

Great Lent Schedule

March 18 – April 26, 2024

Let us begin the fast with joy!

Let us prepare ourselves for spiritual efforts!

Let us cleanse our soul and cleanse our flesh!

*Let us abstain from every passion
as we abstain from food!*

*Let us rejoice in virtues of the spirit
and fulfill them in love!*

*That we all may see the passion of Christ our God,
And rejoice in spirit at the holy Pascha!*

– from Forgiveness Vespers

Saint Elias

Antiochian Orthodox Church

Austin, Texas

Forgiveness Sunday evening, March 17

5:00 PM —Forgiveness Vespers (Downtown)

First Week of Great Lent

Pure Monday, March 18

7:00 PM —Great Compline with Great Canon (North Campus)

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 PM —Great Compline with Great Canon (North Campus)

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy (Both Campuses)

Thursday, March 21

7:00 PM —Great Compline with Great Canon (North Campus)

Friday, March 22

9:30 AM — Presanctified Liturgy (North Campus)

7:00 PM — Akathist Hymn—First Week (North Campus)

Saturday, March 23

5:00 PM — Great Vespers and Confessions (North)

Sunday, March 24 — Sunday of Orthodoxy (Both Campuses)

8:30 AM Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Procession with Icons

5:00 PM Great Vespers for Annunciation (North Campus)

Second Week of Great Lent

Monday, March 25 — The Annunciation

6:30 PM — Vespers and Divine Liturgy (Both Campuses)

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy (Both Campuses)

Friday, March 29

9:30 AM — Presanctified Liturgy (North Campus)

7:00 PM — Akathist Hymn—Second Week (North Campus)

Saturday, March 30

5:00 PM — Great Vespers and Confessions (Downtown)

Sunday, March 31 — St. Gregory Palamas Sunday (Both)

8:30 AM Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Third Week of Great Lent

Monday, April 1

7:00 PM — Great Compline (Downtown Campus)

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy (Both Campuses)

Friday, April 5

7:00 PM — Akathist Hymn—Third Week (North Campus)

Saturday, April 6

5:00 PM — Great Vespers and Confessions (North)

Sunday, April 7 — Sunday of the Holy Cross (Both)

8:30 AM Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Fourth Week of Great Lent

Monday, April 8

7:00 PM —Great Compline (North Campus)

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy (Both)

Friday, April 12

9:30 AM — Presanctified Liturgy (North Campus)

7:00 PM — Akathist Hymn — Fourth Week (North Campus)

Saturday, April 13

5:00 PM — Great Vespers and Confessions (Downtown)

Sunday, April 14 — St. John of the Ladder Sunday (Both)

8:30 AM Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Fifth Week of Great Lent

Monday, April 15

7:00 PM —Great Compline (North Campus)

Wednesday, April 17 (North Campus)

7:00 — Canon of St. Andrew of Crete & Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Thursday, April 18

6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy (Both)

Friday, April 19

7:00 PM — Akathist Hymn—Fifth & Final Week (Downtown)

Saturday, April 20

5:00 PM — Great Vespers and Confessions (North)

Sunday, April 21 — St. Mary of Egypt Sunday (Both)

8:30 AM Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sixth Week of Great Lent

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 PM — Presanctified Liturgy (Both)

Friday, April 26

9:30 AM — Presanctified Liturgy (North Campus)

Holy Week: April 27-May 5, 2024

A separate Holy Week Brochure will give the schedule for Holy Week Services

GREAT LENT

A TIME OF PREPARATION

Confession: Every Orthodox Christian should participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during Great Lent and prior to the Holy Wednesday Unction Service and Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy. *Do not neglect this important sacrament of the Church.*

Fasting: Great Lent is a traditional time of fasting in the Orthodox Church. The fast should be more intense during the first and fourth weeks of Lent and during Holy Week and in particular on Holy Friday. Fasting and abstinence are important parts of our spiritual preparation. Even if you do not fast any other time of the year, you should make every effort to participate at least in a minimal way in this time self-denial and spiritual growth.

Attending the Services: Every Orthodox Christian should attend as many of the Lenten services as possible. Great Lent only comes once a year. Our participation is a small thing in consideration of what our Lord has done for us.

Almsgiving: During Great Lent, we put aside alms for poor and needy people throughout the world as we give to the Food For Hungry People Program of our Archdiocese and/or other charitable organizations. Let us not forget to give our alms during this important time of the year.

DONATIONS... are needed for flowers, candles, incense, etc. during Lent and Holy Week. Special offerings for altar items are also welcomed.