

# St. Ephraim the Syrian Chapel

Orthodox Church in America (OCA), Diocese of the Midwest

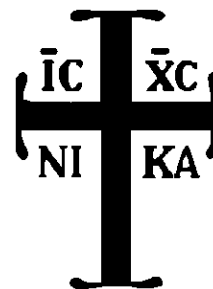
**An Orthodox Christian community engaging the Ohio University campus as well as Athens and surrounding counties**

**Current Location:** Galbreath Chapel on the Ohio University campus – Athens, OH

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**Sunday, April 9, 2017 (Divine Liturgy in Athens this Sunday)**

**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY.** Martyr Eupychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia (362). Martyrs Desan—Bishop, Mariabus—Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia (363-364). Monk Martyr Bademus (Vadim) of Persia (376).

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**Upcoming Schedule and Announcements:**

**Monday, 4/10**      **Book discussion**  
7:00 P.M.      More information below

**Sunday, 4/23**      **Thomas Sunday**      *Fr. Stephen scheduled to serve*  
9:40 A.M.      Hours of Prayer  
10:00 A.M.      Divine Liturgy followed by coffee social

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***Holy Friday/Paschal services schedule at Christ the Saviour (282 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Byesville, OH 43723):***

**Friday, 4/12**      **Great and Holy Friday**  
4:00 PM      Burial Vespers, *Fr. Benjamin serving*

**Saturday, 4/30**      **PASCHA**  
10:30 PM      Paschal Vigil (Midnight Office, Matins, and Divine Liturgy) followed by the breaking of the fast together in the social hall, *Fr. Benjamin serving*

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**Quarterly Charity Collection:** Our current quarterly charity is the Athens Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC).

**Lenten Book Study:** The next Lenten book study will be hosted by Ellen and Michael Soroka on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Their address is 6715 Gura Circle Road, Athens, OH 45701. The discussion will continue to focus on the *For the Life of the World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann.

**Small Parish Forum 2017!** The 2017 Small Parish Forum is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, through Saturday, July 15. St. John the Baptist in New Kensington, PA, is hosting the event this year. Please consider attending. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Stephen.

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**Blessed Repose:** John, Nicholas, Patrick, Harold, Randy, Virginia, Edward, Janet, Gleb, those martyred for the Faith, as well as all who are victims of violence.

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**For Health and Well-Being:** The newly-illuminated Cami; Colleen, Tyler, and the child to be born of them; Marge, the Priest John and family, Brigid, Anne (Lincoln), her parents Elizabeth and Patrick as well as brother Jonah, Brian, Megan, and family; Mary; Lya, CJ, and their newborn daughter, Maya; Kayla, Helen, Mark and family, Mary, Gerri; Anna, Michael, Mark, Andrea, Archpriest Theodore, Michael, Pam, John, Wendy, Alberta, Sami, Steve, as well as all who are victims of violence and their families.

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### **Our Pledge on the Feast of Palm Sunday**

*The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.*

*On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"*

*Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:*

*... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).*

**By the Very Rev. Paul Lazor**

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### **Holy Thursday through Bright Monday schedule at St. Gregory's in Columbus**

#### **Thursday, 4/13**

7:00 PM Matins with the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

#### **Friday, 4/14**

3:00 PM Burial Vespers

7:00 PM Matins with Lamentations

#### **Saturday, 4/15**

9:00 AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy, Christ's Descent into Hades

11:40 PM Nocturnes, Resurrection Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy, Blessing of baskets and fellowship

#### **Monday, 4/17**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy