

# Ambo

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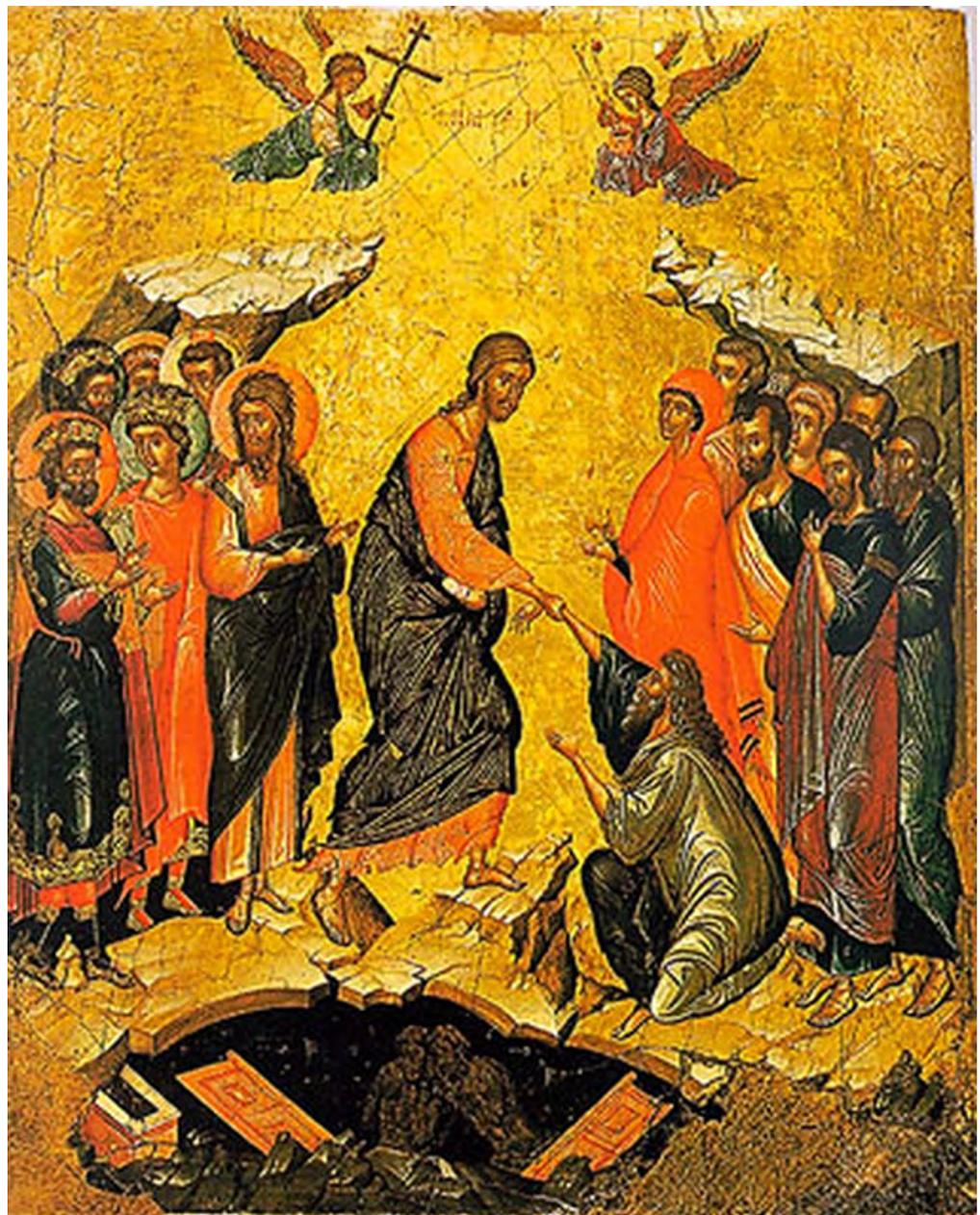
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### Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days  
5:00 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Great Vespers  
Sundays and Feast Days  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Please check weekly schedule  
for specific days (last page).  
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Icon of the Resurrection - 17th c. Cretan

## The Paschal Homily of Saint John Chrysostom

Is there anyone here who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival.

Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any now weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages!

If they have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward;

If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast!

And he that arrived after the sixth hour,

let him not doubt; for he shall have sustained no loss. And if any have delayed until the ninth hour,

let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him who toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the work as he greets the endeavor.

The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together!

Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!



Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.

Let no one go away hungry; partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the death of our

Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He destroyed Hades when he descended into it.

He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaiah

foretold this when he said,

You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below.

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in

an uproar, because it was mocked.

It was in an uproar, for it was

destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.

It is in an uproar because it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and it discovered God.

It took earth, and encountered Heaven.

It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

**On Bright Monday** the Church commemorates the **Sweet-Kissing (Glykophilousa) Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos**.

Like the Ivéron Icon (March 31), the Sweet-Kissing Icon was also saved from the iconoclasts by a pious woman in the ninth century. It also traveled miraculously upon the sea, arriving at Mt. Athos, the “Garden of the Theotokos,” where it was honored by the monks.

A nobleman named Simeon was an iconoclast who shared the emperor Theophilus’s hatred for the holy icons. Simeon’s wife Victoria, on the other hand, venerated icons, especially a certain icon of the Mother of God before which she prayed each day. Simeon could not tolerate his wife’s piety, so he demanded that she give him the icon so he could burn it. Victoria threw the icon into the sea, hoping that it would be preserved through God’s providence.

Years later, the icon appeared on the shores of Mt. Athos near the monastery of Philotheou. The igumen and the brethren of the monastery retrieved the icon and placed it in the church, where it worked many miracles.

In 1830 a pilgrim came to the monastery from

Adrianopolis. He listened to the history of the icon and the miracles associated with it, but regarded such things as childish fables. The monk who had related all this was surprised and grieved by the pilgrim’s disbelief, fearing that such doubts indicated an unhealthy spiritual state. He did all that he could to remove the pilgrim’s skepticism, but the man stubbornly adhered to his opinion.



The Mother of God, in her compassion, finally healed the pilgrim’s soul in a rather dramatic way. On the very day that he had his discussion with the monk, the pilgrim was walking on an upper balcony. Suddenly, he lost his footing and began to fall. In his distress he called out, “Most Holy Theotokos, help me!” The Mother of God heard him, and he landed on the ground completely unharmed.

The icon is one of the Eleusa (Tenderness) type. It is unusual in that it shows the Virgin kissing her Child. Christ raises His hand as if to repulse His mother’s caress.

Other Sweet-Kissing (Tenderness) icons are: Lubyatov (March 19), Novgorod (July 28), Pskov (May 21, June 23, August 26, October 7), Smolensk (March 19), Sviatogorsk (July 17), and Yaroslavl (May 14)

## VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest’s ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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# CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School meets at 4:45-5:45PM on the following dates:

May 7, 2022 \* June 4, 2022

## Grass Cutting Ministry

It is time again to begin our grass brigade! Please prayerful consider your offering of time and talent.

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity” (Psalm 133)

If you have questions please give us a call me Joyce Tabelaing 216-408-7187

After a long break, we will resume supplying the Moms First program at **Merrick House** with 20 bags of groceries a month. I'm hoping we can still roughly fill a grocery bag for \$10, but any contribution is welcome and appreciated.

Envelopes for donations can be found in the church foyer, or see Dan Morris.

Thank you for generosity.

- Dan Morris

# New Matching Campaign

The *Matching Campaign* Returns!

Once again, our *Mysterious Benefactor* offers a *most generous*

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTION OF \$15,000.00**

for any extra donations during this Lenten Season through Pascha!

This means that any donations to St. Theodosius will be matched up to a total of

\$15,000.00! Please consider this while

making any such donations during Great Lent (and mark it appropriately).

And to our Anonymous Benefactor:

**THANK YOU**

**AND**

**GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!**



**THE IOCC CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE**

*invites you to the*

# *30th Anniversary Banquet*

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

Doors 4 pm | Dinner 5 pm

**ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

2151 W Wallings Rd. | Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Come and learn about how your support is helping families in places like Ukraine, Greece, Syria, Ethiopia, and right here in the US.

Tickets \$50 | RSVP by Friday, May 13

For tickets contact Frank Tkacz  
216 789-3267

**30<sup>th</sup>** | 1992-2022  
YEAR OF SERVICE



EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
**SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION**

*Theotokos of Vladimir*

# Annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall  
6822 Broadview Road  
Parma, OH 44134

**Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2022  
**Time:** Doors open @ 12:00 AM  
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM

Enjoy the afternoon with good homemade appetizers / desserts along with a delicious luncheon menu

**Reservations required**  
**No tickets sold at the door**  
**Tickets:** Adults - \$15.00  
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50  
Children under 6 - FREE  
See Parish Representatives for tickets



## Program to include:

- Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes
- See Parish Representatives for tickets
- Or call Karen Felon (440-666-7538) or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
- Reservations must be made by Monday, May 9, 2022

All proceeds go to Orthodox organizations  
see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 4/24/2022

### **Departed:**

**Michael** List

**Joan** Shirak

### **Special Intentions:**

**Archbishop Paul**

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Reader Ron** Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

**Reader Haralambos**

**Dan** Boerio

**Jennifer** Boerio

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel** Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Joe** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Matthew** Ponomarenko

**Virginia** Medvec

**Stephen** Chwalyk

**Child Benjamin** Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

**Maggie** Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret** "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Kristin** Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

**Child Anna Marie** Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

**Martha** Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

**Michael** Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

**Debra** Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

**Peter**

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Robbie** Prock

**Gayle** Vidovich

**Phyllis** Gindlesperger

**Jeremy & Yvonne & unborn child**

**Alex** Medvec (*nephew of Virginia Medvec*)

**Stanislav**

**Laura**

**Lisa** Theodore

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 24

Acts 1:1-8  
John 1:1-17

Mark 6:7-13

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26  
John 1:18-28

### Thursday, April 28

Acts 2:38-43  
John 3:1-15

James 2:1-13  
John 21:15-25  
Acts 12:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### Monday, April 25

John 20:19-25  
Matthew 28:1-20  
Mark 16:1-8  
James 1:1-12  
James 1:13-27  
James 2:1-13  
Luke 10:1-15  
1 Peter 5:6-14

### Tuesday, April 26

Acts 2:14-21  
Luke 24:12-35

### Friday, April 29

Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Acts 3:11-16  
John 3:22-33

### Wednesday, April 27

Acts 2:22-36  
John 1:35-51

### Saturday, April 30

Acts 3:1-8  
John 2:12-22  
James 1:1-12  
James 1:13-27

### Sunday, May 1

Matthew 28:16-20  
Acts 5:12-20  
John 20:19-31

The day and dates above are clickable links. The links will take you to the OCA website for the Bible readings for that day.

## ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>



### Sunday, April 24

#### **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

(Starting at 10:30 PM Saturday night)  
Nocturns + Matins + Divine Liturgy  
Followed by Agape Meal  
12:00 PM Vespers

### Monday, April 25

#### **Bright Monday**

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
9:00 AM Liturgy

### Tuesday, April 26

#### **Bright Tuesday**

Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea

### Wednesday, April 27

#### **Bright Wednesday**

Hieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem

## BRIGHT WEEK 2022



### Thursday, April 28

#### **Bright Thursday**

Apostles Jason and Sospater of the Seventy,  
the Virgin Kerkyra, and those with them

### Friday, April 29

#### **Bright Friday**

The Life Giving Fountain of the Mother of God

### Saturday, April 30

#### **Bright Saturday**

Apostle James the Brother of Saint John  
the Theologian  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, May 1

#### **Antipascha**

2nd Sunday of Pascha  
**St. Thomas Sunday**  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
9:00 AM Liturgy  
Coffee Hour to follow