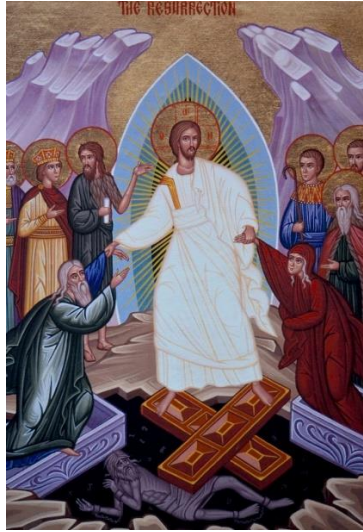


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The HOLY PASCHA

*The Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ*

Saturday, April 23

11:30 pm Nocturnes

Removal of the Shroud from the Grave

Sunday, April 24

12:00 Midnight

Resurrection Matins

Divine Liturgy of Saint Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

11:00 am

Agape Vespers of Holy Pascha - Paschal Procession

Gospel: John 20:19-

Bright Week

BRIGHT MONDAY

Monday, April 25

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

BRIGHT TUESDAY

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA-Tone 1 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

Saturday, April 30

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 1

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Breaking of the Artos

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

**40th Day Panakhida for the repose of the soul of
Reader William Paluch**

HOLY PASCHA – FEAST OF FEASTS

Before midnight (11:30 pm) on Saturday evening, the Canon of Holy Saturday Matins are repeated and the Shroud is lifted out of the tomb as we sing:

Do not lament Me, O Mother, seeing Me in the Tomb, the Son conceived in the womb without seed. FOR I SHALL ARISE AND BE GLORIFIED WITH ETERNAL GLORY AS GOD. I shall exalt all who magnify you in faith and in love”...

ushering the stroke of midnight.

.The Matins of the Resurrection begins in complete darkness. The priest takes the light from the vigil light, (at St. Elia this light is from the Holy Fire in Jerusalem-1917), and gives it to the faithful who are holding candles. The priest chants:

“Come ye and receive the light from the unwaning light and glorify Christ, Who is risen from the dead.”

All the people join together singing the hymn again and again: ***“Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the angels in heaven sing. Enable us on earth to glorify Thee in purity of heart.”***

From this moment, every Christian holds the paschal candle as a symbol of his vivid, deep faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as Savior. The priest leads the faithful outside circling the Temple three times and coming before the doors the Gospel is proclaimed:

“He is Risen; He is not here.” (Mark 16:1-8)

Then comes the breathless moment as the faithful wait for the priest to start the hymn of the Resurrection, which they join in singing repeatedly: ***“Christ is Risen***

from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

From this moment the entire service takes on a joyous Paschal atmosphere. The hymns of the Odes and Praises of Resurrection which follow are of superb meaning and expression as we confess: ***“This is the Day of Resurrection, let us be illumined by the Feast, let us embrace each other and let us call brothers even those that hate us; and forgive all by the resurrection, and so let us cry, Christ is risen from the dead!***

By this hymn we admit that love of one’s fellowman is the solid foundation of the faith in the Resurrection of Christ.

As part of this marvelous festival the sermon of St. John Chrysostom is read, which calls upon us to:

“Take part in this fair and radiant festival. Let no one be fearful of death, for the death of the Savior has set us free... O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen and Thou art overthrown. To Him be glory and power from all ages to all ages.”

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is then celebrated.

Later on Sunday, the faithful gather once more for Agape Vespers. The Gospel according to St. John (20:19-25) is read in various languages, proclaiming the Good News of Resurrection all over the universe to all peoples. The fruit of faith in the Resurrection of the Lord is love in His Name; therefore, this day is called

“Sunday of Agape” (love feast), a day dedicated to Christian principles, especially to forgiveness and charity.

BLESSING OF THE ARTOS

Following the Midnight Service of Pascha, the **ARTOS** will be blessed. The Artos is a Paschal Bread and bears on it the Icon of the Resurrection. In the Old Covenant the Jews commemorated the Passover from bondage in Egypt by sacrificing a Passover Lamb.

Christ is our Passover Who has freed us from the bondage of sin and death. The Artos is offered and blessed on Holy Pascha and symbolizes the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Eternal Life – our Lord Jesus Christ. We will break the Bread and partake of it on the eighth day of Pascha, St. Thomas Sunday.

PASCHAL BASKET BLESSING

Following the Midnight Service of Pascha, the Paschal Baskets will be blessed in the Church Hall. Children are encouraged to bring their baskets for blessing.

RED EGGS

Please ring a half-dozen of Red Eggs to the midnight Service of Pascha. Bring them to the Church Office and Father Don will bless them and distribute them to everyone in church at the end of the Liturgy.

RED EGGS symbolize the New Life in the Risen Christ granted to us through His Precious Blood shed on the Cross. As Father presents each one of us with a

red egg, he will greet us with “*Christ is Risen*” and we respond “*Indeed, He is Risen*”

FLOWER DONATIONS

Please make your donations at the Candle Desk for the flowers and decorations for Holy Pascha

“ZOOM” PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm

PARISH MEETING

**Sunday, May 15, following the Divine Liturgy
Election of a Delegate to the OCA All-American Council**

OUR STEWARDHIP – April 17, 2022

Candles:	\$ 40.00
Flower Fund:	35.00
Pascha Offering:	210.00
Bookstore:	40.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>897.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,222.00
Tithely Donations:	\$40.00
PayPal:	\$30.00

Visit the St. Elia Shop

If you haven't visited the little St. Elia “shop” downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying a number of new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia “spirit wear” in a certain size or style that's not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE
ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude,
son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco,
son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Paul
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick and Rose Marie Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Sarah Niglio
Gregory Sugden
Eve Tavenier
Sue Ellen Turscak

Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese! Christos Anesti!
Al Masseh Qam! Hristos a Inviat! Krishti U Ngjail!
Christus ist auferstanden! Cristo e' risorto! Hristos vaskrse!
Krisztus feltamad! Le Christ est ressucite!
Christus resurrexit!

Eis polla eti, Despota!
**10th Anniversary
Celebration**

*The Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo
invites you to join us in celebration
of the 10th Anniversary of the
Consecration and Enthronement of
His Eminence Archbishop Alexander*

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Pontifical Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
Anniversary Luncheon following



*Special room rates available at the
Courtyard Marriott Downtown and Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown*

St. Nicholas Cathedral
3535 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805
To RSVP & for hotel info: ajarmus@bdoca.org

Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

*The divine grace, which always heals that which is infirm, and
supplies that which is lacking, through the Laying-on of
Hands, elevates you, the most God-loving Archimandrite
Alexander, duly elected, to be Bishop of the God-saved city,
Toledo. Therefore, let us pray for him, that the grace of the
All-holy Spirit may come upon him.*

Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being of our people.

St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

1)If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.

2)The CDC recommends masking while indoors if you are unvaccinated, sanitizing your hands and to maintain social distancing.

3)The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book, the Chalice and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you are comfortable doing so.

4)The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.” 1John 4:7