



St. E Premte Albanian Orthodox Church

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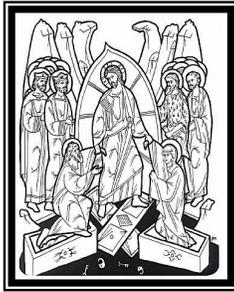
Sunday Liturgy 10:00am

APRIL

Easter Greetings

On behalf of **Fr. Yves, Popadija Kathy**, and the **St. E Premte Church**, we would like to wish everyone a **Blessed Pascha. Christ Is Risen!**

Gezuar Pashket!
Krishti U Ngjall!



Schedule of Services for April 2023 and Holy Week

April 2 - 10:00am; 5th Sunday of Lent
(St Mary of Egypt)

April 9 - 10:00am; **Palm Sunday**
(Blessing of palms)

April 13 - 6:00pm; **Holy Thursday**
Matins Reading of 12 Passion Gospels

April 14 - 3:00pm; **Holy Friday**
Great Vespers Placing of the Shroud on the Tomb

6:00pm; Matins Lamentations with procession of the Shroud

April 15 - 11:30pm; **Paschal Saturday**
Nocturne and Paschal Matins with procession around the Church, followed by the Easter Liturgy (Bless Eggs)

April 16 - 12:00pm; **Pascha Sunday**
Agape Vespers Bless Baskets

Easter Eggs



Please bring half a dozen red edible dyed Easter eggs for church, please bring on Holy Friday services or after and put them in the refrigerator. Father Yves will then bless them on Pascha to be passed out after Liturgy on Pascha

“The Chosen” - Multi-Season Series About Jesus’s Life

Father Yves encourages us to take time and watch “The Chosen”, a show that explores Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. It is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Jesus. This fresh take on the Gospels follows Jesus as he gathers his disciples, heals the needy, and sacrifices himself for the sake of humanity. You can find it on Netflix or Angel.com. Ask father if you have any questions

Confessions

Please come to confession **after the Sunday Liturgy**, because there is not enough time before the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

For the Health & Well-being

Please remember them in your prayers. May God give them strength to endure and get well.
NAME - To add the name to the prayer list, leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

Departed and Memorial Service

Please remember in your prayers the newly departed hand maiden of God, Eleni Basho who passed away on March 1st. Family will have a 40 day memorial service on April 9th after Liturgy at church hall.
May their memory be eternal!

NAME -To add the name leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

Returning Icons

Our 2023 Icon Auction was held on January 22. The "Icon Auction" is St. E Premte's Church principal fundraiser. If you did not return the Icons during the month of March, please remember to bring them in April. Please give the icon to Victor or John. Thank you again to everyone who attended and donated.

Altar Wine



If anyone would like to donate to Altar Wine; a donation of \$10 per bottle can be made in the name of the departed, or for the health of a family member.

Months available: March, August, October and December. Please, contact Victor by a voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at

office@stepremte.org.

Church Bread



If anyone would like to donate \$20 for the Altar Bread, in the name of a departed or for the health of their family, months available are: March, August, and December. Please contact Victor by voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at office@stepremte.org.

Question for Father Yves



Father Yves has placed a jar where you can drop in a question regarding anything you would like to learn or hear during our services. The jar is located by Holy Water.

Popadija's Corner

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

1. We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**" or "**Krishti Unjall! Vertet Unjall!**" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.

2. The fasting rule for Bright Week, or the week after Easter is easy to remember — **do not fast!** All foods are permitted until the second Wednesday after Pascha, Gluttony, however, is a temptation, and there is never a blessing to overeat.

3. **We do not kneel** or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the "Kneeling Prayers" at Pentecost.

4. The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is Risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.

**Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
Bestowing life!**

5. The prayer, "**O Heavenly King**" is not said until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

Updating Mailing List

We are in the process of updating the church mailing list, including email addresses to share our church news. Next time you are in church make sure to write down your contact info in the hall area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you or someone you know is interested on volunteering, please email Victor at office@stepremte.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming Events

International Orthodox Christian Charities

On May 8th, 2023 the 31st Anniversary IOCC Annual Banquet will be held at Woodside Event Center Broadview Hts.

This event will fund feeding and helping people in need around the world.

Tickets are \$60.00 each. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation. Please see Popadija Kathy for tickets and for making donations. Please plan to attend!

Bio of Fr. Yves Babich

St. E Premte church is blessed to have Fr. Yves Babich who is currently proudly serving all of us. Please read below to get to know more about our priest.

Very Rev. Father Yves C. Babich was born in Colmar, France on August 6th, 1950. Father Babich immigrated to the United States on July 4th, 1956, and became a United States citizen in 1969. Father Yves graduated from Finney High School in Detroit in 1969, and went on to Macomb Community College, in Warren, Michigan. Father Yves served in the U.S. Air Force from October 1974 to August 1976 as an Administration Specialist, and finally attended St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary, South Canaan, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the seminary in 1980.

Father Babic married his wife Katharina on September 9th, 1980. Together they have two children, Anna and Nicholas, and one grandson Jack. Father Babic also works at NASA Glenn Research as a contractor. He is a Designer Draftsman and contributes freelance artwork for Orthodox magazines.

Most recently, Father Babic has served at the following churches: St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, St Michaels Orthodox Church, Broadview Hts., Ohio, and Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Lakewood, Ohio.

Father Yves was granted retirement as of June 2018 and was attached to Holy Trinity Church in Parma, Ohio by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest. Some of the honors awarded to Father Yves include the Gold Cross by the Holy Synod in September 2002 by Archbishop Job; elevation to Archpriest by the Holy Synod in June 2006 and by Archbishop Job in 2007; awarded the Jeweled Cross by the Holy Synod in 2012 which was given to Fr. Yves by Bishop Sava in 2014.