Hades. Through your ascension, You raised it up again to the heights of heaven and established it in your company on the Father's throne, for You are merciful and the Lover of Mankind." Under the Old Law, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to offer the blood of sacrificial victims to God. As the Apostle tells us, the Lord also entered the Holy of Holies of the heavenly Jerusalem to offer his own blood, the blood of the New Law, thus to obtain the favors of God for us.

The Lord's resurrection brought us joy; so should his Ascension, as we recall the event that exalted our lowly nature beyond the angels and highest created powers to the Father's side.

These divine actions provide a sure foundation; through them God's grace works marvelously to keep our faith firm, our hope confident, and love ardent, even though the visible events as such are now part of history.

Even the blessed Apostles, despite the signs they saw and the sermons they heard, were fearful when the Lord suffered, and did not accept his Resurrections unhesitatingly. So much did his Ascension influence them, however, that all fear was turned to joy. Their minds contemplated the divine Christ at the Father's side; no earthly trial could distract them from the fact that Christ had not left the Father when he descended nor left the disciples when he returned.

Therefore, beloved, the Son of Man who is Son of God has in an ineffable way become more present to us in his Godhead now that he has departed from us in his humanity. Faith now reaches to the Son, who is equal to the Father, and no longer needs the bodily presence of Jesus, in which he is less than the Father. For though his incarnate nature continues to exist, faith is summoned to touch the only-begotten Son, not with bodily sense but with spiritual understanding. **-From a Sermon on the Ascension by St. Leo the Great**

