

# Schedule of Services: Holy Week & Pascha

## PALM SUNDAY - April 5<sup>th</sup>

8:45 AM      **Orthros & Blessing of Palms**

10:00 AM      **Divine Liturgy with Procession**

Commemorating the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem before His voluntary death; carrying palm branches, the faithful join in procession around the outside of the church in recognition of this historic event.

6:00 PM      **Bridegroom Orthros**

The commemoration of Joseph, son of Jacob, and the Gospel account of the fig tree that withered remind us that our lives are intended to produce ripe fruit.

## GREAT & HOLY MONDAY - April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM      **Presanctified Liturgy**

6:00 PM      **Bridegroom Orthros**

The account of the wise and foolish virgins reminds us of the need to be watchful at all times expecting the arrival of Christ.

## GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY - April 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM      **Presanctified Liturgy**

6:00 PM      **Bridegroom Orthros**

The anointing of Christ with myrrh by the woman at Bethany gives us an example of seeing our own sinfulness, and our need for humility and mercy.

## GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY – April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM      **Presanctified Liturgy**

6:00 PM      **Holy Unction**

The Sacrament of Holy Unction is celebrated for the healing of soul and body.

## GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY – April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM      **Divine Liturgy**

The last supper of Christ with His apostles is remembered as the Mystical Supper of His Body and Blood -- offered for our salvation. He says, "Do this is remembrance of Me."

6:00 PM      **The Twelve Passion Gospels**

The passion and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is read from the twelve Gospel accounts. The life giving Cross is placed in the center of the church for our contemplation and veneration.

**GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Royal Hours

3:00 PM Un-nailing Vespers

6:00 PM The Lamentations & Burial

The life giving death of Christ on the Cross for our sakes, the removal of His sacred Body, and placing in the Tomb are commemorated. The most beloved One has given His life for us. The sacred shroud and decorated bier are carried in funeral procession around the church as we relive the burial of our Lord.

**GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY – April 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

The tomb of our Lord is our focus as we realize the death and burial of Christ and await the joy of His Resurrection; for Christ is now in Hades conquering death.

10:00 PM Resurrection Rush and Orthros Procession followed by the **Great and Glorious Paschal Divine Liturgy!**

The Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the sign of universal life. The “first light” is offered and a candle lit procession makes its way around the church reminding us that Light has overtaken darkness. Eggs are offered as a sign of new life. The Paschal exclamation, ***Christ is Risen!*** is offered and exchanged -- ***Truly, He is Risen!*** The Paschal Liturgy is celebrated in the light filled church as if in the Light giving Tomb of the Resurrection.

**GREAT & HOLY PASCHA DAY – April 12<sup>th</sup>**

2 PM Agape Vespers of the Resurrection

The Resurrection of Christ is announced and celebrated with the reading of the Holy Gospel in many languages, proclaiming that Christ is Risen!

***Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!***

**ARABIC**

Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!

**GREEK**

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

**SLAVONIC**

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

**SPANISH**

Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!