

Holy Week Services

April 20-28, 2019

*Thy Angels in heaven,
O Christ our Saviour,
sing to Thy Resurrection.
Do Thou enable us on earth
to glorify Thee with pure hearts.
Matins, Holy Pascha*

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Lazarus Saturday — April 20

- 9:00 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Great Feast of Palm
Sunday

Palm Sunday — April 21

- 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Indoor Procession
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Outdoor Procession

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Monday

Great and Holy Monday — April 22

- 10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday
Confessions will be available during this service

Great and Holy Tuesday — April 23

- 10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy
Wednesday
Confessions will be available during this service

Great and Holy Wednesday — April 24

- 10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy
11:30 AM Holy Unction (immediately following the
Presanctified Liturgy)*
7:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday (*anointing with Holy
Unction available after service**)
Confessions will be available during this service

Great and Holy Thursday — April 25

- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday: the Institution
of the Eucharist
7:00 PM Matins of Holy Friday
Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

* To participate in the Sacrament of Holy Unction on Holy Wednesday, one should have been to the sacrament of Confession during Great Lent or Holy Week prior to the service

Great and Holy Friday — April 26

- 10:00 AM Royal Hours followed by decorating the Bier
11:30 PM Exorcisms and Renunciations for those being
Baptized and Chrismated on Holy Saturday
3:00 PM Great Vespers of the
removal of Christ from the Holy Cross
7:00 PM Matins of Great and Holy
Saturday
The Lamentations at the Tomb

On HOLY FRIDAY, Orthodox Christians should stop from their daily cares and attend the divine services. Since it is a day of strict fasting (no food or as little as possible) and prayer, we should take the day off, come to the various services, pray and keep watch. Televisions, radios and stereos should be kept turned off and our homes should have a very subdued atmosphere.

Great and Holy Saturday — April 27

- 10:00 AM Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the
Great with **Baptisms and Chrismations of
Catechumens**
Decoration of the Church for Pascha

Great and Holy Pascha — April 28

- 10:00 PM (*Saturday evening, April 27*)
Midnight Office, Rush Procession, Matins, and
Divine Liturgy
Followed by Blessing of Pascha Baskets and
breaking of the fast in the Hall

1:00 PM Paschal Agape Vespers at the Church followed
by the Pascha Picnic

Confessions will be heard before (and at times during) the services from Lazarus Saturday through Holy Thursday, before and between the services on Holy Friday, and by appointment through the week. We will not be hearing confessions after the evening services during Holy Week (unless previously arranged with one of the priests). **Every Orthodox Christian should go to Confession prior to Holy Pascha.**

Preparing for our Lord's Resurrection

Confession: Every Orthodox Christian should participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during Great Lent and preferably prior to Holy Wednesday Unction and Holy Thursday Liturgy. Orthodox Christians should not approach the chalice at Pascha without participating in a sacramental confession during the Lenten season. ***Do not neglect this important sacrament of the Church.***

Fasting: Great Lent and Holy Week are traditional times of fasting in the Orthodox Church. The fast should be more intense during Holy Week and in particular on Holy Friday. Fasting is an important part of our spiritual preparation. Even if you do not fast any other time of the year, make every effort to participate in this time of self denial as you mystically join with our Lord in this important week.

Attending the Services: Try to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible—even at the expense of taking a day or two of vacation. Holy Week only comes once a year. Our participation is a small thing in consideration of what our Lord has done for us.

Alms Boxes: During Holy Week, be sure to bring in your full alms boxes of money that you collected during Great Lent for poor and needy people or Orthodox missions throughout the world. Let us not forget to give our alms during this important time of the year.

Parking during Holy Week: Please remember, we don't have any parking available on the church side of the parking lot during the day on weekdays. We can often use the visitors' spaces in the Texas Association of Broadcasters Building directly east of the Church. Also, the Capitol Visitor's Center parking garage at 12th and Trinity offers the first 2 hours of parking free. Street meter parking is available on Red River. Evenings, use all the lots.