

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us in worship this morning.
If you desire any information about our parish, our diocese, or the Orthodox Church and Faith, please contact Fr. John Memorich. Check us out online or visit our Facebook Page which is updated regularly!



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Antipascha – 2nd Sunday of Pascha. Tone 1
St. Thomas Sunday

EPISTLE READING
Acts. 5:12-20

GOSPEL LESSON
John 20:19-31

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 27

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - LiveStream
Sunday School
Board of Trustees – Oath
Parastas – 40 day – Joseph Sekerak

Tuesday, April 29 Day of Rejoicing (Radonitsa)

10:00 am Divine Liturgy @ Holy Assumption/Canton
Deanery Meeting

Wednesday, April 30 Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian

Thursday, May 1 Prophet Jeremiah

Friday, May 2 St. Athanasius the Great

6:00 pm HALOS - Hot Wheels Event

Saturday, May 3 Ven. Theodosius of the Kiev Caves

5:00 pm Great Vespers/Confession

Sunday, May 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Church School – Choir Practice
Parastas – Carol Milla

PROSPHORA BAKING

Monday, May 5 – 10 AM

Join us!

Homemade Pizza lunch to follow!



Our APRIL COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR

Thank you to the Junior 'R' Club

MAY COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR

HALOS

PRAYERS, CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS and FLOWERS

FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Protinica Ana Stepanov (Health) by John & Laurie Cook

Steve & Lynsay Gaydos (10 yr Wedding Anniv)

.....by Dad, Mom & Family

Dave Rigby (Birthday) by Sue Rigby

FOR THE REPOSE AND BLESSED MEMORY OF:

Erma Kalinich (Newly Departed; 7-d) by Linda Kovach

Annette Lapso (Departed; 7-d) by Dennis Lapso

Sally Meklus (Departed; 7-d) by The Meklus Family

Carol Milla (Newly Departed; 7-d) by The Arkutik Family

Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed/40th day; 7-d)

..... by Helen Sekerak, Natalie Boyd & Lisa Lyon

The **Altar Table Candles** are given in memory of **Don Rowe** by
The Rolin Family.

The **Highplace Candles** are given in memory of **Victor Malash**
by the Rolin Family.

Sunday, April 27 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Kai Tesar, Jacob Kormos, John Kormos, Danny Reilly,
Augustin Mindala, Joseph Deyling, Mathias Hoffman, Lance Louie

Reader: Pat Hanchuk

Sunday, May 4 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: David Visocky, Connor Noll, Nicholas Gaydos, Joshua
Gaydos, Thomas Visocky, Charlie Herzak, MJ Herzak, Xavier Visocky.

Reader: Nick Rolin

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Being installed at the end of today's Liturgy:

John Mindala II, Vice President ; Sandy Turk, Fin. Secretary;
Veronica Kormos, Asst. Rec. Secretary; Sharon Glagola, Asst.
Treasurer; Marge Dzmura, Trustee; Judi Wienclaw, Auditor;
Stephen Ramsay, Auditor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, May 11 – Mother's Day Event
- Mon-Weds – May 12-14 – Clergy Convocation/Chicago
- Fri, May 16 – Book Club
- Sat, May 17 – EOWG Pan-Orthodox Lunch
- Mon, May 19 – IOCC Annual Banquet
- Sun, May 25 – Flag Ceremony
- Thurs, May 29 – Ascension

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

The Orthodox Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.



RADONITSA – DAY OF REJOICING – Tuesday, April 29

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:1-10 and St. John 3:16-21

In the Church's liturgical calendar, on the first Tuesday following Bright Week, we celebrate the feast which has come to be called, "The Day of Rejoicing" (in Russian, "Radonitsa").

With all of our Paschal celebrations focusing upon the Resurrection of Christ, this day marks the first day that we, in that same Paschal joy, remember all of our departed loved ones who have gone before us in the hope of this Resurrection to eternal life.

We call this day the "Day of Rejoicing" because we are reminded of Christ's triumphal descent into Hades; bringing with Him the joyful proclamation of His victory over death, along with the Cross which acts as a "key" to unlock the Gates of Hell - freeing us from the captivity of sin and death. XB!

Fr. John

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who worked, volunteered, and labored to make Holy Week and our Lord's Pascha such a wonderful experience.

To all who helped clean and polish, sign and serve, who participated and organized our processions – and all who participated – **YOU** made this year's celebration so wonderful, meaningful, and joyful! Thank you!

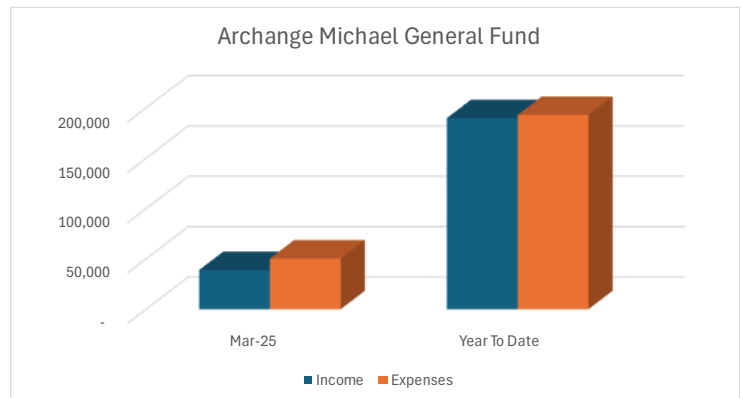
Fr. John

St. James Prayer List – April / May

"The prayer of the righteous has great power in its effects"
(St. James 5:1)

*For the complete St. James Prayer List,
please see the most recent issue of the Archangel.*

Month End March 2025 – YTD



Collected	\$38,932
Required for Expenses Paid	\$50,400
Surplus/(Short)	(\$11,469)

CHARITY RAFFLE /

BENEFITING ST. THEODOSIUS FIRE RESTORATION

Next drawing will be Sunday, May 4th.

Winner for April was Sharon Glagola – Congratulations!

THANK YOU!!!

Sincere thanks to the entire parish family for the outpouring of love, prayers and support following the passing of our beloved husband and father, Joseph Sekerak. We are so grateful that you helped us honor his faith, life, and legacy.

With Love in Christ,
Helen Sekera, Natalie Boyd, and Lisa Lyon

PASKA BAKERS - THANK YOU!!!

A sincere thank you to all those who came to help make Paska last week. We made over 140 loaves and could not have done it without your help. Special thanks to Nancy Jackson, Fran Foster and Liz Herberth who came early both afternoons to make the dough. We had a total of 20 workers including one man dedicate one or two evenings to this task. The dedication you have for our church is immeasurable.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Sharon Glagola and Donna Tesar

IOCC CLEVELAND – 33rd ANNUAL BANQUET

Monday, May 19, 2025 @ Woodside Event Center

Doors Open 6 pm / Dinner 7 pm

Tickets - \$70 / RSVP by Friday, May 5

Contact: Paula Herzak – 216-469-2672

MOTHER'S DAY – BRUNCH WITH MOM

The banquet will take place at Woodside Event Center on Sunday, May 11th.

Cost: Adults - \$25;

Children - \$15 - ages 5 - 11

FREE – 4 and under

Please contact Mary Jane Lucak (440-237-6284) or Jennifer Pishko (248-320-1138) with any questions. Tickets are available for sale in the church basement. **Deadline is - Sunday, May 4th.**

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS – 2025

Thank you to those who have sponsored a coffee hour!

May – HALOS

June – 55+ Club

July – Senior 'R' Club

August – Junior 'R' Club

September – Samaritans

October – HALOS

November – Sunday School

December – BOT (Board of Trustees)

ST. VLADIMIR'S SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP for 2025 is right around the corner!

- Session 1 – June 29 – July 5 - Ages 8-12
- Session 2 - July 6 - 12 – FOCA "Sports Week" - Ages 10-17
- Session 3 – July 13 – 19 - Ages 13-17

Contact Ptdn. Dan or Mat. Catrina Kovalak (Camp Directors) with any questions – stvladimirscampohio@gmail.com; or you can also visit www.stvladimirscampohio.com for more information!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

In conjunction with Father's Day, June 15, we will be honoring all of those graduating from High School, College, and Trade Schools. **PLEASE** submit your name to the church office, along with a picture, where you are graduating from, and the degree/certification you have attained. Thank you!

GREETERS MINISTRY

Although we do a very good job of welcoming guests into our church, we are looking to expand this parish ministry by adding more volunteers, especially families. This would not simply be opening the door and welcoming, but also taking the time to introduce yourself to our guests, offering to sit with them, help them follow along in our service books, and

escorting them to Coffee Hour and help introduce them to others in the parish.

If you would like to participate, please contact Ryun Louie as he will be heading up this ministry.



CALENDAR

- May 11 – Mother's Day
- May 18 – Samaritan Woman / End of the School Year / Ice Cream Truck

Please join our **GroupMe Chat** and check out our Amazon Supplies List, as well! <https://bit.ly/AMOCSSGroupMe>



Hot Wheels & RC Thrills!

Friday, May 2nd | 6–8 PM | AMOC Gym



Calling all kids (and grown-up kids at heart)! Join us for an action-packed night of *Hot wheels and Remote Control Car fun!*

We'll have:

- Epic Hot Wheels tracks
- Remote control car races
- Friendly competitions
- Prizes, pizza, snacks, and tons of high-speed excitement!

Bring your own favorite Hot Wheels and RC cars, or use some of ours! Whether you're a seasoned racer or just love cool cars, this night is built for FUN.

Let's roll into an unforgettable night of *Hot Wheels & RC Thrills*! Contact Sarah Mindala 330-592-7153 to rsvp or on the GroupMe app.

Also, we will zoom into action, packing bag lunches for St Herman's homeless shelter! Stay tuned up for a signup genius list of items we need for the bagged lunches!

OUTREACH – COOKING & SERVING MEALS

We will be cooking and serving dinner at St Herman's the 3rd Monday of every month. If you can donate a few hours each month to cook and/or serve dinner for the men at St. Herman's, please contact Kathy Kovalak, 440-842-6639.

Also we will be starting a list of people willing to cook a meal or 2 for one of our parishioners who might be ill, in hospital, wonderful it would be to help each other. Please contact **Kathy Kovalak** at 440-842-6639 if you are interested.

CANDLES & PRAYERS

Have your loved one(s) remembered or prayed for during the Liturgy by requesting Candles & Prayers. Each request includes a listing in the bulletin, the name read during the service and the specific candle you would like. A \$3 candle burns during the service; a \$15 Seven-Day candle burns all week. There are specialty candles as well (i.e., Tetrapod Candles, High Place, Altar Table, etc.). Prices for those range from \$20-\$30. Call or email the church office to submit your request – or leave it in the collection basket, or at the candle desk. Call the church office with any questions!

Health & Well-Being

Health * Birthdays * Anniversaries * Name Day * Traveling

Repose & Blessed Memory

Newly Departed * Death Anniversary * Birthday of the Departed

Happy Birthday to those celebrating this week



April

Elias Hoffman	27	Jeff Schlekier	28
David Rigby	27	Elena Hornik	30
Joshua Blum	28	Stephen Mehalik	30

May

Paula Allen	1	John Mindala	3
Jessica Hudeck	2	Dennis Schlekier	3

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this week



April

Peter & Tammy Ubbelohde	29	Chad & Kari Quistad	29
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May

Mike & Tanya Niezgoda	1
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May God grant you many years!!

GRANDFATHER CLOCK –

Looking for a good home!

The grandfather clock in the basement is looking for a new home. This clock (with original paperwork) is available to a good home with a financial donation to the church and the lucky donor will be responsible for moving the clock. Please see Darlene Dimitrijevs or Fr John if you are interested.



St. Kyranna Young Adult Cooking Class



Who: All Ages 21 – 35(ish)

What: Prayer, Cooking, Fellowship, & Fun

When: One Saturday Evening Every Other Month*
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Sts. Constantine & Helen, Cleveland Heights

Why: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Dent 8:3; Matt 4:4).

How: RSVP to tchermas@stsconstantine.com

*Dates subject to change

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April - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ven. Mary of Egypt	2 6pm-PreSanctified Liturgy w/Meal (Board of Trustees)	3	4 6pm-Akathist 6:30pm-HALOS / Gym	5 5pm – Vespers/Confession
St. Mary of Egypt 6 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School 5pm- Deanery Mission – Holy Unction @ St. Nicholas/Mogadore	7 St. Tikhon 6:30pm-Deanery Mission – Presanctified @ St. Andrew OC	8	9 9:30am-Molieben / Samaritans 6pm-PreSanctified Liturgy w/Meal (55+ Club)	10 6pm-Woodside Bd Mtg	11 7pm/Akathist	Lazarus Saturday 12 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 10:30am-Church Cleaning 3pm-Confession Class 5pm –Vespers / Confession
Palm Sunday 13 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Blessing of Palms / Willows	Holy Monday 14 9:30am-Presanctified Liturgy	Holy Tuesday 15 9:30am-Presanctified Liturgy	Holy Wednesday 16 9:30am-Presanctified Liturgy 7pm-Anointing Service	Holy Thursday 17 9:30am-Vespereal Liturgy 7pm-Matins/Passion Gospels	Holy Friday 18 3pm-Great Vespers / Shroud 7pm-Matins / Procession	Holy Saturday 19 9:30am-Vespereal Liturgy 10:30pm -Nocturns / Matins/ Pascal Divine Liturgy / Blessing Baskets / Agape Feast
PASCHA 20 12pm-Agape Vespers Easter Egg Hunt	21 Bright Week – Fast Free 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 5pm/Dinner/Serve at St. Herman's	22 Fast Free 11am-55+ Club	St. George 23 Fast Free	24 Fast Free	Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark 25 Fast Free 6pm- Bright Friday Gathering @ Foster's in Hinckley	26 Fast Free 5pm – Vespers/Confession
St. Thomas Sunday 27 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School	28	Radonitsa 29 Day of Rejoicing 10am-Divine Liturgy @ Holy Assumption / Canton Deanery Meeting	Holy Apostle James 30			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Prophet Jeremiah 1	2 6 pm – HALOS – Hot Wheels Event	3 5pm –Vespers/Confession
Holy Myrrhbearing Women 4 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Parastas – Carol Milla	Gr. Martyr Irene 5 10am-Prosphora Baking	Righteous Job 6	St. Alexis Toth 7	Holy Apostle John The Theologian 8	St. Christopher of Lycia 9	Apostle Simeon 10 5pm –Vespers/Confession
Paralytic 11 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Mother's Day Brunch	12 CLERGY	13 CONVOCAION	14 CHICAGO 9:30am – Molieben / Samaritans	15	16 7pm-Book Club – Church Basement	17 5pm –Vespers/Confession
Samaritan Woman 18 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School (Last day) Ice Cream Social Parastas – Harley/Tesar	19 5pm-Dinner/Serve at St. Herman's 6PM-IOCC Banquet @ Woodside	20 11am – 55 + Club	St. Constantine & St. Helen 21 7pm-BOT Meeting via ZOOM	22	23	24 5pm –Vespers/Confession
Blind Man 25 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Flag Ceremony	26 Memorial Day	27	28	Ascension 29 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	St. Emilia 30	31 5pm –Vespers/Confession



Christ Is Risen!

Yours in Christ, April 20, 2025
Protocol 04/001

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, beloved children in the Lord,

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!

“This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore.”

So we sang at Matins, at the eighth ode of the Paschal canon. St. John of Damascus, the author of that canon, calls today “the feast of feasts,” and as we celebrate this feast of feasts, this first and greatest of feasts, we might ask a seemingly simple question: what are feasts, and why do we celebrate them? This question seems particularly appropriate as the world around us grows ever more chaotic and complex. In the midst of all the change and busy-ness, how can we spare the time just to celebrate and do nothing of use?

Many of us are familiar with the Russian festal greeting, *s prazdnikom*. The key word here is *prazdnik*, the Russian word for feast or holiday, which derives in turn from the adjective *prazdny*, meaning “empty,” and hence “idle.” But this emptiness, or idleness, is not merely an expression of absence. The feast has positive content, but this content is not man-made: it is something made by God, something that our inaction allows us encounter and appreciate. Feasts are days on which we remain idle so that God can act; they are days that we empty of our own works so that we can fill them with the remembrance of the things of God: his deeds, his presence, his glory.

After all, as the Lord says, the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath (Mk. 2:27). We abused our freewill, sinned, and lost the continual enjoyment of God, instead being cursed to eat by the sweat of our brow (Gen. 3:19). But God, in his mercy, has given us the feast day, a day on which we are able to return to our Edenic state. We set aside the labor that is the result of our sin and, for a day at least, devote ourselves to true rest, to the one thing needful: worship in spirit and truth, whose hour is coming and now is (Lk. 10:42, Jn. 4:23). As we sang at the canon, the feast is the day on which we bless Christ forevermore.

The feast day, in this way, becomes an icon of the deified person, filled with the divine energies—God's activity, rather than his own. The saints empty their hearts, their lives, their being, of everything worldly and passionate so that God can dwell there as his holy temple. The feast is also thus an icon of the life to come, in which the elect will no longer know toil or care, but only the never-ending banquet of the kingdom, the ceaseless heavenly worship of the one God in Trinity.

Thus, on this first of sabbaths, I pray that we might all set aside our Lenten labors and rejoice in the day which the Lord has made, Bright Sunday, his great and holy Pascha (Ps. 117:24). Following in the footsteps of our self-emptying Master, we worked for six weeks to cleanse our hearts and lives of everything unbefitting, not so that we could be empty, but so we could be filled, according to own measure and capacity, with the grace that Christ brings into the world through his life-creating Resurrection. Christ rested after his six days of labor, and now after our six weeks of Lenten work, he calls us to enter into his rest, to find our peace in him and the great salvation that he has wrought for us upon the Wood.

Christ is risen, the Peace of God, the divine Peace himself, and so, in the midst of a busy and whirling world, we find everlasting peace on his feast of feasts. May the grace, peace, and joy of his Resurrection abide with all of you, always, now and throughout the ages to come. Greeting you with festal cheer and Paschal rejoicing, and assuring you of my primatial prayers and blessing, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

**ARCHPASTORAL GREETINGS OF
THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST
ON THE BRIGHT AND JOYOUS FEAST OF PASCHA – 20 APRIL 2025**
Beloved Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful
of the God-protected Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest:

✠ **CHRIST IS RISEN!** ✠

Before the dawn Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: “Why do you seek among the dead as a Man the One Who is everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: “The Lord is risen! He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!” -Paschal Hours

“You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!” (Mark 16:6). With these words, the heavensent messenger, robed in light, addressed the Holy Myrrhbearing Women who, on that first day of the week, came looking for the tomb of Jesus. In spite of the possibility of great personal harm, their love for the Lord compelled them to come to the tomb to honor His body with a proper Jewish burial. Their deep sorrow was overpowered by their love and care for their Master. On this same “first day of the week,” we, too, come seeking the Lord and likewise hear and rejoice in those very words: “He is risen; He is not here.”

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that Jesus is not an historic figure from the past, a person whose life and deeds are to be remembered in history books. Yes, He performed wondrous works and healed the sick and suffering and raised the dead. He was betrayed by a friend, brutally beaten and crucified. He died on a cross and was buried in a borrowed tomb. But that is where mere historical facts come to an end. The tomb could not contain Him. He is risen and the tomb is empty! We believe and confess that He lives, is present among us, and walks before us and beside us as one who is alive, as one who calls us to follow Him on the path of eternal life.

Christ is risen! At Pascha we rejoice because Christ did not remain in the tomb, his body did not see corruption (How could the Author of Life be subject to corruption?) Christ belongs to the world of the living, not to the world of the dead; we rejoice because he is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Source and the Fulfillment of all life. He lives not only yesterday, but is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Christ is risen! But somehow this great reality and wondrous mystery of Christ’s Resurrection is situated so far outside our own human experience that, looking inwardly, we find ourselves discussing the same question asked by the disciples coming down from Mount Tabor: What exactly does this “rising from the dead” mean? What does it mean for us? What does it mean for all human history? In attempting to answer this line of questioning, we must begin by admitting that Christ’s Resurrection is something more, something different. It is a leap into a completely new order which concerns not only ourselves personally, but the whole of human history.

Christ is risen! Because of His love for us, Jesus could allow himself to die upon a cross. We must recognize, however, that by doing so he broke the seeming finality of death, because in Him the eternal finality of life was present. His death on the cross formed a new reality with life, in such a way that life is the definitive reality.

Christ is risen! In the Gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples “I live, and you will also live (John 14:19). We will live because of our union with the Risen Lord, our Savior. We live and will continue to live through having been united to the One who is life itself. Eternal life and blessed immortality is a gift to us that is ours through our relationship with Christ, the Conqueror of Death. Eternal life comes to us because we have been loved by Him who is Life. He loves us so much that He died on the cross and rose from the dead for us and for our salvation.

Christ is risen! Thus, we can sing full of joy, together with the Church, in the words of the Paschal Troparion:

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life... And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!”

I extend my joyous best wishes to you all, asking the Risen Lord to bless you, your families, friends, and all your loved ones with His continuing, life-giving presence in your lives.

With love in the Risen Lord,

+DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest