



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

*O Heavenly King,
The Comforter,
The Spirit of Truth,
Everywhere Present,*



*Filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings,*



*Giver of Life,
Come, Abide in Us,
Cleanse our
impurities, and*



*Save our Souls,
O, Good One.*

Schedule of Services for May 2023

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

Hours for Sunday Liturgy start at 9:40 AM.]

- Saturday, June 3, 5:00 PM - Great Vespers with Litya
- Sunday, June 4, 10:00 AM - 8th Sunday of Pascha - *Holy Pentecost* - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, immediately after Liturgy Vespers of Pentecost, Reception of Alex Cook into Orthodox Christian Faith before Liturgy
- Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers
- Sunday, June 11, 10:00 AM - 1st Sunday after Pentecost - *All Saints* - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 PM - Akathist to the Holy Spirit
- Saturday, June 17, 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers
- Sunday, June 18, 10:00 AM - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost - *Saints of North America* - Father's Day - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Saturday, June 24, 5:00 PM - Holy Unction Service (Service of Healing)
- Sunday, June 25, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - 9:40 AM Office of General Confession followed by Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Wednesday, June 28, 5:30 PM - Vespers Liturgy - *Apostles Peter and Paul*

July 2023 Schedule

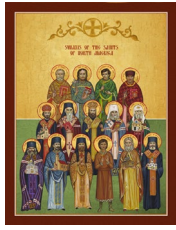
- Fr John & Eileen will be on vacation after July 5- August 3: Contact Fr George while Fr John is away.
- We will have the regular schedule of Readers' Vespers on Saturdays, at 5 AM and Liturgies on Sundays, 10 AM in July. Fr Thomas Mueller is scheduled to serve the liturgy on Sunday July 23 and 30.

Congratulations to

Lucas Fazio, child of Adela and Michael Fazio, who was baptized on May 24
Alexander Cook, who will be received into the Church by Chrismation on June 4

Please Note: Apostles' (S.S. Peter and Paul) Fast June 12 - June 28

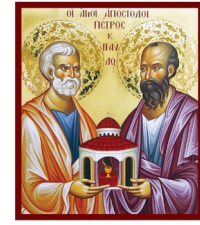
36th Annual Chicago Deanery Youth Camp, (ages 11-18) Wednesday July 5 - Saturday July 8, 2023,
at Edwards YMCA Camp, East Troy, WI. Please contact Fr. George.



Saints of North America



Sunday of All Saints



Feast of SS. Peter and Paul

Saint John Chrysostom, Homily for Pentecost (extracts)

Let us spiritually extol the grace of the Holy Spirit in spiritual hymns, since spiritual grace has on this day shown upon us from heaven. Though our words are too weak to express adequately the greatness of this [grace], we shall praise its power and activity to the extent of our abilities; for the Holy Spirit probes all things, even the depths of divinity.

We are celebrating the day of Pentecost, the day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, [the day of] the hope of perfection, the end of expectation, the longing for salvation, the fulfillment of prayer and the image of patience... In the beginning the Spirit of God moved over the water, and later, in the time of Christ, the same Holy Spirit of God rested [upon him]. Then He moved, and now He rested, as being one in essence, equal in honor, ever-existent and unoriginate together with the Father and the Son. He Who by the flight of a dove over the waters of the Flood heralded fair weather to Noah, the same Holy Spirit, by the sight of a dove at the waters of the Jordan, showed the world the Sonship of Him Who was baptized.

Moreover, the Lord had a terrifying answer for those who dared to utter blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: "Whosoever speaks [blasphemy] against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." As is well known, where He is absent, every sort of corruption sets in. David, however, so loved the presence of this same Holy Spirit that he prayed to God, saying, "Thy Holy Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness."

This same Holy Spirit of God came to dwell in the holy Virgin Mary, embracing her with the communion of the Divine Word at the good pleasure of the Father, and making her the Theotokos... By the action of the same Holy Spirit, the Lord Himself, when He was giving His Apostles His teaching in detail and strengthening their minds for the time of His Passion, said to them: "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you."

This Holy Spirit enlightens souls and sanctifies bodies. It was the same Holy Spirit Who descended upon the Apostles and filled them with divine wisdom. ..Many are the gifts of the Holy Spirit; many and all-powerful are His gifts... He is one in essence, one in principle and one in counsel with the Father and the Son...

Moreover, the Spirit [is called] the Comforter, because He is also our advocate with the Father. And not only is He with the Father, but He is always with us also as a gift. let us strive to keep our souls and our bodies undefiled as we glorify the Most holy and consubstantial Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church in May 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; *Artos:* Pres. Anastasia, Maria Condos; *Stewardship:* Thanks to everyone who provides financial support for us; *Reading:* Pres. Eileen, Christopher Thies, Damian Constantinescu, Maria Condos, Kristy Danna, Renee Cerny, Lamont Prescott, 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, Lamont; *Attendance Report:* Bessie Mantes; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David Klesmith, Mary Kanelos, Filitsa Amirsakis, Kristy Danna, Bessie Mantes, Maria Condos and everyone who provides food or beverages; *Outside repairs/cleanup:* David Klesmith, Christopher Thies; *Donating Flowers, Decorating Church:* Renee Cerny. Sincere apologies if we overlooked anyone.

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