

Sacraments and Worship in the Orthodox Church

The Church Building:

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The Altar

The Cross

The Table of Oblation

Icons

Vestments

Christian Symbols

What is a Sacrament? What is a Holy Mystery?

Sacrament / Mystery μυστήριον *mysterion*

Baptism

Chrismation

Eucharist

Penance

Holy Unction

Marriage

Holy Orders

Funeral

Monasticism

Cycles of Prayer and the Liturgical Year

Daily

Vespers
Compline
Nocturne/Midnight Office
Matins/Orthros
1st, 3rd, 6th, & 9th Hours

Weekly

Sunday: the Resurrection
Monday: the Archangels and other bodiless powers
Tuesday: St. John the Baptist
Wednesday: the Cross
Thursday: the Holy Apostles and St. Nicholas
Friday: the Cross
Saturday: all saints and the departed

The Octoechos — the Eight Tones

the eight week cycle

Calendar Year

Menaion — the Calendar of the Saints

Fixed-Date Great Feasts

Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8
The Elevation of the Holy Cross - September 14
Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple - November 21
Nativity of Christ (Christmas) - December 25
Epiphany (Theophany) - January 6
Meeting of the Lord in the Temple - February 2
Annunciation - March 25
Transfiguration of Christ - August 6
Dormition of the Theotokos - August 15

Major Saints' Days

St. Demetrios - October 26
The Archangels - November 8
St. Nicholas - December 6
St. Basil the Great - January 1
St. John the Baptist - January 7
St. Anthony the Great - January 17
Three Hierarchs (Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom) -
January 30

Forty Martyrs of Sebaste - March 9
St. George - April 23
Ss. Constantine and Helen - May 21
Nativity of John the Baptist - June 24
Ss. Peter and Paul - June 29
St. Elias (Elijah) - July 20
Beheading of the Baptist - August 29

Paschal Cycle

Pre-Lent

Great Lent

Holy Week

Pascha - the Feast of Feasts

Pentecostarion

Gospel and Epistle Lectionary

Movable Great Feasts:

Palm Sunday

Ascension

Pentecost

The Calendar

The Old (Julian) Calendar

The New (Revised-Julian or Gregorian) Calendar

The Calculation of Easter

40 Days of Great Lent

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Prothesis Table
(Table of Oblation)

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