



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

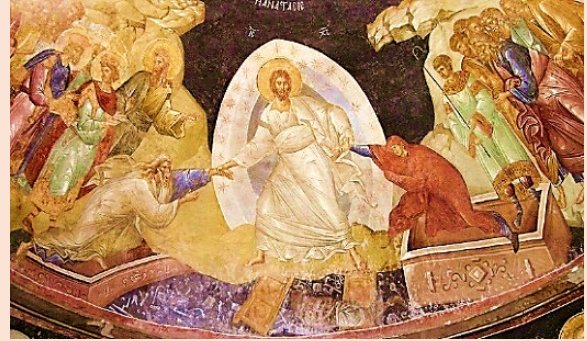
“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving that we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustain their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, 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

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*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.



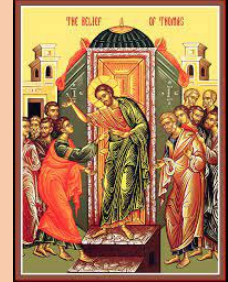
Palm Sunday



Ladder of St John Climacus



St. Mary of Egypt



Thomas Sunday

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

- Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 PM—Presanctified Liturgy
- Saturday, April 5, 5 PM—Readers' Vespers
- Sunday, April 6 (*Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt*), 10 AM— Divine Liturgy (St Basil), 6 PM—Deanery Lenten Vespers Service at Holy Theophany
- Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 PM—Lenten Akathist to the Theotokos
- Saturday, April 12 (*Lazarus Saturday*), 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with commemoration of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.
- Sunday, April 13 (*Palm Sunday*), 9:40 AM—Blessing of Palms followed by Divine Liturgy (St John Chrysostom); 6 PM, Bridegroom Matins, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago (Aph. Daniel)
- Wednesday, April 16 (*Great and Holy Wednesday*, 5:30 PM—Service of Holy Unction (Healing)
- Thursday, April 17 (*Great and Holy Thursday*), 5:30 PM— Holy Friday Matins and Passion Gospels
- Friday, April 18 (*Great and Holy Friday*)— 3:00 PM - Vespers of Holy Friday, 6:00 PM - Matins of Holy Saturday with Praises
- Saturday, April 19 (*Great and Holy Saturday*), 10 AM — Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. Dying of eggs after Liturgy.
- Sunday, April 20 (*Holy Pascha*), 9:30 PM Saturday-12:30 AM Sunday — Nocturnes, Paschal Procession, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom; 11:00 AM —Vespers of Pascha, Gospel read in many languages. Paschal Luncheon after Vespers
- Wednesday, April 23, Vesperal Liturgy for St George the Martyr, 5:30 PM
- Saturday, April 26, 5 PM— Readers Vespers
- Sunday, April 26 (*Thomas Sunday*), 10 AM, Divine Liturgy (St John Chrysostom)

Please remember that our second annual participation in the National Orthodox Baby Shower continues through Palm Sunday. You are most free to contribute gifts or donations. Gifts can be left in Parish Hall. See our website: <https://holytheophanychurch.org/news/c/1> for more information about this project.

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church February, 2025! *Cleaning Church and Parish Hall*: Olga Buranicz, Christopher Thies (special thanks for bringing iron to church to remove candle wax from carpet), Lamont Prospect, Pres. Anastasia, Pasie Gregory; *Prophora Bread*: Filitsa Amirsakis, Mary Kanelos; *Music*: Adela, Elijah Nelson, Maria and Sofia Klesmith, Kristy Danna, and everyone for congregational singing; *Artos*: Pres. Anastasia, Filitsa; Maria Condos, *Stewardship*: Thanks to everyone for their financial support; *Reading*: Christian Wilson, Lamont P, Maria K, Pres Eileen, Damian C, Steven Meyer, Christopher T, Kristy D, Sophia K, Maria K, Juliana C, Pasie G, Maria Condos. *Service in sanctuary*: David K., Christopher T, Lamont, 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, Pres. Anastasia, Maria C, Mary Kanelos, and everyone providing food or beverages; *Washing of Communion Cloths*: Pres. Anastasia, Mary K; Sincere apologies for overlooking anyone for the help they provided.

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