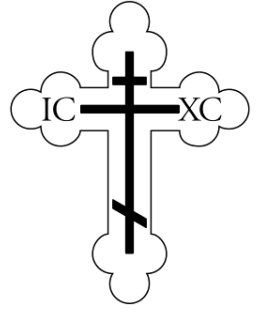
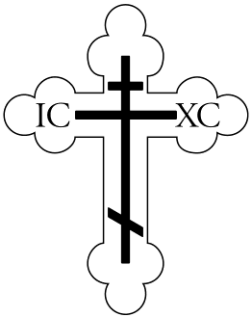


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Great Vespers: 6pm Saturdays

Divine Liturgy: 10am Sundays

Confession is available before or
after Vespers or by appointment.

Welcome visitors!
**Please join us in the
hall after our Services
to celebrate Pascha.**

April 12, 2026 Great & Holy Pascha

Thank you for joining us for the Feast of Feasts, which breaks the long Lenten fast, just as the resurrection of the Lord broke the long dreariness of death that held our nature captive. With renewed joy and gratitude, we share in the good things of the earth that we have denied ourselves, as we celebrate with thanksgiving the One Thing Needful.

After we celebrate Vespers, we invite you to join us for a children's egg hunt and parish cook-out where we share all the foods we have given up for Lent and break bread with each other. We have plenty of food and fellowship to share so please come celebrate with us as we share the joy in the resurrection of our savior and the promise of his salvation.

Mark Your Calendars

Holy Week Schedule

Today: **Agape Vespers @ 11am**, with egg hunt and cookout

Apr 13: **Bright Monday Liturgy** at Sts Peter & Paul Macedonian Church in Crown Point @ 10am

Apr 14: **Bright Tuesday Liturgy** (at our church) @ 10am

Apr 17: **Bright Friday Liturgy @ Descent of the Holy Ghost** Romanian Church in Merrillville @ 10am

O-Club Trivia Night for Mommy's Haven @ 6pm

Last Week's Gifts to the Lord: \$4230

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Michael McCune

Patriarch Ilia (of Georgia)

Joseph Neumann

Ev. Mem. Michael Nazaruk
(1934)

Alexy Maikovich (1957)

Peter Lubeck (1960)

Andrew Pillar (1969)

Mary Lescisn (1992)

Health & Salvation

Archpr. Peter

Mat. Cynthia

Hierom. John

Mat. Anne

Valer

Nun Theodora

Rollie

Claudia

Mary Ann

Raymond

Edward

Charlotte

Betsy

Klaudia

Maja

Gerald

Janet

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Rebecca

Christopher

Moses

Helena

James

Elijah

Lydia

Nina

Ezra

James

Rebecca

Jesse

Autumn

James

John

Jacob

Carol

Snezana

Ryan

Nathan

Kara

Sarah

Jamie

Kyleigh

Lauren

Kyle

Carolynn

Amelia

Aaron

Marcietta

Charles

Rosemary

Nicholas

Natalie

Meagan

Kimberly

Stephanie

Robin

Leonardo	Regina	Mat. Katherine
Daniel	Matthew	Rita
Tiffany	Cindy	Kenneth
Yelena	Aisha	Alla
Anastasia	Don	Maria
Christine	Patricia	Ethan
Mira	Charlette	Logan
Joseph	Elias	Joseph
Jaroslava	Shaun	Mamie
Cameron	Cecilia	

To add the name of a loved one recently departed or on the anniversary of their repose, or someone living and in particular need of prayer, please speak to Fr Jacob.

Special Petition at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially the victims in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, after **Agape Vespers** at 11am, we will have our usual **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children. Then, everyone is invited to the Paschal Potluck Cookout from 1pm until 5pm. Bring something to share. A grill will be available.

The annual **Ladies' Sodality Bright Week Luncheon** will be at Outback Steakhouse on Tuesday, April 14 after Divine Liturgy. Interested new members are encouraged to join them for lunch.

On Friday, April 17, the O-Club will host our annual **Trivia Night Fundraiser for Mommy's Haven** maternity home in Lowell. Tickets are \$25/person at the door or a table of eight for \$180. Pizza, beer, wine, and soda are included. BYO food and drink is also allowed. Cash prize for the winning table. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 6:30pm.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is
Risen!