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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thomas Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00 am	Third Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins
April 10 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday: Terence & Others, Martyrs	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy
April 11 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday: Antipas, Bishop-Martyr	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	6:00 pm	Vespers
	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy
April 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday: Basil, Bishop	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
April 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday: Artemon, Priest-Martyr	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	12:05 pm	Divine Liturgy
	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
April 14 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday: Martin, Pope	4:30 pm	Vespers
April 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00 am	Third Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins

**Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:**

- 4/8 St. Thomas Potluck
- 4/15 8:00- Doughnuts and bagels  
10:30- Russ Haas will bring food
- 4/22 8:00- Doughnuts and bagels  
10:30- Art Borodich will bring food
- 4/29 Open
- 5/6 Open
- 5/13 Mothers’ Day- Men’s Group will provide food

There are many available dates this summer. If you would like to bring food for the social, please sign-up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4daea62aabfc1-whowill>

**For the Thomas Sunday Potluck, please use this Sign-Up Genius Link:**

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0f44a9ad28ab9-thomas>

**Bring a dish to share and a basket for the Egg hunt. Please leave a note in comments letting us know what service you will be attending. Depending on Easter Sundays BBQ we might have left overs we can use. Circle back after Easter Sunday for an update.**

**Thank you Ladies Guild for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunts! There will be one after each liturgy.**

Pray for our ill and homebound parishioners:

O Christ God, Divine Physician of soul and body, send your blessings upon your servants:

Fr. Christopher Zugger, Olga Bodnar, Matthew Suppes, Tracy Pender, Fred Fraikor, Lance Spitzner, Margaret Chando, Ray Mega, Helen Kmeck, Jeanne "Grammy" O'Loughlin, Erica Cornett, Dough Cramer, Renee Nelson, Kevin McKaskey, Jerzy Zielinski, Chris Berry, David, Debbie Berry, Mary Thomas, Jesse Wright, Geraldine Schulz, Caitlin Mulryan, Gary, Nydegger, Christine Lentz, Sandy Woods, Victoria Teunissen, Marco Zawadowych, Marge Driscoll, Richard Horning, Gretchen Lambert, Michael Mancinelli, and Thomas Plahovinsak, Tom Graham, Justin Raimondo, Beth Guilianeli, Michelle Malek, and Sherry Whaley and all those in need of your blessings.

Bless also those whom you have given the ministry of caring for the sick. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

*Please tell Fr. Michael if there are any who should be added to this list or if there are any shut-ins to whom the Holy Mysteries (the Sacraments) should be administered.*

## Announcements

The Davidson-Talley family is in need of assistance. Valerie is 19 weeks pregnant and has been out of work because of the extreme nature of her pregnancy sickness. This means that her pay has been cut. Dylan's teaching job was cut to part-time this year, so their income was already lower than usual. By continuing and intensifying their frugal habits, they have been able to get by, but the expected child adds significantly to their cost of living. They are planning to move back to Albuquerque in October, where the living is cheaper and both their families live, but that also entails its own expenses. Valerie and Dylan are asking for any assistance you can share, and can provide itemized reports of income and expenses between April and October 2018. Please talk to them after liturgy, email at [dylantalley@gmail.com](mailto:dylantalley@gmail.com), or call (505)730-3026. In the event that the total sum of donations exceeds the family's needs, they will be diverted to the needs of the parish. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to assist. Below, see the overview of their financial need:

### **Rent Free Scenario\***

<u>April-October</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
\$8,869	\$1,267

### **Current Scenario**

<u>April-October</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
\$14,269	\$2,039

\*Under this scenario, the couple live with a family with extra space, or in a property lent to them rent-free, which would reduce their current expenses by almost 40%.

## Building Committee Update

The parish building committee has worked very hard these past few months to analyze, discuss and advise on a future property. We have had the church properties appraised by a realtor (appraised at about 1.1 million for both the church and rectory), analyzed the parish financial situation (posted quarterly on the bulletin board along with the advisory board minutes), discussed our vision with the Eparchy, been on the lookout for potential properties, and prayed about the next move. We want to be ready to move on a property that the parish discerns would meet our needs, so the next steps are:

- Open a Bishop-approved "Building Fund" that will allow us to raise (church tax exempt) funds specifically for a new property.
- Look into fundraising opportunities.
- Continued development and parish conversation about what exactly we are looking for in a new property.

## **Parish Celebrations**

*Happy Birthday to*

Paul Peek  
4/10  
Elizabeth Stegan  
4/10  
Deacon Joel Barstadt  
4/10  
Naomi Andrew  
4/11  
Victoria Olsen  
4/12

*Happy Anniversary to*  
Doug & Teresa Cramer

4/12

*May God grant you many happy and blessed years!*

**Did we miss you?**  
**Please email your name, birthdays and anniversaries to:**  
[bulletin@holyprotection.org](mailto:bulletin@holyprotection.org)

## Collections

April 1, 2018

Easter at the Parish  
Souls  
10:30am – 149  
Sunday Tithe: \$688  
Easter: \$1520  
Bishop's Appeal: \$10

## CGS/ ECF Dates

April 15 and 22; May 6

CGS will begin at 9:30am-11:30 am children are invited to bring a snack to have during their time in the atrium, as their will be a space for them to sit and eat. Please bring something healthy and not too messy, a water bottle may be helpful too. Any questions please ask Theresa Grondin.

ECF will meet from 9:30am-10:15am in St. Vincent De Paul.

## Parishioner-led activities and notices

### From Perla: Help for an Old Parishioner

Dear Parishioners,

Our old friend Shalimar Masters reached out for help. Financial help, she is very humbled/embarrassed having to ask for money. Shalimar & baby are doing well (Shalimar had preeclampsia after delivering baby) but Corey was laid off in February. They currently have \$45 dollars to their name, they are desperately asking for help.

Here's what she wrote me and has given me permission to share.

"I hate asking for money. Corey had an interview on Monday when baby and I were still in the hospital, but he turned it down to stay with us, and lost the potential for the job. I don't know how much I would even ask for from our community.

Although there are the other bills like phones and electricity and whatnot, those are smaller and I was able to make our van payment last month. The thing that has me stressing is the mortgage, which is \$1002 per month, and the insurance for the van and the house is \$277 which comes due on the 15th. The mortgage was due on the first, but we have til the 10th to pay it with no penalties. I figure with credit cards and whatever else, those can go unpaid and even if it does bad things to credit, it's not actual shelter. It's the mortgage that stresses me out. I figure if ten people have \$100 or 100 people have \$10, we could cover it."

Please help if you can, you can give the donations to Father Michael or Perla. We will make sure the donations are delivered ASAP.

## Divine Liturgy Guide

The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11. Option [A] unless noted.

April 8<sup>th</sup>– Thomas Sunday  
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<u>When you get to the...</u>	<u>Go to...</u>
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Readings: <i>Acts 5: 12- 20/ Jn 20: 19-31</i>	
Magnification	pg. 167
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**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP continues to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**

April 8-14, 2018

In honor of Paul Peek. (Birthday April 10)

Offered by Audrey Peek

### From the GCU:

You are invited to sponsor the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in our Church for your intentions. The Sanctuary Lamp is a special candle that remains perpetually lit (near the front of the Church) to honor Our Lord Jesus' Eucharistic Presence: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Tabernacle on the Holy Table (Altar). If you are interested in sponsoring this vigil candle, the usual stipend is \$10. It will burn from Sunday through Saturday, and the bulletin will remind your fellow parishioners of your special intention or the memory of a loved one. You may request as often as you would like. To submit, please contact John or MaryEllen Oslick at 303-284-2304 or [jwoact@comcast.net](mailto:jwoact@comcast.net). Please include your name, intention, and the week you would like it to burn (every effort will be made to honor the week requested). Checks should be made payable to: GCU LODGE 144.