



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine  
Catholic Church*

*Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!*

*Indeed He is Risen! Voistunu Voskrese!*

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the next door Rectory.

On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, our potluck luncheon is open to everyone, especially our guests. Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share.

**HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL OF YOU**

**Need to request an appointment with Father?**

Father is available for confession or spiritual direction by appointment and he welcomes you to contact him whenever you need him.

**Prayers for the sick or other intentions:**

If you have a special intention for the sick, birthdays, deceased, need to request a Liturgy or other service to be offered for someone please give a note, text or call Father at 216-532-6364.

**ECF Class**

We welcome kids of all ages from our parish to participate in ECF class on Sundays after Liturgy and Lunch for 30 minutes.

An adult ECF class will be held on Sundays in our church as well. Please bring your friends to our church to help build our church community.

**Announcements:**

*Paska bread* and other baked goods are still available. Check in Dormition Hall with any of the bakers after the services. Thank you to all those who've tirelessly worked at planning, purchasing ingredients, baking, packaging, shipping and selling items for our parish's fund-raising.

## Stewardship Appeal

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a positive difference, such as: Development of Parishes, Vocations and Seminarian Education, The Works of the Apostolate and Retired Priests of the Eparchy.

### **FOOLS FOR CHRIST**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual young adults retreat theme is learning how to become Fools for Christ. Check us out at [Byzantineyoungadults.com](http://Byzantineyoungadults.com)

When: **July 27-July 30, 2023** Cards are on the back table of the church

Where: **St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Lakeside Marblehead OH**

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### **SCHOLARSHIP**

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma will be providing one scholarship to a young member of our Eparchy which will cover the cost of the full trip July 20 - August 8, 2023, including airfare. The recipient will serve as a chaperone for an English summer camp in Slovakia and enjoy a European road trip to Portugal, stopping in Nice, Lourdes, and Fatima, before arriving to Lisbon to participate in the World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Visit [www.parma.org/WYD2023](http://www.parma.org/WYD2023) to learn more and **Apply by April 1, 2023.**

## **Services for Bright Week of Apr. 9-16, 2023**

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 9</b> Pascha Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ	7:10 AM	Paschal Midnight Office	Rom 6:3-11 Mat 28:1-20
		7:20 AM	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets	
		9:00 AM	Procession & Resurrection Matins	
		10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets Agape Vespers	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 10</b> Bright Monday	9:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 11</b> Bright Tuesday	9:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 15</b> Bright Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers blessing of Artos Bread	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 16</b> Thomas Sunday	8:15 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy and mirovanje	Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31
		10:00 AM		

### The Paschal greeting and response in various languages

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam! Háqqan qam!

German: Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlicít ist er erstanden!

Greek: Christós anésti! Alithós anésti!

Hungarian: Feltamadt Kristus! Valoban Feltamandt!

Polish: Khrístus zmartvikstau! Zaiste smartvikstau!

Slavonic: Christós voskrése! Vo-ístinu voskrése!

Ukrainian: Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD** and by His death He has trampled upon Death and has given life to those who are in the tombs.

This hymn, the troparion of Pascha, is chanted repeatedly on Pascha and throughout the forty days until the feast of Christ's ascension. Many of us know it by heart. Often, however, we have not plumbed the depth of its meaning, particularly as it applies to our lives.

### **Why Did Christ Die?**

On the most basic level we can say that Christ died because humans die and He was fully human. By truly assuming all that is human apart from sin, the Word of God accepted all the weaknesses inherent in our human nature, from the indignities of birth and infancy to the final humiliation of death. Christ died because He was fully and completely human as well as divine.

But Christ did not simply die; by His death He defeated Death. The first and most obvious aspect of this victory is that He rose from the dead: Death could take Him because He was human; it could not hold Him because He was the Son of God. Christ rose from the dead because He was fully and completely divine as well as human.

### **Christ's Death Takes Away Sin**

The Scriptures specify a particular result of Christ's victory over Death. Dying, they teach, He destroyed the power of sin over us. When St Paul summarized the Church's belief about the Lord Jesus for the Corinthians the first thing he mentioned was that Christ died for our sins: "I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Cor 15:3-4). St Paul's summary has been described as an early creed, putting together various aspects of the Christian message in a systematic way. To say that Christ died "for our sins" means that His death on the cross, where His

blood would be poured out, would somehow achieve the overthrow of sin; not that people would cease sinning but that sin would no longer have the ultimate power over mankind.

### **Trampling Upon Death**

We who are united to Christ in His death and resurrection through baptism are called to continue His defeat of sin and death in our own person, as the Scriptures make clear. "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth'; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Pt 2:19-24)

Death is defeated when we allow Christ to take us by the hand and lead us along His way of not reacting to evil by copying it; rather to follow Christ's way of forgiveness and trust in God even to death. Then our deeds as well'.

### **The Paschal Stichera**

The following hymns are chanted at Orthros and Vespers on Pascha, throughout Bright Week and every Sunday during the Paschal season, glorifying Christ as our Passover. Our Passover Christ the Redeemer is revealed to us today as a noble Passover. He is the new and holy Passover, a mystical Passover, a blameless Passover, a glorious Passover, a Passover for the faithful, a Passover that opens for us the gates of Paradise, a Passover that sanctifies all believers. A glorious Passover has shone upon us, a Passover of the Lord, a Passover perfectly honorable! Let us then embrace one another with joy! O what a Passover, delivering from sorrow, for Christ – coming out of the tomb as from a nuptial chamber – fills the women with joy by telling them to bring this happy news to the disciples. Have a good Pascha!



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**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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