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March 22, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Mar 22	5th Sunday of the Great Fast; St. Mary of Egypt	
	9:30am	Akathistos to the Holy Cross	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
	2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	
Mon	Mar 23	6:00pm Liturgy of St. Gregory	<i>for the Deceased of St. Cyprian Parish</i>
Tue	Mar 24	6:00pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation	<i>for the Deceased of St. Cyprian Parish</i>
Wed	Mar 25	Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos	
	5:45pm	Divine Liturgy w/Bishop Robert Pipta at the Newman Center on the OSU campus	
Thu	Mar 26	6:00pm Akathistos to the Theotokos	
Fri	Mar 27	6:00pm Liturgy of St. Gregory (<i>Presanctified</i>)	
Sat	Mar 28	Lazarus Saturday	
	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	
Sun	Mar 29	Palm Sunday	
	9:30am	Blessing of palms in hall; process to church	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun Mar 22	Heb 9:11-14	Mark 10:32-45
Mon Mar 23	Gen 27:1-4:1	Prov 19:16-25
Tue Mar 24	Gen 31:3-16	Prov 21:3-21
Wed Mar 25	Heb 2:11-18	Luke 1:24-38
Thu Mar 26	Gen 46:1-7	Prov 23:15-24:5
Fri Mar 27	Gen 49:33-50:26	Prov 31:8-31
Sat Mar 28	Heb 12:28-13:8	John 11:1-45
Sun Mar 29	Phil4:4-9	John 12:1-18

Parish Activities

Sun	Mar 22	11:15am	Social; ECF
		11:45am	Men's Ministry meeting in hall
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
		3:30pm	Ukrainian Social
Thu	Mar 26	6:30pm	Patristic Study on the Annunciation following the Akathist
Sat	Mar 28	10:00am	CHURCH ALL CLEAN
		11:00AM	Pascha Sale in hall
Sun	Mar 29	11:15am	Social; NO ECF – Children's Easter Egg Hunt
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD

We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war. Grant peace to your servants. Implant in them the fear of You and confirm in them love one for another. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL AT THE TOMB

"Can you not watch one hour with me..." Matt 26:40

The sign-up sheet for the Vigil at the Tomb is on the table in the vestibule. We would like to have at least one person or family sign up for every hour. More than one is most welcome. The vigil times begin following Holy Friday Burial Vespers on April 3rd. For those who have not done this before, we do have a Deputy on duty during the night.

PASCHA FOODS SALE – Lazarus Saturday, March 28th, 11:00am-1:00pm. This sale is open to the public and is first come, first sold. We will have loaves of Pascha bread, pirohi, nut and poppyseed rolls and other goodies as well.

Lenten activity for kids and youth: MY LENTEN JOURNEY. It's very simple. On Monday 2/16, first day of Lent, we set up and decorated the cross in the church. There are little signs for prayer, charity, fasting-renouncing. Each Sunday the kids and ECF students will pick up a sign of a good deed they have done during the week and put it to the cross after the liturgy with the ECF teachers. In this way we reminder ourselves we are saved and called to live this salvation, new life, through constant growth in love toward God and neighbor!

Sun, March 22nd	2:30pm	Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian followed by a social
Tue, March 24th	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos
Wed, March 25th	5:45pm	Bishop Robert Pipta celebrates the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation at the Newman Center on the OSU campus
Thu, March 26th	6:00pm	Akathistos to the Theotokos followed by a biblical patristic study of the Annunciation by Dcn John Harden.
Sat, March 28th	9:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	All Clean Church
	11:00am	Pascha Sale

Sun, March 29th 9:45am Blessing of Palms in hall, process to church
11:15am Children's Egg Hunt; parish social

VOCATIONS ICON - Each family is encouraged to sign up for a weeklong prayer chain, using the booklets. Every Sunday there will be a beautiful little ritual of handing over the icon to the next family. Sign up online using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-59910986-weekly>

HELP WITH HOSPITALITY!

With the increase in parishioners and visitors at St. Johns, it's important to make sure there are enough refreshments at the Sunday Socials.

The Ladies' Guild provides the beverages, and we all need to donate something to make sure there's food for the social. Please see the sign-up sheet on the food table with suggestions for items to share. If 3 or 4 people would sign up each week, there would be enough to go around. (There's also the option to donate money.) If you like to bake or have a favorite snack to share, please do so. We are asking every family to check this list and sign up for a Sunday to bring some snacks and/or treats to share. More than one family may sign up for a week.

FROM ST. BARBARA THE GREAT, DAYTON

We warmly invite you to join us for a beautiful evening of faith, fellowship, and celebration in support of the Byzantine Catholic Mission of the Great Martyr St. Barbara Building Fund. We are overjoyed to share that our Mission has recently purchased a church, a true blessing and answered prayer for our community. Now, as we prepare to make it our home, your generous support is needed to help us complete the work that will allow us to move in and glorify our God together in this sacred space.

On Friday, April 10, 2026, at the Czech Slovak Club in Dayton, Ohio, we will gather together to enjoy a wonderful dinner, a special address by Father Michael Lee, a silent auction, and dancing. All in the joyful spirit of our theme: "Today All Things Are Filled with Light... Let All Creation Celebrate!"

Tickets are \$65 per person for this adults-only evening. Every guest who joins us becomes a part of something truly meaningful, helping to bring our community home. Seating is limited, and we would be deeply honored to have you with us.

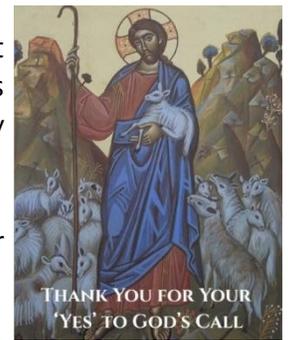
Support us and buy tickets at: <https://byzantinedayton.org/gala>

FROM PARMA: Encouragement Card for Our Seminarians: How to Participate - During the Great Fast, join the entire Eparchy in supporting our seminarians —

Father Deacon Joseph Hnat, David Varga, James Hartung, and Patrick Kilroy — as they continue their formation and discernment. Visit <https://parma.org/seminarian-appreciation> to write a **message of prayer, encouragement, or gratitude** today!

If you feel moved, you may also speak to your parish priest about sending a modest donation or "pocket money" to help support their daily needs during formation. This is entirely optional but deeply appreciated. Another option is to donate to the Eparchy's Society of Blessed Hieromartyr Theodore Romzha which aims to inspire, support, and nurture vocations – please go online to <https://parma.org/investinvocations>

The card will be sent to the seminarians **in time for Pascha**, reminding them that their Eparchy walks with them in faith and love. The card will close 3/23.



Pope Leo XIV On Reconciliation

[...] the fact that the Sacrament can be received repeatedly is not always matched by a willingness on the part of the baptized to make use of it: it is as though the infinite treasure of the Church's mercy remained "unused", due to a widespread distraction among Christians who, not infrequently, remain in a state of sin for a long time, rather than approaching the confessional with simplicity of faith and heart to receive the gift of the Risen Lord.

It was the Fourth Lateran Council, in 1215, which established that every Christian is obliged to make a sacramental confession at least once a year; and the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#), following the [Second Vatican Council](#), confirmed this norm (cf. CCC, no. 1457), which is also a law of the Church: "After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year" (Code of Canon Law, 989).

Saint Augustine affirms: "He who confesses his sins, and accuses them, does now work with God. God accuses your sins: and if you also accuse, you are united to God" (*In Iohannis evangelium tractatus*, 12, 13: CCL 36, 128). To recognize our sins, especially in this time of Lent, therefore means "being in harmony" with God, uniting ourselves with Him.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is thus a "workshop of unity": it restores unity with God through the forgiveness of sins and the infusion of sanctifying grace. This fosters the inner unity of the individual and unity with the Church; consequently, it also promotes peace and unity within the human family. One might well ask: do those Christians who bear grave responsibility in armed conflicts have the humility and courage to make a serious examination of conscience and to go to confession?

But – again we ask ourselves – can man, a small and simple creature, truly "break unity" with the Creator? Is this image not perhaps a partial and, ultimately, demeaning interpretation of the Revelation that Jesus has given us of God?

On closer inspection, sin does not break unity, understood as the creature's ontological dependence on the Creator: even the sinner remains totally dependent on God the Creator, and this dependence, when recognized, can open the way to conversion. Rather, *sin breaks spiritual unity with God*: it is turning one's back on him, and this dramatic possibility is as real as the gift of freedom that God himself has bestowed upon human beings. To deny the possibility that sin truly breaks unity with God is, in reality, a failure to recognize the dignity of man, who is – and remains – free and therefore responsible for his own actions.

Dear young priests and ordinands, may you always be keenly aware of the most exalted task that Christ himself, through the Church, entrusts to you: to restore people's unity with God through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A priest's entire life can be fully realized by celebrating this Sacrament assiduously and faithfully. And indeed, how many priests have become saints in the Confessional! Let us think only of Saint John Mary Vianney, Saint Leopold Mandić and, more recently, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and Blessed Michał Sopoćko.

The unity restored with God is also unity with the Church, which is the mystical body of Christ: we are members of the "whole Christ". The theme of your Course this year: "The Church called to be a house of Mercy", would be incomprehensible if we did not start from the root, which is the risen Jesus Christ. The Church welcomes people, as a "house of Mercy", because first and foremost she continually welcomes her Lord, in the Word heard and proclaimed, and in the grace of the Sacraments.

For this reason, in the celebration of the sacrament of Confession, whilst penitents are reconciled with God and with the Church, the Church herself is edified and enriched by the renewed holiness of her repentant and forgiven children. In the confessional, dear brothers, we collaborate in the ongoing edification of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic; and in so doing we also give new energy to society and to the world.

Unity with God and with the Church, finally, is the prerequisite for the inner unity of individuals, so necessary today, in this age of fragmentation in which we live. This inner unity is found as a genuine desire, especially among younger generations. The unfulfilled promises of unbridled consumerism and the frustrating experience of a freedom detached from the truth can, through divine mercy, be transformed into opportunities for evangelization: by bringing to the surface a sense of incompleteness, they allow us to awaken those existential questions to which only Christ can give a full answer. God became man to save us, and He does so also by nurturing our religious sense, our irrepressible longing for truth and love, so that we may embrace the Mystery in which 'we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28).

This dynamism of unity with God, with the Church and within ourselves is a prerequisite for peace among people and nations: only a reconciled person is capable of living in an unarmed and disarming way! Those who lay down the weapons of pride and allow themselves to be continually renewed by God's forgiveness become agents of reconciliation in everyday life. In him or her are fulfilled the words attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace".

Dear friends, never neglect to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation yourselves, with faithful constancy, so that you may always be the first to benefit from divine Mercy, of which you have become – or will become – ministers. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, always accompany you on your journey and enlighten your steps.

Address of Pope Leo xiv to participants in the *Course on the Internal Forum* promoted by the *Apostolic Penitentiary*, 3/13, 2026

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/march/documents/20260313-corso-penitenzieria-apostolica.html>



Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf



Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage. We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.

For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Abby	Ron	Doctor	Charyton	Intentions	Mary Ann	McCallister	MaryBeth	Rogers
Carol	Aregay	Family	DeClue	Intentions	Angela	Merva	Trey	Shearon
Hagos	Conley	Family	Dora	Johnson	Ed	Nyahay	Kathy	Slonka
Kathy	Jackson	Family	Gordon	Kaercher	Anne	O'Halloran	Monica	Smith
Mara	Lippert	Family	Susan	Kaiser	Mic	O'Halloran	Scott	Smith
Melissa	Mazon	Family	James	Kester	John	Oshinski	Kim	Snow
Steve	Jack	Figel	Kathy	Krofcheck	Paula	Oshinski	Helen	Stephens
Hussein	Abdi	Sarah	Regina	Lee	Maksym	Popadyn	Dennis	Stinich
William	Brake	Christopher	Christine	Leon	Maria	Rakowsky	Josh	Taylor
Charles	Branham	Deborah	Jeanne	Lombardi	Kristi	Ralston	L.T.	Tekle
Anna	Brown	Charlene	Christine	Long	Terry	Rasor	John	Wagner
John	Brown	Nataly	Jessie	Madzia	Nadia	Ritchey	Owen	Ward
Vernal	Brown	John	Ilya	Mandebur	Charles	Roddy	Curtis	Weber
Mary	Carroll	Evelyn	Bill	Martin	Sandra	Roddy	Nicholas	Zvansky
Will	Culver	Esther	Joe	Martin	Justin	Rogers	Sandra	Zvansky
Maria	Czyrnik	Mech	Griffen	Martz	Lillian	Rogers		

JOIN OUR PARISH'S "BAND" GROUP! This is a group page for parishioners and regular attendees to grow in faith, build meaningful connections and deepen our Byzantine Catholic faith. Stay up-to-date on liturgies, feast days and parish events while sharing prayer intentions and encouragement with fellow parishioners. You can go online to <https://www.band.us/en> or scan the QR code to download and join.



2026 Holy Week and Pascha Schedules

All Visitors Welcome!

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 30

Great and Holy Monday

- 5:00p** Confessions
5:45p Akathistos of the Holy Cross
6:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great
w/Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, March 31

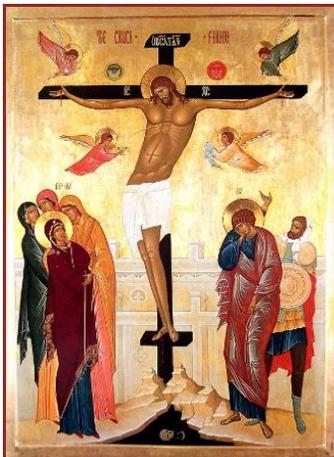
Great and Holy Tuesday

- 5:00p** Confessions
5:45p Akathistos of the Holy Cross
6:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great
w/Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, April 1

Great and Holy Wednesday

- 5:00p** Confessions
5:45p Akathistos of the Holy Cross
6:00p Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great,
w/Anointing of the Sick



Thursday, April 2

Great and Holy Thursday

- 6:00p** Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil

Friday, April 3

Great and Holy Friday

- 9:00a** Royal Hours
6:00p Holy Friday Burial Vespers;
procession w/Shroud
Vigil at the Tomb begins
8:00p Ukrainian Plascanycja

Saturday, April 4

Great and Holy Saturday

- 9:00p** Vigil of Pascha followed by
the Blessing of baskets in hall



2026 Bright Week Schedule

Sunday, April 5

PASCHA!

- 9:30a** Ge'ez Palm Sunday Liturgy
11:30a Byzantine Resurrection
Matins and Divine Liturgy;
Myrovaniye; Blessing of baskets

Monday, April 6

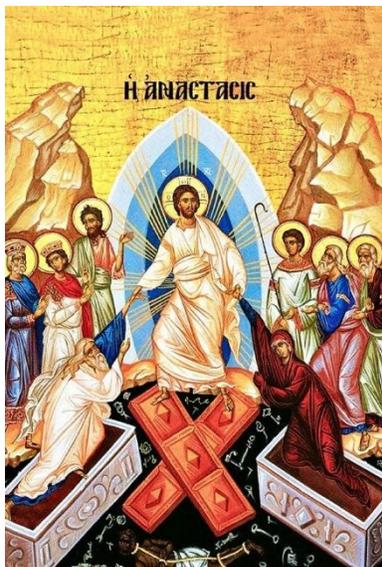
- 5:45p** Paschal Hour
6:00p Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 7

- 7:00p** Ukrainian Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 8

- 8:45a** Paschal Hour
9:00a Divine Liturgy



Thursday, April 9

- 8:45a** Paschal Hour
9:00a Divine Liturgy
5:00p Ge'ez Holy Thursday Liturgy

Friday, April 10

- 10:00a** Ge'ez Good Friday service
5:45p Paschal Hour
6:00p Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 11

- 8:00p** Ge'ez Paschal Vigil

Sunday, April 12

St. Thomas Sunday

- 9:30a** Paschal Hour
10:00a Divine Liturgy