

April 23/Saturday (wine) Holy Saturday / Holy Greatmartyr George

9am **Baptisms**

10am **Holy Vesperal Liturgy**

The Vesperal Liturgy ushers in the first strains of the joyous feast. This service is the vespers of Pascha itself and announces what is to come. The vestments and paraments are dramatically changed from black to white, and we hear "Let God arise and His enemies be scattered." After the Liturgy, we will bless the loaves of bread and wine (juice for the children) and will partake of these things to sustain us through the day. The servers will be responsible for preparing the holy things for Pascha and then many of our faithful will prepare flowers and beautify the church for the feast.

7-11:30pm **Continuous Reading of Acts of the Apostle**

Check your email for online signup link.

11:30pm **Paschal Nocturnes**

On Holy Saturday we fast and make preparations all day after the morning Liturgy (including the preparation of sumptuous paschal foods). "Behold the Bridegroom comes at midnight" we sang at Bridegroom Matins earlier in the week. Now we gather again before midnight to be ready to meet the Risen Lord. But before we make our triumphal Paschal Procession, we first gather in the church for Nocturnes. Quietly the Lord's body is taken from the "Tomb" and placed in victory on the Holy table in the altar. All lights in the church are put out and we wait patiently for the first strains of the Paschal song....."Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior." The paschal light is lit, the priest begins quietly to chant the hymn, the servers join in, and finally the choir and all the people add their voices to the priest's and server's voices. The light is passed from person to person and we exit the church and make our Paschal Procession.

April 24/Sunday Great & Holy Pascha

12am **Paschal Procession & Matins**

1:00am **Paschal Divine Liturgy**

We have now entered completely into the joy of Pascha. Christ bursts the gates of death and the gates of Paradise are opened. Coming back into the church, we celebrate the Paschal Matins, hears the Paschal sermon of St. John Chrysostom, and then go right into the Paschal Liturgy. After Liturgy, the priest blesses the Artos and the Paschal baskets of food in the parish hall. All are invited to stay for this meal.

2:40am Blessings of Baskets & Paschal Meal

2pm **Agape Vespers** followed by Paschal Picnic

Bright Week—No Fasting!

April 25/Bright Monday

10am Paschal Liturgy

April 26/Bright Tuesday

11am Paschal Matins

April 27/Bright Wednesday

6:30pm Paschal Vespers at St. Nina in Berea

April 28/Bright Thursday

6:30pm Paschal Vespers

April 29/Bright Friday

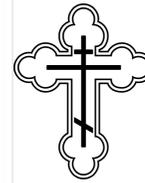
5pm Paschal Vespers

April 30/Bright Saturday

9am Paschal Liturgy for Life-giving Spring

May 1/AntiPascha St. Thomas Sunday

6:30pm Cathedral Vigil / Confessions



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The End of Lent and Feast of Palms

April 15/Friday 7:30pm

**End of Lent Compline w/Lazarus Sat Canon (service lasts ~45 min)
& Final Adult Confessions**

At this service we say goodbye to Lent and prepare to celebrate the dual Feasts of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday . Note: All adult Lenten confessions should be completed by this evening. If you plan on partaking of the Eucharist during Holy Week and Bright Week, you need to make a Lenten confession prior to Lazarus Saturday.

April 16/Saturday (w/o/caviar) Lazarus Saturday

9am Lazarus Liturgy

As a prelude to the Great Feast of the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), we remember the Lord's raising of Lazarus from the dead. After Liturgy and a Lenten pancake breakfast the priest is available to hear the children's confessions (while others are making palm crosses).

6:30pm Palm Sunday Vigil (service lasts ~ 1 & 3/4 hours)

This is our evening service in preparation for the Great Feast of the Entry of our Lord in Jerusalem. During this service, the palms are blessed for the Feast.

April 17/Sunday 9:30am Feast of Palms (service lasts ~2 hours)

This Festal Liturgy commemorates the Great Feast of the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. This Feast of Palms, paired gloriously with Lazarus Saturday, offers us a triumphal foretaste of Christ's Passion and resurrection; yet, also signals the sad truth the many who at first hail Jesus as Lord turn from His teaching and forsake Him.

Holy Week

April 17/Sunday 7pm Bridegroom Matins for Holy Monday

(at Berea College Chapel) (services lasts ~1 & 1/2 hours)

The service of Bridegroom Matins introduces us to Holy Week. Each evening from Sunday thru Wednesday, we are challenged to ponder the coming of the Lord and our lack of preparation to meet Him.

April 18 Holy Monday

9am Hours w/Matthew 1-14 (service lasts ~2-3 hours)

As is the custom, our parish will read through an entire Gospel over the course of the hours on Monday & Tuesday. Those who cannot attend the Hours are encouraged to read the Gospel at home as a part of their Holy Week preparation for Pascha.

6:30pm Bridegroom Matins for Holy Tuesday

April 19 Holy Tuesday

9am Hours w/Matthew 15-28 (service lasts ~2-3 hours)

6:30pm Bridegroom Matins for Holy Wednesday at St. Nina

April 20 Holy Wednesday

11am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (service lasts ~1 & 1/2 hours)

All who are working are encouraged to take their lunch break and come to this service to partake of Holy Communion. The communing of the faithful should take place at about 12:15pm. We pray the Prayer of St. Ephrem for the last time this year.

6:30pm Bridegroom Matins w/Anointing (service lasts 1 & 1/2 hours)

On Holy Wednesday evening, the theme of Bridegroom Matins shifts dramatically to the person of Judas at the Last Supper, who is sharing the Lord's Table and, yet, is preparing to betray Him. Afterwards. The priest will anoint all present with blessed oil reserved from the Vigil of Palm Sunday.

April 21/Thursday Holy Thursday

10am Vespers Liturgy (2 hour service)

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate a Vespers Liturgy that is sometimes called the Liturgy of the Mystical Supper. At this time, we commemorate the Last Supper and enter into the eternal mystery of it, which is the Eucharist. After the Liturgy, we will share a Lenten Meal.

6:30pm 12 Passion Gospels Matins (3 hour service)

On the evening of Holy Thursday, we enter into Great and Holy Friday and encounter Christ Crucified. This is one of the most powerful services in all of Orthodox Holy Week.

April 22/Friday (strict fast day) Holy Friday

9am Royal Hours (1 & 1/2 hour service)

On the morning of great and Holy Friday, we revisit the cross. We hear the hymns of the previous evening and find Jesus hanging on the Cross for salvation. If you cannot be at the Thursday evening service, know that this service of the Royal Hours covers much of the same content. Royal Hours offers a powerful meditation on the Cross and its meaning.

3pm Entombment Vespers (1 hour service, especially child friendly)

During this service we remember the taking down of the Lord's body from the Cross and his entombment by the Noble Joseph.

6:30pm Matins w/Lamentations & Procession (2 1/2 hour service)

Sometimes called the "service of Lamentation" this Matins for Holy Saturday shows us that our lamentation of Christ's death will soon blossom forth into tremendous rejoicing! During the service our lamentations around the tomb of Christ begin to morph into praises to Him who is about to rise from the dead!

9pm All-night Reading of the Psalter (thru 9am Saturday)

The all-night reading begins right after the Funeral Matins and continues until the Saturday morning Liturgy. Check your email for online signup link.