Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church

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908-404-0777

Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Agape, Irene &amp; Chionia Martyr</td>
<td>Acts 4:23-41, Jn 5:24-30</td>
<td>6:00 PM Divine Liturgy</td>
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<td>Simeon of Persia Venerable - Martyr</td>
<td>Acts 5:21-33, Jn 6:14-27</td>
<td>4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy</td>
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<td>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</td>
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Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE

The St. Nicholas Mission celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

The Eritrean Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The Coptic Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, Lou Gigliotti and Mike Sapsara.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th - 30TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC CELEBRATION

After the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, our Parish family will gather in fellowship at the Marla Dorrel Park - 111 Thurston Drive in Cary (behind Lowe’s Foods in the Wellington Park Shopping Center) to celebrate our 30th Parish Anniversary which was April 4. More details will be emailed soon.
THOMAS SUNDAY
April 11, 2021

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

SLAVONIC: CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

Please remember in your prayers:
Jerry and Holly Kingery; Lance Morgan; John Patrick Rose; Rachel Blair; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Elizabeth Macario; +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and may their Memory be Eternal.

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. We appreciate those who take donations to Dorcas, and make sure our trash and recycle carts are taken to the curb each week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING
We need more volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Please use the Sign-Up Genius which was sent via email to respond. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please send an email to the church if you are able to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

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Our annual Easter egg hunt will be Sunday, April 18th, between liturgies, from 10:30 to 11:00 AM. The eggs will be hidden in different areas for specific age groups. This year the eggs will be empty, and the kids will exchange their gathered eggs for a bag of goodies! Bring your child’s Easter baskets, or the kids can use a plastic bag to collect eggs.
FATHER VASYL’S MESSAGE FOR THOMAS SUNDAY

Traditionally, meditation on the Gospel on the first Sunday after Pascha (Easter) is associated with a critique of the Apostle Thomas’ behavior and doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. Thomas followed Jesus for three years, listened to his teachings and saw many miracles, but perhaps this time was not enough for him to have a firm and unshakable faith, a belief in the truth of the words of Jesus Christ. When Jesus showed him his body and the wounds from the nails, evidence of his resurrection, Thomas completely lost his doubts and weak faith in Jesus.

Reflecting on the Gospel of this Sunday, I propose today to deviate a little from the assessment of the behavior of the Apostle Thomas and to pay more attention to our spiritual life. As already mentioned, Thomas had been with Jesus for only three years, but we Christians have been meeting Jesus in our temples for decades, but despite such a long time, we have no less doubts about God than the Apostle Thomas. Am I better than Thomas then? How quickly and often we become discouraged, despairing, disappointed in ourselves, in life, in faith and prayer, when some failure, small life difficulties come. How often are we tempted to say: There is no God! Or, God does not love me!

Thomas’ conversion reminds us of the truth that Jesus Christ is as close to us as is God. Knowing Thomas’ doubts, Jesus came to him personally, revealed his wounds, and made himself known to the disciple that He was the same Christ who had been crucified three days before. Seeing the wounds of the cross, Thomas lost his doubts and became convinced of the true resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Today you can also hear from human lips: I do not believe in God, and I live well. Do not rush to draw a conclusion, because you do not know what will be the end of everything, what is your destiny after earthly life, or will you be as good there, as here on earth.

Dear brothers and sisters! The wounds of Christ are a reminder of the love of Jesus Christ for us sinful and infirm people. Showing these wounds to Thomas, Christ the Savior also speaks to us, “See how I have loved you! How I have suffered out of love for your souls!” We Christians do not see God in earthly life with our physical eyes, but we see Him with the spiritual eyes of faith. He lives among us, and we do not have to touch His wounds. We feel and see Him in prayer, in the Holy Scriptures, and in the Holy Mysteries. The Lord is present in the holy temple, as in all temples on earth. The Lord is with us here alive, risen, where we bow our heads before Him today, and our mouths constantly speak with the Apostle Thomas: My Lord and my God is my salvation! Amen.

A FACE MASK COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE MUST BE WORN DURING DIVINE LITURGY WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.

- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
- Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
- Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
- Please refrain from physical contact.
- Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
- There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy; please do not bring food.
- Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy and continue to wear a mask while on church property.
- A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website or Tithely.
- As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.

THE HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Our Eparchy will be hosting monthly Byzantine Gatherings. Mark your calendars for each date. Gatherings will begin at 6:00 PM. Email contact: FrDeaconTom@gmail.com

18th ANNUAL IGNITED BY TRUTH CONFERENCE

The 18th annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET on the IBT YouTube Channel. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Fr. Chris Alar, Matthew Leonard, Patricia Sandoval, and John Pridmore. Register at IgnitedByTruth.org for FREE access, including weekly pre-conference talks!

Another great speaker, John Pridmore, has been added!