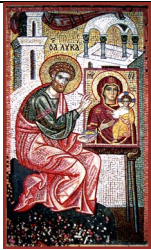


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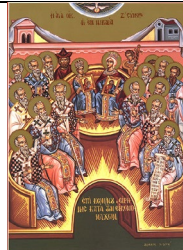
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

“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



St Luke the Apostle
October 18



7th Ecumenical Council
October 13



James, Brother of the Lord
October 23



Dionysius the Areopagite
October 3

Schedule of Services for October 2024

[All services (except Reader's Vespers) will be live-streamed unless otherwise noted.
Hours for Sunday Liturgy start at 9:40 AM. All Divine Liturgies are those of St John Chrysostom]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		October 1	2	3	4	5 Project Mexico Presentation, 4 pm. Great Vespers, 5:15 followed by reception
6 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM	7	8	9	10	11	12 Baptism of David Alexander, 11:30 AM Readers Vespers, 5 PM
13 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM	14	15	16	17	18	19 Reader's Vespers 5 PM
20 General Confession, 9:40 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM	21	22 Vesperal Liturgy for James the Brother of the Lord, 5:30 PM	23	24	25	26 Reader's Vespers 5 PM
27 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM	28	29	30	31		



Pastoral Reflection: Our Spiritual Life & The Peace of Christ: As individuals, our spiritual life is rooted in our heart as the “seat and center of spiritual life.” The heart is where we encounter the Holy Spirit. But the heart is also the place of the battle ground of good and evil. But God did not create us to be isolated individuals. We were created to be persons in community with each other through mutual love and compassion. As Christ says in... we are not just to be involved in an “I scratch your back, you scratch mine” life of mutual interest. We are to care and love everyone including our enemies.

That means that our spiritual life refers to our entire lives as animated by the Holy Spirit and our faith. Fr Boris Bobrinsky gave a pointed indication of what that means:

There is, in the ultimate reality of things, no nonspiritual life that is closed off to the Holy Spirit... The world that is called profane is in reality a profaned world and man is responsible for that... [all domains] of human work depend upon the creative work of man, seized, modeled, and inspired by the Spirit of God.”

Central to this is living out the peace of Christ that we receive multiple times during every Liturgy: In his work, the *Divine Names*, St Dionysius the Areopagite (whose name day is Oct 3) offers this exquisite celebration of divine peace:

Come and let us praise the supreme divine peace—the sovereign source of bringing things together—with hymns of peace. For it serves to unite and bring about... the kinship of all together. Because of this, all are to desire it; it returns the divided multitude into a whole unity; and it unites [949A] the tribal warfare of all into a common life of the same form... But what are we to say of Christ’s peace-bestowing love of human kind [and creation]? Because of it, we learn to war no longer with ourselves, nor with others, nor with angels. Rather, we have learned to work together with them for divine things according to our power and according to Jesus’ providence who works “all things in all” (I Cor 12.6, Eph 1.23) and who produces an ineffable peace which is preordained from eternity and reconciles us again to himself in the Spirit, and through himself and in himself to the Father. (*Divine Names*, Chapter 11).

Desire and strive for modeling the peace of Christ in your daily lives: your liturgy after the divine liturgy!

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church June -Sept 2024! *Cleaning Church and Parish Hall:* Olga Buranicz, Christopher Thies, Alex Cook, Lamont Prospect, Pres. Anastasia; *Prophora Bread:* Filitsa Amirsakis.; Music: Adela Fazio, Maria, David, & Sofia Klesmith, Paige & Robert Lush, 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 Constantinescu., Kristy, Lamont, Maria K, Maria Condos, Alex; Dan Wright, Amy Meyer; Sophia K, Steve Meyer, Christian Wilson, Roger Farrell, Ron Dithardt, Juliana Constantinescu, Pasie George; *Service in sanctuary:* David, Christopher, Alex Cook, and Giovanni Wilson; *Setting up for services:* Pres. Eileen, Pres. Anastasia, Christopher, Alex, and Lamont; *Attendance Report:* Bessie Mantes; LaMont; Pres. Anastasia; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David K., Filitsa, Kristy, Bessie, and everyone providing food or beverages; *Washing of communion cloths:* Mary Kanelos; *Pet Blessing Service:* Maria K, Dristy, D, Lamont P, Juliana C, Pres Eileen, Christopher T, & Pasie G; *Sept 29 Parish Festival:* Maria, David, Sophia L, Kristy, Christopher, Lamont, Anastasis, Juliana, Maria Condos; *Establishing HTC Meal Ministry Program:* Amy M. Apologies to anyone whom we missed!

Upcoming special events: We will continue our Christmas Outreach Project for 2024. Details and deadlines to follow. We will have our NAMEDAY celebration on Sunday, Jan 19 (Divine Liturgy, blessing of Holy Water, followed by get together); Archbishop Daniel will visit us on Saturday Feb 1 and Sunday Feb 2. A reception will follow the Sunday Liturgy. We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, Feb 9.

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