



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



*For, Behold through the Cross,
Joy has Come into the World.*



*Christ is Risen from the Dead
Trampling down Death by Death.*

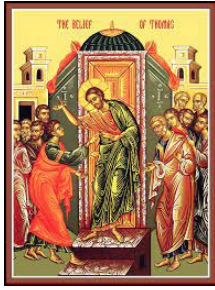
The Paschal Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

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.

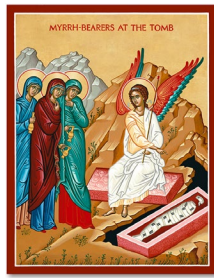
And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, 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.

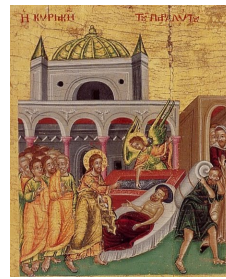
O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen 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.



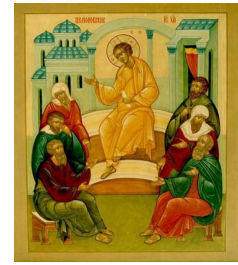
Thomas Sunday



Sunday of Myrrhbearing Women



Sunday of the Paralytic



Midfeast of Pentecost

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

- **Thursday, May 2, 5:30 PM—Good Friday, Matins with Gospel Readings**
- **Friday, May 3, 3 PM— Good Friday Vespers, 6 PM—Holy Saturday Matins with Lamentations**
- **Saturday, May 4, 9:30 AM Egg Dying (contact Fr George if you have questions)**
- **Saturday, May 4, 9:30 PM — Paschal Services: Nocturnes, Paschal Procession, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom**
- **Sunday, May 5, Holy Pascha 11 AM — Vespers of Pascha, Gospel read in many languages. Paschal Luncheon after Vespers.**
- **Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 PM — Vespertal Liturgy for Feast of St George**
- **Saturday, May 11, 5 PM—Readers Vespers**
- **Sunday, May 12, 10 AM—Divine Liturgy, John Chrysostom**
- **Saturday, May 18, 5 PM—Readers Vespers**
- **Sunday, May 19, 10 AM—Divine Liturgy, John Chrysostom**
- **Saturday, May 25, 5 PM—Readers Vespers**
- **Sunday, May 26, 10 AM—Divine Liturgy, John Chrysostom**
- **Tuesday, May 28, 5:30 PM—Vespertal Liturgy, Midfeast of Pentecost**



Our first Great Lent Outreach Program— participation in the National Orthodox Baby Shower—went very well. Thanks to everyone for the items for babies and to those who provided monetary donations. More details on the gifts and monetary donations later.

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church April 2024! *Cleaning Church and Parish Hall:* Olga Buranicz, Christopher Thies, Alex Cook, Lamont Prospect, Pres. Anastasia; *Prospora Bread:* Filitsa.; **Music:** Adela Fazio, Maria, David, & Sofia Klesmith, Kristy Danna, Joe and everyone for congregational singing; **Artos:** Pres. Anastasia, Maria Condos; *Stewardship:* Thanks to everyone for their financial support; *Reading:* Pres. Eileen, Christopher T., Damian C., Kristy, Lamont, Maria K, Maria Condos, Alex; Dan Wright; *Service in sanctuary:* David, Christopher, and Giovanni Wilson; *Setting up for services:* Pres. Eileen, Pres. Anastasia, Christopher, and Lamont; *Attendance Report:* Bessie Mantes; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David K., Filitsa, Kristy, Bessie, and everyone providing food or beverages; *Washing of Communion Cloths:* Pres. Anastasia; *Purchasing Water Softener Salt:* Christopher; *(Complicated!) Installation of new camera:* Frs. John and George; Christopher, and Lamont; *Providing Eggs for Pascha:* Jannete Neal-Zopp: Sincere apologies if we overlooked anyone for the help they provided.

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