



HOLY THEOPHANY ORTHODOX CHURCH “

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving that we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustain their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, and those saddened, joy. In the Church, the troubled find relief, and the heavy-laden, rest.” ~St John Chrysostom

Location of Services: Holy Theophany Church, N2107 State Road 67, Walworth, WI 53184

*Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen!*



*Hristos a Inviat!
Adeverat a Inviat!*



*Hristos Anesti!
Alithos Anesti!*



*Hristos Voskrese!
Vo Istinu Voskrese!*

Schedule of Services for April 2023

[All services (except Reader's Vespers) will be live-streamed unless otherwise noted.
Hours for Sunday Liturgy start at 9:40 AM.]

- Saturday, April 1, 2023, 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers
- Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 5th Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt - 9:40 AM General Confession, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 5:30 PM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, April 8, 2023, Lazarus Saturday, 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Sunday, April 9, 2023, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem / Blessing of Palms - 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. 6:00 PM-Deanery Lenten Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 5:30 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday
- Thursday, April 13, 2023, 5:30 PM - Holy Friday Matins and Passion Gospels
- Friday, April 14, 2023, 3:00 PM - Vespers of Holy Friday, 6:00 PM - Matins of Holy Saturday with Praises
- Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10:00 AM - Holy Saturday - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. After Liturgy dying of eggs.
- 10:00 PM - **Paschal Service** - Nocturnes, Paschal Procession, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
- Sunday April 16, 2023, **Holy Pascha** - 11:00 AM - Vespers of Pascha, Gospel read in many languages. Paschal Luncheon after Vespers.
- Saturday April 22, 2023, 5:00 PM – Vespers with Litya for St. George
- Sunday April 23, 2023, 10:00 AM - 2nd Sunday of Pascha - Thomas Sunday / Feast of St. George - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Saturday April 29, 2023, 5:00 PM - Great Vespers, followed by service of General Confession
- Sunday April 30, 2023, 10:00 AM - 3rd Sunday of Pascha - Holy Myrrhbearing Women - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

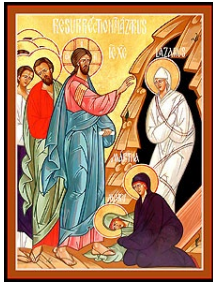
Notes on Fasting for Great Lent

Be consistent and regular in prayer / Confess sometime during this season/ Keep the fast as best you can / Do these things in order to prepare for Pascha.

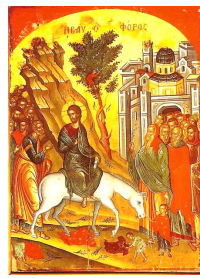
Upcoming Services, May

Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 PM, Vespers Liturgy for the Midfeast

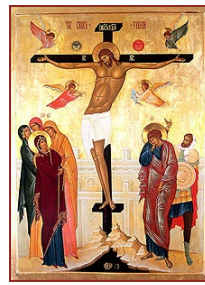
Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 PM, Vespers Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension.



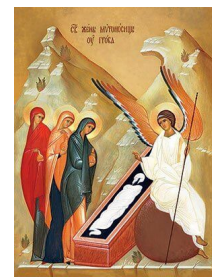
Raising of Lazarus



Palm Sunday



Crucifixion of Christ



Holy Myrrhbearers

The Catechetical (Paschal) Sermon
St. John Chrysostom

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; He gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church in March 2023! *Cleaning the Church and Parish Hall:* Filitsa Amirsakis, Olga Buranicz, Mary Kanelos; Pres. Anastasia; Christopher Thies; *Prosphora Bread:* Filitsa Amirsakis, Mary Kanelos; *Music/chanting:* Adela Fazio, Maria, David, & Sofia Klesmith; Kristy Danna, and everyone participating in community singing during our services; *Stewardship:* Thanks to everyone who provides financial support for us; *Reading:* Pres. Eileen, Christopher Thies, Damian Constantinescu, Maria Condos, Kristy Danna, Renee Cerney, Maria, Isabella, and Sofia Klesmith; *Service in the sanctuary:* David Klesmith and Christopher Thies; *Setting up for services (distributing material, etc.):* Mary Kanelos, Pres. Eileen and Pres. Anastasia; *Attendance Report:* Bessie Mantes; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David Klesmith, Mary Kanelos, Filitsa Amirsakis, Kristy Danna, Bessie Mantes, Maria Condos and everyone who provides food or beverages. Outside repairs/cleanup: David Klesmith, Christopher Thies. Sincere apologies if we overlooked anyone.

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