



Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday	Apr 4	<i>Holy Pascha / The Glorious Resurrection of Christ</i>
Christ is Risen!		12:00 am Matins / Liturgy / Blessings / Reception
		12:00 pm Paschal Vespers / Easter Egg Hunt
Monday	Apr 5	<i>Bright Monday / 2nd Day of Pascha</i>
Christ is Risen!		9:30 am Paschal Divine Liturgy
Saturday	Apr 9	<i>Bright Saturday / 7th Day of Pascha</i>
Christ is Risen!		6:30 pm Vigil
Sunday	Apr 10	<i>2nd Sunday of Pascha / 8th Day Of Pascha / St. Thomas</i>
Christ is Risen!		Readings: Acts 5:12-2 John 20:19-31
		9:00 am Church School
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Coffee Hour
		1:00 pm Blessing of Graves (Weather permitting)

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / APRIL 28

Attendance: 165 (Adults 128, Children 37), Operating: \$3,585.00, Alms: \$235.00, Uganda Children: \$130.00, Parish Charities: \$85.00, IOCC: \$10.00, Flowers: \$40.00, Icons: \$50.00, Other: \$31.00

PASCHAL GREETING

From Pascha to Ascension, Orthodox Christians greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The response is "Indeed He is Risen!"

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Weather permitting, graves will be blessed next week on St Thomas Sunday, April 10 at Western Reserve, at approximately 1:00 PM. Graves in other cemeteries will be blessed by request and appointment.

SPECIAL WELCOME

Our prayers are with George Hasenohrl and Susan Carnahan who embraced the Holy Orthodox Faith at the Liturgy of Holy Saturday. May God plant them firmly in His vineyard and grant them many years.



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Journey to Pascha

Twelve weeks of preparation precede the “feast of feasts.” A long journey which includes five pre-lenten Sundays, six weeks of Great Lent and finally Holy Week is made. The journey moves from the self-willed exile of the prodigal son to the grace-filled entrance into the new Jerusalem, coming down as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband (Rev. 21:2). Repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and study are the means by which this long journey is made.

Focusing on the veneration of the Cross at its midpoint, the lenten voyage itself reveals that the joy of the resurrection is achieved only through the Cross. “Through the cross joy has come into all the world,” we sing in one paschal hymn. And in the paschal troparion, we repeat again and again that Christ has trampled down death by death! St. Paul writes that the name of Jesus is exalted above every name because He first emptied Himself, taking on the lowly form of a servant and being obedient even to death on the Cross (Phil. 2:5-11). The road to the celebration of the resurrection is the self-emptying crucifixion of Lent. Pascha is the passover from death to life.

**Yesterday I was buried with You, O Christ.
Today I arise with You in Your resurrection.
Yesterday I was crucified with You:
Glorify me with You, O Savior, in Your kingdom.**

— Ode 3, Paschal Canon —
