

2026 Holy Week Schedule of Services

Lazarus Saturday, April 4th

Commemorating the raising of Lazarus from the tomb by our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ◆ Divine Liturgy - 9:00 AM
- ◆ Great Vespers - 6:30 PM *(In preparation for the Feast of the Entrance of our Lord in Jerusalem)*

Palm Sunday - April 5th

The Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

- ◆ Matins - 8:50 AM; Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM
- ◆ The Procession of Palms will be held outside around the church following the Divine Liturgy.

Bridegroom Matins Services

The hymn "Behold the Bridegroom comes at midnight...", sung at the Bridegroom Matins, reminds us of the watchful expectation for the Lord, who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

- ◆ Palm Sunday Evening, April 5th - 7:00 PM
- ◆ Holy Monday, April 6th - 7:00 PM
- ◆ Holy Tuesday, April 7th - 7:00 PM

Holy Wednesday - April 8th

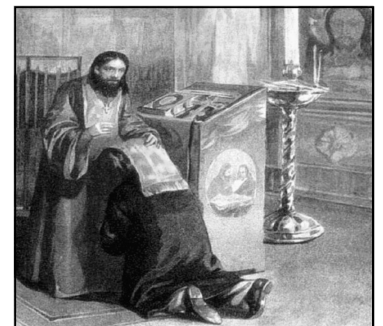
The Sacrament of Holy Unction - is offered for the healing of soul and body and for the forgiveness of sins. The anointing with oil and the grace of God, which heals infirmities of soul and body, is called down upon each person.

- ◆ The Service of Holy Unction - 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday - April 9th

On this day, we celebrate the Mystical Supper (the institution of the Eucharist) in the morning; The Lord's Agony in the Garden; His Betrayal and Crucifixion in the evening.

- ◆ Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great - 9:00 AM
- ◆ Matins of the 12 Passion Gospels - 7:00 PM



During Holy Week, the Sacrament of Confession will be offered 30 minutes prior to, and immediately following each of the Bridegroom Matins Services.

Holy Tuesday will be the last day for Confessions during Holy Week.

Again this year, we turn to our parishioners and benefactors for donations for Holy Week and Pascha. Please see The Weekly Bulletin for more information.

Great and Holy Friday - April 10th

The most solemn day of the year, the Church commemorates the death of Christ on the Cross; The un-nailing of Christ from the Cross and the placement of His body in the tomb.

- ◆ Reading of the Royal Hours - 9:00 AM
- ◆ Vespers of the Un-nailing - 3:00 PM
- ◆ Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations) - 7:00 PM

Great and Holy Saturday (Sebt al-Nour) Morning April 11th

Commonly referred to as "the day of the light" or "the first resurrection," Great Saturday is the day between Jesus' death and His resurrection. It is the day of watchful expectation, in which mourning is being transformed into joy.

- ◆ Baptism and Chrismation of Catechumens begin at 8:30 AM.
- ◆ Baptismal Vespers Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great - 9:00 AM

Great and Holy Pascha - April 11th & 12th

On this day, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church.

Saturday Evening - April 11th

- ◆ Nocturnes; Hajme; Matins and Divine Liturgy of Pascha 10:00 PM.

Sunday Morning - April 12th

- ◆ Agape Vespers - 11:00 AM *(The Gospel Message is read in various languages, with a joyful Paschal Procession)*

- **READERS NEEDED FOR AGAPE VESPERS -**

Do you read a language other than English? We could use your reading talents for the Agape Vespers Service on Pascha Sunday, April 12th, at 11:00 AM. It is the tradition that the Gospel Lesson is read in various languages, symbolizing the proclamation of the Resurrection to the whole world. Please speak with Fr. Peter to volunteer.

Bright Monday, April 13th

- ◆ Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday - 9:00 AM

Eggs for Pascha



Each family is asked to bring one (1) dozen boiled and colored eggs (preferably Red) to the church for blessing and distribution on Pascha night. Please place the eggs in the large basket that will be placed in the empty Tomb of Christ in front of the church.

Blessing of Pascha Baskets and Agape Meal



Fr. Peter will bless the Pascha Baskets immediately following the Pascha Divine Liturgy. Please place the baskets in front of the empty Tomb of Christ.

The Pascha Baskets are comprised of, but not limited to, the foods we have fasted from during Great Lent.

Following the Pascha Service, bring your blessed basket and share in the Agape Meal in the Banquet Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Following the Agape Vespers Service on Pascha Sunday (April 12th), the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church

grounds beginning at approximately 11:45 AM. All children are welcome to participate. *(Note: All children participating are expected to have their own basket.)*

To assist, or for more information, please speak to Kelly Pasley or Leah Chalhoub.