

**HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN
FEAST DAY MAY 8**

When John was on his way to preach in Asia, the ship was destroyed by a storm. For two weeks, he was assumed dead. Suddenly, the waves cast him ashore alive at the feet of his disciple Prochoros. When John denounced idol worship as demon worship in a temple of Artemis, the people stoned him. However, the rocks returned and hit the throwers. He prayed in the temple, and fire from heaven killed two hundred men. When those remaining begged for mercy, he raised the two hundred from the dead, and they all converted and were baptized. He drove off the demon that had lived there for 249 years. Then he was exiled to Patmos. Aboard ship, he purified vessels of seawater for drinking. There was a magician there named Kynops. With the use of sorcery, it appeared that he had brought back to life three dead people, but they were demons taking on the appearance of these men. Through John's prayers, the magician drowned in the sea, and the demons vanished. After three days of prayer, John dictated his Gospel to his disciple Prochoros. Sometime later, after twenty days of fasting, he wrote the Book of Revelation. When John was over one hundred years old, he asked his disciples to dig a grave and bury him alive. Hearing this, the brethren dug up the grave but found nothing there. Each year on this day, fragrant myrrh comes from the grave, and the prayers of the holy apostle heal the sick.

COMMEMORATIONS: Synaxis of St. John the Theologian; Arsenios the Great of Scetis; Pimen the Faster of the Far Caves; Macarius of Ghent; Milles the Hymnographer; Arsenius the Lover of Labor; Arsenios of Varnakova; Iduberga of Nivelles; Zosima and Adrian of Volokolamsk; Hierax of Egypt; Wiro of Utrecht; Plechelm and Otger of Odilienberg; Victor of Milan; Soldier Martyrs slain by the sword; Arsenius of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ; Miracle Wrought by the icon of the Mother of God of Cassiope.

*It is impossible to be saved without the help of the Most Blessed Virgin,
because those who are not saved by the justice of God
are saved by the intercession of the Theotokos*

St. John Chrysostom

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SUNDAY, MAY 8TH, &

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, 2022

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***Holy Cross Orthodox Church
950 Maple Drive
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Sunday, May 8th, 2022

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Sunday, May 15, 2022

10am Great Doxology & Holy Liturgy

Livestreamed at

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CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!

HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVERAT A INVIAT!

AL MASEH QAM! HAQQAN QAM!

Welcome today! All with us in church and all praying with us online. Christ is in our midst!

Parastas today in honor of Mother's Day is given by Holy Cross Ladies Aid in honor of all mother's and in honor of the mother of our Lord, The most Holy and Blessed Theotokos.

From Fr. George... Thank you, Fr. Daniel Rohan serving the Holy Liturgy today. Your presence and help these past eight weeks is greatly appreciated, you are always welcome at Holy Cross. May God grant you and your family good health and blessings.

Thank you all who helped to make Pascha such a joyful feast. Choir, cantors, altar servers, epitrops, Holy Cross family and friends. Many thanks to all who shared the gifts of Pascha with me and my family.

A letter from Archbishop Nathaniel is included on last page of bulletin. In recent conversation, His Eminence informed me that the Orthodox Church in America has bestowed upon me the rank of Protopresbyter and to share this news with our Holy Cross family. I am humbled at this unexpected award and honored to be included with many of my brother clergy also receiving the elevation to Protopresbyter.

Additionally, at my request to return to serve the Holy Liturgy His Eminence has given me his blessing to serve beginning next Sunday, May 15. He advised and gave me his blessing to make necessary adjustments as needed to be

able to safely perform all my duties. If there happens to arise any difficulties please pardon me. To all parishioners of Holy Cross I am deeply moved and thankful for all your prayers and support during my recovery period from hip surgery. God Bless all of you for praying for me. Christ is Risen!

Coffee hour will follow parastas in the large hall. All invited! Thank you Patty Barbat for hosting today.

May 15 -Cynthia O'Connor

May 22 -Patty Barbat

May 29 - Adela Price, Mary Sankey

Wednesday, May 18 Prayer service for the sick 6:30pm. Email names by May 15 to mrochow@yahoo.com or leave in parish office. Parish council meeting follows prayer service.

Saturday, May 21 Vespers & Confessions 5pm

Sunday, May 29 Memorial Day parastas after Liturgy. Donor/s needed for colac, coliva expenses.

Candles, Holy Bread, Special donations
April 24, 2022

- ◆ Niki Cole: Candles for H&B Mom, Sanda, Ruth & Glen. IMO Mike, Dad, Mama, Tata Uncle Nick.
- ◆ Emil Hoyt: Donation for H&B for the Hoyt family.
- ◆ Carol Murrin: Candles prayers for family.
- ◆ David Murrin: Candles for H&B people of the Ukraine.
- ◆ Chaz Rice: Candles for H&B Jim, Ashley, Andrea, Wayne, Lauren & Archie. CHRIST IS RISEN!

Candles, Holy Bread, Special donations
May 1, 2022

- ◆ Patty Barbat: Candles H&B Pres. Biden & Vice Pres. Harris, Ukraine and it's people. IMO Elaine Wild.

- ◆ Janice Borton: Candles for H&B David Borton & Hailey Kirkwood; IMO John Borton.
- ◆ Niki Cole: Candles for special intentions for Mom and family; IMO Vasile Gheorghiu on his 85th Birthday.
- ◆ M/M Gene Kauffman: Candles for H&B James Kauffman & family; Happy Birthday Keith Brown; IMO George (Skip) Roman & Vasile Gheorghiu
- ◆ Jacquelyn Kauffman: Candles for H&B & Happy Birthday Mom; H&B & Happy Mothers Day to all my Holy Cross "Moms" IMO Uncle Skip, Grandma Kauffman
- ◆ Carrol Murrin: Candles H&B family. IMO mothers Theresa & Anne. Prosfora for H&B family.
- ◆ David Murrin: Candles for H&B world peace; H&B friends, family, acquaintances; Holy Cross, Goddaughters, & all those in need Ukraine
- ◆ Joe & Linda Nemetz: Candles H&B David, Danielle, Isabelle, Jonah, Aiden; H&B Linda, Phyllis; Rick, Gina; IMO Mother Dorothy Nemetz. Prosfora FHO all mothers and grandmothers.
- ◆ John & Peg Phillips: Candles for H&B Nick, Helen & Heidi; H&B Nick, Megan, Codi & Devney.
- ◆ Chaz Rice: Candles H&B Jim, Ashley, Archie & Lauren. Special donation IMO Vasile on his birthday.
- ◆ Ed & Mel Rochow: Candles for H&B for family; H&B for the sick; H&B for the Ukraine.
- ◆ M/M Rick Roman: Candles for H&B Happy Birthday MaryAnn Kauffman and Keith Brown; IMO Brother Skip Roman. Holy Bread FHO Phyllis Dromo.
- ◆ Rick & Gina Skody: Candles H&B Our mom Phyllis; Linda & Joe; David, Danielle, Isabelle, Jonah & Aiden; Helen Simonik; IMO Richard Fritchman



THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE OF AMERICA

The Most Reverend Dr. NATHANIEL Popp, Archbishop

March 29, 2022
Hieromartyrs Mark, bishop of Arethusa and Cyril the deacon

Protopresbyter George Treff
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Re: Clergy Award

Dear Fr. George:

At its March 2022 meeting, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) awarded many clergy awards based on their years of service to the Holy Orthodox Church. You are among this distinguished group.

We are pleased to formally announce that in acknowledgement and gratitude of your 42 years of service at Our Lord's Holy Altar, the Synod of the Orthodox Church in America has bestowed upon you the **award of Protopresbyter**.

We wish you and your family good health and continued pastoral progress in your parish ministry.

The Lord Bless,

+NATHANIEL
Archbishop of Detroit and
The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America

Outside church grounds clean up
Saturday May 21, 10am

Sign up sheets are posted in the back of the church. Please give a few hours or more to help with weeding, pruning, staining the gazebo, and other outside beautification needs.

A project for our younger ones, for every branch and stick they pick up and put in a pile, we will give them 5 cents! That will add up quickly with all the branches and twigs on the property!

We hope to see you all, if you are unable to do yard work, come and enjoy the fellowship and urge the young ones on! Bring yard tools you may have to work with, our supply is limited.

Lunch will be served. Please sign up in the back of the church or let Chaz Rice know if you will be able to help out. Alternate date in case of rain, Saturday, May 28 at 10am.