

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Leave-taking of the Annunciation & Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

March 26, 2023

Epistle: Heb. 9:11-14 Gospel: Mk. 10:32-45 Matins Gospel 9: Jn. 20:19-31



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This week at St. Nicholas

Sat.	3/25	3 p.m.	Great Vespers
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy for Sunday +David Thomas by Karen Thomas Family (61-23)
Sun.	3/26	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Matins
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy *for the people of the parish Bagel Social (after liturgy)
		10:40 a.m.	E.C.F. (Eastern Christian Formation - Catechism)
Mon.	3/27	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tue.	3/28	7 a.m.	Baking Rolls - Early Prep 9 a.m. Rolling
Wed.	3/29	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Thurs.	3/30	8 a.m.	Baking Paska - Kneading
Fri.	3/31	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Sat.	4/1	<i>Lazarus Saturday</i>	
		9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy +Mitred Archpriest John Kachuba (61-24)
		10 a.m.	Shoebboxes for Catholic Charities - Sorting Day
		2 - 2:30 p.m.	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)
		3 p.m.	Great Vespers (and Blessing of Palms and Willows)
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy +Stephen M. Holencik
		5 p.m.	Ushers' Meeting (after liturgy)
Sun.	4/2	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
		8:30 a.m.	Sunday Matins
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy *for the people of the parish
		10:40 a.m.	Altar Servers' Meeting

Schedule for Great & Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week - see inside this bulletin

Eparchy of Parma Website & Facebook: See parma.org or Facebook

App for Byzantine Divine Praises
The daily Divine Praises with changeable parts are on the free app ECPubs.com.

Byzantine Catholic Radio & Podcast

“Light of the East”

(Fr. Thomas Loya)

Sundays 11:30am-12noon

(replay 11:30 pm) 1260AM

Sundays 11:30am-12noon on 1060AM

Podcasts of previous broadcasts (to 2009)

available at byzantinecatholic.com/podcast

Weekly Gospel Reflection: For reflections on the weekly gospel from the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED), go to <http://god-withusonline.org>, click on catechetical resources (via the resources link), then click on Ruthenian, then the desired Sunday.

Byzantine Youth Group For Ages 10-14, the Eparchy of Parma hosts weekly “Ignite Your Faith” youth group meetings at Holy Resurrection Parish in Euclid, Sundays at 5pm. The moderator is Fr. Lukas Mitro, the eparchial Youth Director. For more information, call Fr. Lukas 440-494-4341.

Byzantine Catholic Radio & Podcast

“Beyond the Veil”:

Program hosted by Fr. Thomas Loya

The program can be heard

(<https://radiomaria.us>).

Archives of previous shows can be found

at: <https://radiomaria.us/beyond-the-veil/>

Online Prayers and Homilies

The Eparchy of Parma

broadcasts online liturgies daily.

This is not a substitute liturgy for those

well enough to go to church.

For the worship schedule, go to www.parma.org. To view, click on the link.

Or search for “Facebook Eparchy of Parma” or “YouTube Eparchy of Parma”.

It may ask you to log in, but logging in is not necessary for viewing.

Metropolitan Assembly 2023

(preliminary announcement)

To all the clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic, the Eparchy of Parma, the Eparchy of Phoenix, and the Exarchy of Toronto: Mark your calendar for the Metropolitan Assembly of 2023.

Your Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla is calling you to assemble.

When:

November 2-3, Thursday through Friday evening especially for clergy

November 3-4-5, Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday especially for laity

Where: St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsboro, New Jersey

+ **Bishop Kurt Burnette**

Pastoral Council:

Karen Berga, Rebecca Camp, Anne Dillon, Sue Druga, Sandra Farnsworth, Linda Skibo

Economic Council: Frank Kodman, Joanne Mrosko, Bruce Skibo, Adrienne Terleck, Mark Teleha

Eastern Christian Formation: Anne Dillon, Debra Obergas, Madeline Zaworski

Kitchen Leadership: Bruce Skibo, Linda Skibo, Sandra Farnsworth

First Friday Visits to Sick and Shut-Ins

The First Friday of the month will be devoted to visiting the sick and the shut-ins, for distribution of Holy Communion, and any other necessary sacraments. Fr. Andrew will contact those on our prayer list (in-state only) any others he is aware of unable to attend church due to reasons of illness, disability or transportation. Please let Fr. Andrew know if you know anyone who would need Fr. Andrew to visit. Appointments for sacraments may be made anytime, especially for those gravely ill or in the hospital.

Sacramental Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions):

1st Saturday of the Month from 2 - 2:30 p.m. Also by appointment (or just ask the priest!)

Sunday Vespers and Matins

The liturgical celebration of Sunday begins with Vespers on Saturday evening. Vespers is the church's traditional prayers for sundown. Matins is the church's traditional prayers for sunrise.

If a person is unable to attend Divine Liturgy, the Sunday obligation may be fulfilled by attending Vespers or Matins. The faithful are encouraged to attend all of the services.



Supporting the mission of our parish: *March 19:*

Final totals will be available in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas Parish!

Parish

*Christ is Among Us!
He Is and He Shall Be!*

**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Leave-taking of the Annunciation
Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel
Tone 1**

Troparion

of the Resurrectional Tone: 125

of the Feast: 329

of the Holy Angels: 361

Kontakion

of the Feast: 329

Prokeimenon

of the Resurrectional Tone: 127

of the Feast: 330

Alleluia

of the Resurrectional Tone: 127

of the Feast: 330

Melodies for Liturgy of St. Basil:

Setting A: 96-100

Setting B: 100-103

Instead of "It is Truly Proper..."

In You O Woman Full of Grace: 98/102

Communion Hymn(s):

of Sunday: 78-81

of the Feast: 331

Prayer for Vocations: (use special sheet)

Beneath Your Compassion: 454

Bagel Social this Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. All are welcome.

Special Collections We will be taking collections for the following USCCB Collections this weekend, March 25-26. You may use the special envelopes provided, located on the rear table.

1. The Church in Central & Eastern Europe
2. Pontifical Holy Land Collection

In addition, we will be accepting donations for the Shoeboxes for Catholic Charities, our annual parish lenten almsgiving project, at the Sunday morning Bagel Social on March 26.

Quarterly 50/50 Raffle tickets are available after liturgy. The 1st Quarter Winner will be drawn this Sunday at the Bagel Social.

18th Annual Almsgiving Project Shoeboxes for Catholic Charities We are asking for your generous support to fill shoeboxes with necessities for the children and adults who seek assistance from the St. Elizabeth Center, which also houses the Catholic Charities Family Center. A list of needed items is included on the fliers in the church narthex. Cash donations will be accepted. We ask all parishioners who wish to contribute to have their items in the collection boxes by **Friday, March 31**.

The Shoeboxes Sorting Day - Help Needed Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to help! Questions? Contact Sue Druga at 440-308-6963.

Ushers Meeting Ushers are requested to meet with Fr. Andrew after the 4pm Liturgy on Saturday, April 1. We will discuss the upcoming Holy Week & Pascha services. Ushers are encouraged to share their experienced & knowledge to make sure the upcoming services happen smoothly (ringing bells, candles, processions, etc.).

Baking Schedule

Paska: Thursday, Mar. 30.

Kneading of first batch at 8 a.m.

Rolls: Tuesday, Mar. 28

Early Prep 7 a.m., Rolling 9 a.m.

First Saturday Confessions will be available April 1 from 2 - 2:30 p.m. The priest will also be available after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy this week, and after weekday services during Holy Week.

Blessing of Palms and Willows Parishioners have donated willows to be blessed, and our palms should arrive by next weekend, Palm Sunday. Our willows are in limited quantity - more are welcome if anyone has some they can bring. They will be blessed at the end of Vespers on Saturday, and will be distributed at both liturgies.

Altar Servers Meeting Altar Servers are requested to stay after liturgy on Palm Sunday morning (April 2) for a meeting to review proper procedures for the Holy Week & Pascha Services. There is no ECF on Palm Sunday. If servers cannot attend, parents should contact Fr. Andrew.

All-Night Vigil at the Tomb It is our custom to keep a prayer vigil at the tomb overnight on Good Friday. You may sign up for 1 or more hours. If you would feel unsafe by yourself, please be sure to sign up with a friend. You may come to pray even if you do not sign up, but signing up will help ensure that someone is praying at the tomb all night.

Setting Up the Tomb Volunteer help is welcome to set up the Tomb for Good Friday. Set-up will be after the evening liturgy on Holy Thursday.

1st Friday Communions on 2nd Week Because the 1st Friday falls on Good Friday this year, Communion to the Shut-Ins will be on Friday, April 14 during Bright Week.

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete We celebrated on the 5th Thursday of the Great Fast. The canon has elements of bodily prayer, biblical themes, and frequent petitions for God's mercy. Our cantors did a great job in leading us. After celebrating it this year, we are going to make a few further revisions, to keep it at a reasonable length.

Liturgical Schedule Great & Holy Week and Bright Week

Great and Holy Monday (April 3)

Bridegroom Matins at 9 a.m.

Great and Holy Tuesday (April 4)

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 7 p.m.

Great and Holy Wednesday (April 5)

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 7 p.m.

with Holy Mystery of Anointing

Great and Holy Thursday (April 6)

Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.

Setting up the Tomb (after liturgy)

Great and Holy Friday (April 7)

Strasti-Matins at 9 a.m.

Burial Vespers at 7 p.m.

All-Night Vigil at the Tomb

Great and Holy Saturday (April 8)

Jerusalem Matins at 9 a.m.

Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 4 p.m.

Blessing of Baskets

Pascha (April 9)

Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy

at 9:30 a.m.

Blessing of Baskets

Bright Monday (April 10)

Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Bright Tuesday (April 11)

Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast: Simple abstinence (no meat) is to be observed on Wednesdays and Fridays. Strict abstinence (no meat, eggs, milk products) is observed on the 1st day of the Fast (Feb. 20) and on Good Friday.

Easter Egg Hunt Here at St. Nicholas on Thomas Sunday, April 16, after morning liturgy.

Eparchial Appointments Mr. Edward Kiss, a retired CPA, has been named Chief Financial Officer for the eparchy. Mr. Martin Kopmeyer is stepping down to have more family time. Deacon Gregory Loya has been transferred to Holy Resurrection Parish (Euclid). Fr. Frantisek Fedorisin has been transferred to St. Barbara (Dayton). Fr. Milan Kasperek (formerly at St. Barbara) is applying to become a military chaplain.

Holy Week Services in the Eparchy All are encouraged to attend holy week services here at St. Nicholas Parish! However, we also would like to make you aware of two special liturgical services being offered elsewhere in the Eparchy.

The nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery invite all to join them for **Bridegroom Matins**, their patronal commemoration, Holy Wednesday, April 5, at 8:00 a.m. at the monastery: 17485 Mumford Rd., Burton, Ohio. This service rouses the heart to conversion and vigilance for the coming of the Bridegroom and offers strength to His Bride the Church as we journey with Him in His passion. A light breakfast will follow. Please RSVP at www.christthebridegroom.org by March 31. If you don't have internet, RSVP by calling 440-834-0290.

On **Holy Thursday**, Bishop Kurt will celebrate Vespers with Divine Liturgy at Dormition Parish in Cleveland at 7 p.m.. The ceremonial washing of the feet by the bishop is part of this holy liturgy.

Eparchy of Parma Pre-Cana 2023 Will be held on April 23-30 from 12:30pm to 5pm (both days). Sessions will be at St. John Byzantine Parish in Solon, OH. To register: go to taborlife.org , or call Catherine at 708-653-8344, or email taborlife@earthlink.net . Registration \$150 per couple. Registration forms are in the narthex. All couples planning to be married are required to attend Pre-Cana. Couples are encouraged to contact your

parish pastor prior to attending. Pre-Cana is offered by the Eparchy of Parma once a year in Ohio.

Eparchial Assembly 2023. Synodal Synthesis: A Mandate, Not an Option Saturday, April 29 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall PA. Day begins with 9am registration, concluding with 3pm final remarks. The purpose of this Assembly is to hear the synodal responses from the eparchies. One speaker is scheduled to speak on behalf of each of the four eparchies, each for 30 minutes. At the end of the day, 30 minutes is allotted for a Group Process with Guided Questions and 30 minutes for Feedback. Registration forms are in the parish narthex, due April 22. \$50, no refunds.

World Youth Day - Scholarship Available World Youth Day (this year in Lisbon, Portugal) is for Young Adults Ages 18-39. Official date of event: August 1-6. The Eparchy of Parma has an additional program starting July 20 for those interested. Visit www.parma.org/WYD2023 to learn more. and **Apply by April 1, 2023.**

The Eparchy of Parma is providing one scholarship to cover the cost of the full trip July 20 - August 8, 2023, including airfare. The recipient will serve as a chaperone for an English summer camp in Slovakia and enjoy a road trip to Portugal, stopping in Nice, Lourdes, and Fatima, before arriving in Lisbon for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage.

Stewardship Appeal 2022/23: March 26 message from Judith Matsko, Eparchial Stewardship Office: As we move closer to the great Feast of Pascha, we continue in our process to identify the gifts given to us by God and ponder the ways in which we can respond to His generosity. Please remember the annual Stewardship Appeal as you prepare for the upcoming Feast of Pascha. Visit parma.org for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.