



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

Schedule of Services for March 2023

[All services (except Reader's Vespers) will be live-streamed unless otherwise noted.

Hours for Sunday Liturgy start at 9:40 AM]

- Wednesday March 1, 5:30 PM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, March 4, 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers
- Sunday, March 5, 10:00 AM - 1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Orthodoxy - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 PM - Intro to Orthodoxy Class - Fr. John
- Wednesday March 8, 5:30 PM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, March 11, 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday 2 AM. Set clocks one hour ahead.

- Sunday, March 12, 10:00 AM - 2nd Sunday of Lent - St. Gregory Palamas - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Wednesday, March 15, 5:30 PM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, March 18, 5:00 PM - Great Vespers with Litya for the Cross, followed by General Confession
- Sunday, March 19, 10:00 AM - 3rd Sunday of Lent - Veneration of the Cross - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 PM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- Friday, March 24, 5:30 PM - Vespertal Liturgy for Annunciation of Theotokos
- Saturday, March 25, (Feast of the Annunciation) 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers
- Sunday, March 26, 10:00 AM - 4th Sunday of Lent - St. John Climacus - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 PM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- Friday, March 31, 2023, 5:30 PM - Lenten Akathist to the Theotokos

Sunday Evening Services in March

- March 5, 6:00 PM - Pan Orthodox Vespers at Sts. Constantine and Helen, Wauwatosa, WI or 6:30 PM at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Chicago
- Sunday, March 12, 6:00 PM - Deanery Lenten Vespers at St. Nicholas, Kenosha, WI
- Sunday, March 19, 6:00 PM - Deanery Lenten Vespers at St. Nicholas, Joliet, IL
- Sunday, March 26, 6:00 PM - Deanery Lenten Vespers at St. George Cathedral, Chicago, IL

Complete April schedule is on our website at <https://holytheophanychurch.org/>

Passion Week Schedule

- Sunday, April 9, 10 AM - Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem / Blessing of Palms/ Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Tuesday, April 11, 5:30 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday
- Thursday, April 13, 5:30 PM - Holy Friday Matins and Passion Gospels
- Friday, April 14, 3:00 PM - Vespers of Holy Friday, 6:00 PM - Matins of Holy Saturday with Lamentations
- Saturday, April 15, 10:00 AM - Holy Saturday - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. After Liturgy dying of eggs.
- Saturday, April 15, 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.

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



Sunday of Orthodoxy



Veneration of the Cross



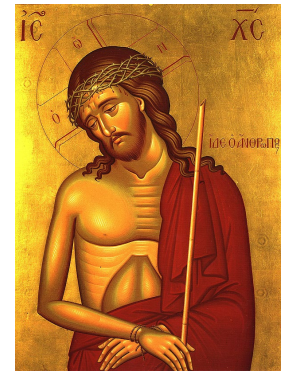
Annunciation of the Theotokos



Ladder of Divine Ascent



Fr John Pastoral Reflection: On August 6, we celebrate the joyous feast of the Transfiguration of Christ in which the uncreated light and glory of His divinity was manifest to the disciples. This event points to the “splendor of the resurrection” and the “beauty of the divine kingdom” (St John Chrysostom). For St. Dionysius the Areopagite and other Fathers, this foreshadows how we ultimately will be transformed to be filled with the glory of the divine light of God, “we shall be equal to the angels and will be sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 29:36). Christ’s transfiguration takes place forty days before his passion and death. It also shows the “glory of the Cross” (St John Chrysostom).



So, bearing Christ’s transfiguration in mind is also fitting for our Lenten journey. Recall that Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, is the messiah foretold in the Old Testament—the Suffering Servant, “despised and rejected by men. A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” Yet, “He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” (Is 53:3-4). On Mount Tabor, the uncreated light of His divinity that transfigures Him in his humanity manifests the compassion, mercy, and love that shapes His journey among us. He is transfigured in His humility and complete acceptance of the weakness and vulnerability of our lives.

During our Lenten Journey, we should take up our cross in humility, repentance, and service to follow Christ, our Suffering Servant, as we approach His passion and death. That is our way to partake of the “Light of Christ that illumines all” (Presanctified Liturgy) and, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to partake of and reflect in our own lives, the love, mercy, and compassion of Christ. Prepare yourself as best you can to stand with the Theotokos at the foot of the Cross, rather than abandon Him or betray Him. Given the addictive qualities of our sins, always confess and ask for forgiveness as you tend to abandon or betray Him.

During your journey through Lent, always remember to say the prayer of St. Ephrem: “O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of idleness, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Your servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother and sister, for blessed are You, unto ages of ages. Amen.”

Always call upon the Theotokos with this ancient prayer to her: “Beneath your compassion we take refuge, O Theotokos: despise not our petitions in distress: but deliver us from peril, for you alone are pure and alone blessed.”

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church in February 2023! *Cleaning the Church and Parish Hall:* Filitsa Amirsakis, Olga Buranicz, Mary Kanelos; Pres. Anastasia; Christopher Thies; *Prospora 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, Robert Lush, 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; *Tree Limb Removal:* Christopher Thies; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David Klesmith, Mary Kanelos, Filitsa Amirsakis, Kristy Danna, Bessie Mantes, Maria Condos and everyone who provides food or beverages. Sincere apologies if we overlooked anyone.

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