

PASCHA:  
THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



*Icon of the Descent into Hades*

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**St. Nicholas and St. Basil  
Byzantine Catholic Parishes  
Liturgical Schedule:**

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Sat.	Apr	19	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm	Great Vespers with St. Basil Liturgy, Blessing of food, "At the tomb" office (SB)
Sun.	Apr	20	<b>RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – PASCHA</b> 8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Resurrection Matins (SB) Divine Liturgy, Myrovanie, Blessing of food (SB) Resurrection Matins (SN) Divine Liturgy, Myrovanie, Blessing of food (SN)
Mon.	Apr	21	<b>BRIGHT MONDAY</b> 6:00 pm 9:00 am. 10:00 am.	Great Vespers with The Holy Gospel (SN) Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy (SN, SB), Spiritual Bouquet for living
Tue.	Apr	22	<b>BRIGHT TUESDAY</b> 9:00 am. 10:00 am.	Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy (SN, SB), Spiritual Bouquet for deceased
Wed.	Apr	23	<b>BRIGHT WEDNESDAY – St. George Great Martyr</b> 9:00 am.	Divine Liturgy (SN)
Sat.	Apr	26	<b>BRIGHT SATURDAY</b> 3:40 pm 4:00 pm	Rosary Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun.	Apr	27	<b>THOMAS SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am 9:45 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy (SB) Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy (SN)

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**St. Nicholas Parish Weekly Collections 4/13/2025**  
*"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"*

Offertory	\$ 1332.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Holy Days	\$ 163.00	E-donations	\$ 355.75
Others	\$ 00.00		

**Total: \$ 1865.75**

**We thank You for Your big generosity!**

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – PASCHA

(Jn 1:1-17)

### A New Creation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the very beginning. Through him all things came into existence, and without him there was nothing. That which came to be found life in him, and the life was the light of the human race. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has been unable to overcome it.

A man appeared, sent by God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to give testimony to the light, so that through him all might come to believe. He himself was not the light; his role was to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, the world had come into existence through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, but his own did not accept him. However, to those who did accept him and who believed in his name he granted the power to become children of God, who were born not from blood or human desire or human will, but from God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him, proclaiming, "This is the one of whom I said, 'The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' "

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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In the first stage of the Prologue, we wonder at Jesus, the Word, whose person and existence infinitely transcend the world and history. We also call to mind creation, which is from the very outset an action of the Word, that is, of the creative Word of God, the divine Wisdom and source of life that makes the world exist). At the same time, we proclaim the new creation, for the Word offers human beings a new life that comes from God and illumines their entire existence.

This Prologue is a hymn to the Word (in Latin, Verbum; in Greek, Logos). The term "Word" sums up and goes beyond everything that the Old Testament had glimpsed of the presence of God amid humanity by means of his Word; it includes and is superior to everything that the philosophy of the age could imagine regarding God's reflection in the universe.

The second stage of the Prologue calls to mind the struggle of human beings against the light. John came, a man sent to announce the coming of the light to God's own, that is, the people of Israel. But he was not the Messiah! In Jesus, and in Jesus alone, the very Word of God became flesh, in order that the gift of the Lord might be present among us, in our human existence.

The third stage of the Prologue expresses our conviction. Human beings may await various messiahs and various revelations, but Jesus is the only true Christ foretold by the Law, that is, by the Old Testament. He is more than a new Moses, because in him the former covenant yields place to the new and definitive covenant. He is not only the extraordinary and only One Sent, but he is the Son, equal in every way to the Father (John gives us here the perfect formulation of the mystery of the incarnation).

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Confessions: Before each Divine Liturgy in the sacristy or by appointment

Baptisms: Arrange six weeks in advance

Weddings: Arrange six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a member of the parish

Communion: Monthly for sick and shut-ins. Call the church for scheduling

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### *The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life*

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit, which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

*St. Melito of Sardis*



## St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

***Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!***

### Announcements for Sunday, April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday / Pascha

**ECF Easter Party / Egg Hunt:** On St. Thomas Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have our ECF Easter Party and Egg Hunt, immediately following the 11:30am Divine Liturgy. For planning purposes, we request that you please sign up on the sheet posted by Father's office, if you plan on bringing a child (or children) for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**You're Invited! Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-- Great Lakes Deanery Jubilee Celebration, with Bishop Robert.** Please plan on coming to St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, for a special Deanery event. Fliers are posted with a detailed schedule outlining the day's activities. **All Faithful from our entire Region are invited.** The day will feature several activities focused on topics affecting our younger generations of parishioners, as well as a special presentation about Blessed Peter Paul Oros; plus of course, the continued celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There will also be a **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Robert at 4:00pm.**

**Donations for Abigel**—We will continue to collect donations to help pay for the unplanned surgery needed by young Abigel Egressy, the daughter of Fr. Marton and Pani Natalia Egressy who visited our parish a couple of weeks ago. If you would like to contribute something, please place it in the yellow box located across from the cantor stand. We will collect through Easter, or until we receive word that the entire amount has been raised. Thank you again for your warmth and kindness toward Fr. Marton, Pani Natalia, and their two children, and may God bless you for your generosity!!!

**Non-perishable Food Collection:** To assist those in need within our own community, including anyone from our parish that may be in need of assistance, we are accepting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods. Please place any donations in, on, or next to the black plastic bin that is located in the vestibule. Thank you!

**Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal 2024-25 (Parish Goal: \$7,950; Status as of 03/03/25: \$3,667.88):** This year's Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Mission and Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals, and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support for our Retired and Active Priests. Please visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> for more information and to make secure, one-time or monthly donations through the website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign. The overall Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$320,000. Thank you for your generosity!!!

**Happy Anniversary this week to Paul and Rose Shubeck (4/24)! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years together!**

**Happy Birthday this week to Rachel Pawluszka (4/25)! May God grant you many more years of peace, health, and happiness! Na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!**

**From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:**

**Spring Pre-Cana Program (marriage preparation):** "There is still space available for our Spring Pre-Cana that will take place May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. John Parish in Solon, OH! Please visit <https://taborlife.org/> for more information.

**Worship and Walk with Our Bishops! Register for Assembly 2025 (July 16-20, 2025):** The 4<sup>th</sup> Byzantine Assembly will take place July 16-20, 2025, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, in Whiting, IN, under the name and calling, "Come let us worship and bow before Christ." The highlights of this year's assembly include:

- Interview with Metropolitan William: Discover his journey growing up Byzantine Catholic on the Iron Range in Northern Minnesota.
- Interview with Bishop Kurt: During clergy days, Bishop Kurt will share his experiences growing up in a mission parish and discuss valuable lessons from the missionary parish experience.
- Roundtable with Bishop Robert: Engage in a roundtable discussion with young adults of our Metropolia, exploring their experiences as Byzantine Catholics in an increasingly post-Christian world, along with their hopes and dreams for the Metropolia.
- Interview with Bishop Artur: Learn about his experiences growing up during persecutions in the former Soviet Union and the lessons we can apply today.

Don't miss this opportunity to worship and walk with our bishops. Register now for Assembly 2025! Visit [byzantineassembly.org](http://byzantineassembly.org) to register and plan your trip, or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in! We look forward to worshipping and learning with you. May God bless you and all your loved ones! See you in July!

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