

ened by the approaching Resurrection. This anticipation of Christ's victory is already evident in the Liturgy.

### Paschal Troparion

**Christ:** The anointed one, the messiah, Jesus of Nazareth born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary Who dies and was raised from the dead by His Father in heaven.

**Is Risen:** In the present tense, not in the past tense. It still transforms the cosmos. It is not some past event we are merely remembering, but an event that is as real today as it was on that original Resurrection Day.

**From the dead:** Christ did not pretend to be dead, but actually died for us on the Cross and descended into the abyss. This reality is expressed by the prayer said when incensing around the holy table at the beginning of a service: When the Body was in the tomb and the soul in the abyss, You were at the same time, Christ our God, upon Your Throne with the Father and the Holy Spirit. God the Father raised our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ from death.

**Trampling down Death by death:** Death, which held sway over the world since the sin of Adam and Eve, is destroyed by our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ Who embraced death and overcame it. The doors of the abyss are trampled into the form of a Cross on our icons of His descent into the abyss. This is also symbolized by the action of the priest at the Pascha Vigil when he removes the Holy Shroud (Plashchenitsya) from the tomb and carries it through the Holy Doors, pushing the doors open with his foot.

### Spiritual Bouquet for Mother's Day, May 12, 2024

*St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral, 2101 Quail Street, Lakewood, OH 44107*

*Fr. Dennis:*

*Please remember during the Divine Liturgy on Mother's Day, the special intention of my mother[s]:*

*Mother's Name[s]:*



# The Wonderworker

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*Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.*

## May, 2024

**Christ is Risen!**

**Khristos Voskres!**

**Христос Воскрес!**

**Al Maseeh Qam!**

**Christos Anesti!**

**Indeed, He is Risen!**

**Voistinu Voskres!**

**Воістину Воскрес!**

**Hakan Qam!**

**Alithos Anesti**

## **Schedule of Services**

**(April 28—June 2, 2024)**

### Sunday, April 28

**Flowery (Willow) Sunday, the Entrance of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem**

10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Willow Branches  
The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth  
Holy Anointing Мирваніє

### Thursday, May 2

**Holy and Great Thursday of Passion Week**

9:00 a.m.—Great Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at St Vladimir Cathedral, 5913 State Road in Parma, Archbishop Daniel will be the Main Celebrant

7:00 p.m. - Passion Matins with the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospel Accounts Страсти

### Friday, May 3

**Holy and Great Friday of Passion Week**

7:45 p.m. - Burial Vespers Procession with the Holy Shroud  
Плащаниця

### Saturday, May 4

**Holy and Great Saturday of Passion Week**

10:00 a.m. - Great Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Changing of the Altar Covers from burgundy to white  
9:00 p.m. - Nocturnes - Removal of the Shroud  
Cross Procession  
Resurrection Matins *Воскресна Утренняя*  
Blessing of Paschal Foods

### Great Day, May 5

**Holy Pascha, Great Day, the Feast of Feasts, Holy Day of Holy Days, the Third-Day Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ from the Tomb**

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth  
Blessing of the Artos  
Blessing of Paschal Foods

### Sunday, May 12

**The Second Sunday of Pascha, Anti-Pascha, the Eighth Day, Sunday of St. Thomas; Our Holy Fathers-Among-the-Saints, Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus and Germanos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Civil Mothers Day**

10:00 a.m. - Final Blessing and Cutting of the Artos  
Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

### Sunday, May 19

**The Third Sunday of Pascha, Commemoration of the Holy Ointment-Bearing Women, Joseph of Arimathea, & the Righteous Nicodemus, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Holy Bishop-Martyr Patrick of Prussa, and His Companions; Blessed Grand Prince Dimitri Donskoy (1389)**

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

### Sunday, May 26

**The Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Sunday of the Paralyzed Man Resurrectional Tone 3; The Holy Apostles Karpus and Alphaeus of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.); St. Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England (ca. 605)**

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

### Sunday, June 2

**The Fifth Sunday of Pascha, Samaritan Woman Sunday, Resurrectional Tone 4; the Fifth Day of the Midfeast; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Nicephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (828); Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Alexander, Archbishop of Constantinople**

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

**May Milestones - Birthdays:** 19, Amelia Kristof; 24, Joshua Walsh; 27, Mitchell Anderson & 30, Eric Anderson. **Anniversaries:** 9, Craig & Shelly Hejnal; 17, Lillian & James Valli; 26, Ilarion & Rita Julia; 27, Joshua & Natalie Largent Walsh & 30, Maria & Michael Dormer. May our Good God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

**PASSION WEEK**—The last week before Pascha is devoted to the commemoration of the last days of the mortal life of the Savior, His suffering, death and burial and is why it is called *Passion Week*. It is also

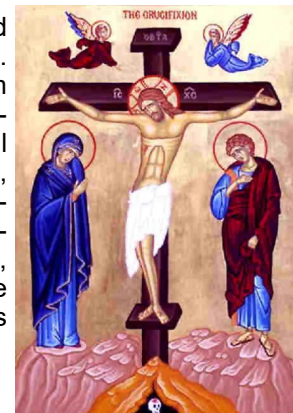
called *Great* because of the significance and greatness of the events that occurred in it. "During this week", as St. John Chrysostom teaches, "the ancient tyranny of the devil is destroyed, death is trampled down, the powerful are in bonds and their weapons are destroyed, sin is expiated, the curse and opening to paradise is removed, heaven has ceased to be inaccessible, people came closer to the angels, the walls of division are broken down, the boundaries are seized. The God of peace has reconciled the heavenly and the terrestrial".

Everything that is described or predicted not only in the Old Testament, but also in the New Testament is represented or related to the last days and hours of the mortal life of the God Incarnate, - all this the Holy Church reduces to one living and majestic image which gradually unfolds before us in the Divine services of Passion Week.



On Great Friday we commemorate the holy and saving sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who for our sake willingly endured spitting, beatings, buffeting, malice, mockery, piercing with nails and spear, and, finally, death on the Cross. In the early Church this day was called "Pascha of the Cross," for it is indeed the beginning of that Passover or Passage whose whole meaning will be gradually revealed to us, first, in the wonderful quiet of the Great and Blessed Sabbath, and then, in the joy of the Resurrection day.

IOCC CLEVELAND  
*32nd Annual Banquet*  
Monday, June 3, 2024  
Doors 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm  
Woodside Event Center  
at St. Michael's  
5025 E. Mill Rd.  
Broadview Heights, OH 44147  
*Learn how your support is helping families in places like Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and right here in the US.*  
Tickets: \$70  
RSVP by Friday, May 20  
[iocc.org/cleveland](http://iocc.org/cleveland)  
Or mail checks for IOCC to Julie Hall,  
PO Box 560185, Macedonia, OH 44056



On Great and Holy Saturday at the Divine Liturgy we begin to anticipate the resurrection victory of Christ our God and particularly see this as a fulfilment of the great promise of redemption in the Law and the Prophets. During the Song of the Three Holy Children the Temple and the Vestments are all changed from purple to white/gold to signify this change.

Great Saturday is dedicated to the memory of Our Savior's entombment and to His descent into the abyss (Hades) to save the souls of the just and to open for them the gates of heaven. This, too, is a day of mourning. It is numbered among the fast days, although originally no Saturday was kept as a fast. But the sadness of the day is already light-