

PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

St. Nicholas and St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Parishes

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat.	Apr	12	Saturday of Lazarus	3:30 pm	Rosary
				4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun.	Apr	13	PALM SUNDAY	9:45 am	Divine Liturgy (SB)
				11:10 am	Moleben
				11:30 am	Divine Liturgy (SN) for the Parishioners
				4:00 pm	<u>Great Vespers (St. Michael, Flushing)</u>
Mon.	Apr	14	HOLY MONDAY	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (SB)
Tue.	Apr	15	HOLY TUESDAY		
Wed.	Apr	16	HOLY WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Healing Service (SN)
Thurs.	Apr	17	HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Great Vespers with St. Basil Liturgy (SB)
				7:00 pm	Matins of The Twelve Passion Gospels (SN)
Fri.	Apr	18	HOLY FRIDAY	4:00 pm	Great Vespers and The Procession with Burial Shroud (SB)
				7:00 pm	Great Vespers and The Procession with Burial Shroud (SN) Jerusalem Matins (SN)
Sat.	Apr	19	HOLY SATURDAY	4:00 pm	Great Vespers with St. Basil Liturgy, Blessing of food (SB) "At the tomb" office (SB)
Sun.	Apr	20	RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – PASCHA	8:30 am	Resurrection Matins (SB)
				10:00 am	Divine Liturgy, Myrovanie, Blessing of food (SB)
				10:00 am	Resurrection Matins (SN)
				11:30 am	Divine Liturgy, Myrovanie, Blessing of food (SN)
				6:00 pm	Great Vespers with The Holy Gospel (SN)

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(Jn 12:1-18)

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner there for him. Martha served the meal, and Lazarus was among those at table with him.

Mary brought in a pint of very costly ointment, made from pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and dried them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, the one who was about to betray him, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii[b] and the money given to the poor?" He said this not because he had any concern for the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money bag, and he used to steal from it.

Jesus said in response, "Leave her alone! Let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me."

Meanwhile, a large number of Jews learned that he was there, and they came not only because of Jesus but also because they wanted to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. The chief priests then decided to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was because of him that many of the Jews were leaving and putting their faith in Jesus.

The next day the great crowd of people who had come for the feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Thus, they went out to meet him, carrying branches of palm and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel." Jesus found a young donkey and rode it, as it is written, "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Behold, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."

At first, his disciples did not understand this, but later, when Jesus had been glorified, they recalled that these things had been written about him and had happened to him.

Now the people who had been present when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify about this. Because the crowd had heard that he had performed this sign, they went out to meet him.

St. Nicholas Parish Weekly Collections 4/6/2025
"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"

Offertory	\$ 1412.00	Candles	\$ 20.00
Holy Days	\$ 425.00	E-donations	\$ 181.81
Others	\$ 00.00		

Total: \$ 2,038.81

We thank You for Your big generosity!

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Confessions: Before each Divine Liturgy in the sacristy or by appointment

Baptisms: Arrange six weeks in advance

Weddings: Arrange six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a member of the parish

Communion: Monthly for sick and shut-ins. Call the church for scheduling

Rejoice at His Coming!

Let us say to Christ: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.* Let us hold before Him like palm branches those final words inscribed above the cross. Let us show Him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under His feet like garments, so that entering us with the whole of his being, He may draw the whole of our being into Himself and place the whole of His in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: *Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.* He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; He is coming to achieve in you His work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid, then: *God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.*

Receive Him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on His own hands that He sketched you. Receive

Him who laid your foundations on the palms of His hands. Receive Him, for He took upon Himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is His. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. *Celebrate your feasts.* Glorify Him for His mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly; daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. *Be enlightened, be enlightened,* we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.

And what is this *glory of the Lord*? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, He, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as He said when He faced His passion: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once.* The glory of which He speaks here is His lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is His cross and His exaltation upon it, as He plainly says: *When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.*

St. Andrew of Crete



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вѣки!

Announcements for Sunday, April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday

Paska and Nut Roll orders for Easter: Please be sure to sign up this weekend if you would like to order any paska (Easter bread) or nut rolls for this Easter. There is a sign up sheet posted on the stand just outside Father's office. Paska loaves are \$10/each and Nut Rolls are \$18/each, and can be picked up next weekend. If you have any questions, please see Sharon May or Joanne Mozuras.

Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser: Our Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser will wrap up this coming Friday, April 18th. Because it will be Good Friday, our menu will feature items that comply with the strict fast guidelines for Good Friday (no meat, eggs, or dairy products). As always, the Fish Fry will run from **5:00-6:45pm in the Church Hall**. Please come for a nice meal and support your church at the same time, and then stay for the Good Friday Burial Vespers service at 7:00pm! The Fish Fry is co-sponsored by the Greek Catholic Union (GCU), and all profits are matched by the GCU for double the benefit for our parish. Straight monetary donations can also be accepted- please see George Nagrant.

You're Invited-- Stational Vespers today at 4:00pm at St. Michael Parish in Flushing. The priests of our Deanery (the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate) invite you to travel with them to Flushing today for the last in the rotation of Lenten Sunday Vespers services. As you have heard, every Sunday during Lent this Vespers service was being held at a different parish within the deanery, where a different priest would serve and preach a brief sermon, and then the hosting parish would provide a simple meatless Lenten meal after the service. All deanery parishioners are encouraged to participate.

ECF Easter Party / Egg Hunt: On St. Thomas Sunday, April 27th, we will have our ECF Easter Party and Egg Hunt, immediately following the 11:30am Divine Liturgy. For planning purposes, we request that you please sign up on the sheet posted by Father's office, if you plan on bringing a child (or children) for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 3rd-- Great Lakes Deanery Jubilee Celebration, with Bishop Robert. Please plan on coming to St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, May 3rd, for a special Deanery event. Fliers will be posted shortly with more details, but the day will feature several activities focused on topics affecting our younger generations of parishioners; plus of course, the continued celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There will also be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Robert.

Friendly Spiritual Reminder! Per our last adult enrichment session several few weeks ago, pertaining to our Jubilee Year and especially about confession, please remember: **IF YOUR LAST PERSONAL CONFESSION WITH A PRIEST WAS MORE THAN ONE YEAR AGO, PLEASE DO NOT GO TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION! Do your confession, and then receive the Holy Communion!**

Donations for Abigel—We will continue to collect donations to help pay for the unplanned surgery needed by young Abigel Egressy, the daughter of Fr. Marton and Pani Natalia Egressy who visited our parish a couple of weeks ago. If you would like to contribute something, please place it in the yellow box located across from the cantor stand. We will collect through Easter, or until we receive word that the entire amount has been raised. Thank you again for your warmth and kindness toward Fr. Marton, Natalia, and their two children, and may God bless you for your generosity!!!

Final Reminder: Contribution Statements for your 2024 donations are available in the vestibule. Please pick yours up at your convenience. We thank you for your generous donations of time, talent, and treasure to St. Nicholas Church!

Non-perishable Food Collection: To assist those in need within our own community, including anyone from our parish that may be in need of assistance, we are accepting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods. Please place any donations in, on, or next to the black plastic bin that is located in the vestibule. Thank you!

Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal 2024-25 (Parish Goal: \$7,950; Status as of 03/03/25: \$3,667.88): This year's Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Mission and Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals, and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support for our Retired and Active Priests. Please visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> for more information and to make secure, one-time or monthly donations through the website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign. The overall Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$320,000. Thank you for your generosity!!!

From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:

Spring Pre-Cana Program (marriage preparation): "There is still space available for our Spring Pre-Cana that will take place May 3rd and 4th, at St. John Parish in Solon, OH! Please visit <https://taborlife.org/> for more information.

Worship and Walk with Our Bishops! Register for Assembly 2025 (July 16-20, 2025): The 4th Byzantine Assembly will take place July 16-20, 2025, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, in Whiting, IN, under the name and calling, "Come let us worship and bow before Christ." The highlights of this year's assembly include:

- Interview with Metropolitan William: Discover his journey growing up Byzantine Catholic on the Iron Range in Northern Minnesota.
- Interview with Bishop Kurt: During clergy days, Bishop Kurt will share his experiences growing up in a mission parish and discuss valuable lessons from the missionary parish experience.
- Roundtable with Bishop Robert: Engage in a roundtable discussion with young adults of our Metropolia, exploring their experiences as Byzantine Catholics in an increasingly post-Christian world, along with their hopes and dreams for the Metropolia.
- Interview with Bishop Artur: Learn about his experiences growing up during persecutions in the former Soviet Union and the lessons we can apply today.

Don't miss this opportunity to worship and walk with our bishops. Register now for Assembly 2025! Visit byzantineassembly.org to register and plan your trip, or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in! We look forward to worshipping and learning with you. May God bless you and all your loved ones! See you in July!