

# Holy Week Services

April 12-20, 2025

*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 12**

9:00 AM Baptisms and Chrismations (North)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (North)

5:00 PM Great Vespers for the Great Feast of Palm  
Sunday (Downtown)

## **Palm Sunday — April 13 (Both Campuses)**

8:30 AM Matins / Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Outdoor Procession

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Monday

## **Great and Holy Monday — April 14**

10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy at North Campus

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday  
at both Campuses

## **Great and Holy Tuesday — April 15**

10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy at Downtown Campus

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy  
Wednesday at both Campuses

## **Great and Holy Wednesday — April 16**

10:00 AM Holy Unction at North Campus\*

7:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday at both Campuses  
*(anointing with Holy Unction available after  
service Wednesday evening\*)*

## **Great and Holy Thursday — April 17**

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday: Institution of  
the Eucharist at North Campus (North  
Campus)

7:00 PM Matins of Holy Friday at Both Campuses  
Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

## **Great and Holy Friday — April 18**

- 10:00 AM Royal Hours at North Campus  
3:00 PM Great Vespers of the removal of Christ from the Holy Cross at Both Campuses  
7:00 PM Matins of Great and Holy Saturday at Both Campuses

*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 19 (at Both Campuses)**

- 10:00 AM Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
  
Noon Decoration of the Church for Pascha

## **Great and Holy Pascha — April 20**

- 10:00 PM *(Saturday evening April 19)*  
Midnight Office, Rush Procession, Matins, and Divine Liturgy at Both Campuses followed by Blessing of Pascha Baskets and breaking of the fast  
  
2:00 PM Paschal Agape Vespers followed by Pascha Picnic and Egg Hunt (North)

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\* 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

# Preparing for our Lord's Resurrection

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**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. 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). 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.

**Parking Downtown during Holy Week:** Please remember, we don't have any parking available downtown 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 (make sure it says VISITOR on the curb). Also, the Capitol Visitor's Center parking garage at 12<sup>th</sup> and Trinity offers the first 2 hours of parking free. Street meter parking is available on Red River. Evenings: use both of the lots.