

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday Apr 27

Christ is Risen!

Holy Pascha / The Glorious Resurrection of Christ

12:00 am Matins / Liturgy / Blessings / Reception

12:00 pm Paschal Vespers / Easter Egg Hunt

Monday Apr 28

Christ is Risen!

Bright Monday / 2nd Day of Pascha

9:30 am Paschal Divine Liturgy

Saturday May 3

Christ is Risen!

Bright Saturday / 7th Day of Pascha

6:30 pm Vigil

Sunday May 4

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2nd Sunday of Pascha / 8th Day Of Pascha / St. Thomas

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 20

Attendance: 183 (Adults 138, Children 45), Operating: \$3,380.00, Expansion: \$30.00, Alms: \$328.00, Uganda Children: \$100.00, Parking Lot: \$145.00, IOCC: \$95.00, Tables: \$50.00, Other: \$30.00

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to all who helped prepare the palms for Palm Sunday. A special thanks to Martha Tintor for teaching how to make the Palm Crosses and to Viktor Povozahev for trimming the ends.

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, May 4 at Western Reserve, at approximately 1:00 PM. Graves in other cemeteries will be blessed by request and appointment.



Christ is Risen!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟΚΡΕСЕ

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Indeed
He is Risen!



Pascha—The Day Without Evening

For the Orthodox, Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, is the main event in our annual celebrations, the very first feast of the Christian Church. Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the Eighth Day, our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God.

Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal services of Bright Week and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha.

**O Wisdom, Word and Power of God,
grant that we may more perfectly partake of You
in the never-ending day of your kingdom.**

—Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon—

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!