

Great Lent 2025: Services

These are the special services we will celebrate for Great Lent this year.

(all ending times are approximate)

| Sunday, March 2 | 9:10 - 9:30 AM 9:30 - 11:15 AM 11:15 - 11:45 AM | 3rd & 6th Hours Divine Liturgy (Cheesefare) Forgiveness Vespers (abbreviated, immediately after Liturgy) |
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| CLEAN WEEK - Beginning of Monday, March 3 Tuesday, March 4 Wednesday, March 5 Thursday, March 6 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Great Canon of St. Andrew (part 1) Great Canon of St. Andrew (part 2) Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, w/ Potluck Supper Great Canon of St. Andrew (part 4) |
| Wednesday, March 12 Friday, March 14 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM 7:00 - 7:45 PM | Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, w/ Potluck Supper Eve of Memorial Saturday: Memorial Litya w/ reading of all the names of the departed |
| Wednesday, March 19 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, w/ Potluck Supper |
| Monday, March 24 Tuesday, March 25 Wednesday, March 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM 8:00 - 9:30 AM 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Great Vespers for Annunciation Liturgy of St John for Annunciation Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, w/ Potluck Supper |
| Wednesday, April 2 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM | Great Canon of St. Andrew (full, w/ life of St. Mary) |
| Wednesday, April 9 Saturday, April 12 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM 8:00 - 9:30 AM 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Holy Unction Lazarus Saturday: Divine Liturgy, followed by parish work day Festal Great Vespers of Palm Sunday |

During Great Lent, we are encouraged to slow down the pace of our lives and spend more time in quiet and prayer. Unless we focus on the basics (prayer, family, worship) and downsize the rest, the additional disciplines of Lent will either go unused or just add stress to our lives. Neither approach is useful.



Service Schedule for Holy Week and Pascha 2025

Sun, April 13: Palm Sunday - The Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

9:10 - 9:30 am 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 - 11:15 am Festal Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Mon, April 14: Great & Holy Monday

6:00 - 7:30 pm Bridegroom Matins

Tue, April 15: Great & Holy Tuesday

6:00 - 7:30 pm Bridegroom Matins (with the Hymn of Cassia)

Wed, April 16: Great & Holy Wednesday

9:30 - 11:00 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts **6:00 - 7:30 pm** Matins for Great & Holy Thursday

Thu, April 17: Great & Holy Thursday - The Mystical Supper

9:30 - 11:15 am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (preparation of Reserve Sacrament)6:00 - 8:30 pm Matins for Great & Holy Friday, with the reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

Fri, April 18: Great and Holy Friday - The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

8:00 - 9:30 am Royal Hours

4:00 - 6:00 pm Great Vespers - Commemoration of the Burial of Christ w/ Procession

7:00 - 9:30 pm Jerusalem Matins, w/ Lamentations & Procession

9:30 pm - ? All-Night Vigil at the Tomb of Christ (volunteers needed for each hour of the night)

Sat, April 19: Great & Holy Saturday - The Descent of Our Lord into Hades

9:30 am - 12 noon Paschal Vigil: Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil the Great, with 15 OT readings

11:30 pm - 12 midnight Paschal Vigil: Midnight Office

Sun, April 20: Great & Holy PASCHA - The Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

12 midnight Procession, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy of Pascha, followed by blessing of baskets **2:00 - 3:00 pm** Agape Vespers w/ Gospel in many languages, followed by fellowship (and jellybean hunt!)

Mon, April 21: Bright Monday

9:10 - 9:30 am Paschal Hours

9:30 - 11:00 am Paschal Divine Liturgy

We worship Your Passion, O Christ; show us also Your glorious Resurrection!

