

**2025 HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA
Schedule of Services**

Saturday, April 12 – Raising of Lazarus

- 8:15 AM Matins
- 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- 1:00 PM Chrismation of Timothy Nerenz and Jeremiah Beckwith
- 5:00 PM Vigil of Palm Sunday (blessing of palms)

Sunday, April 13 – Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem

- 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday

Monday, April 14 – Christ Teaching in the Temple

- 9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy
- 6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 15 – Christ Teaching in the Temple

- 9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy
- 6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 16 – Christ Betrayed by Judas Iscariot

- 9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy (final one of season)
- 3:00 PM Holy Unction
- 6:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17 – Institution of Lord's Supper/Arrest in Gethsemane

- 1:00 PM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
- 6:00 PM Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)

Friday, April 18 – Crucifixion and Burial of Christ

- 9:30 AM Royal Hours of Pascha
- 4:00 PM Great Vespers (carrying-out of Grave-covering)
- 6:00 PM Matins of Holy Saturday (lamentations/burial procession)

Saturday, April 19 – Christ in the Tomb/Descent into Hades

- 1:00 PM Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil (begin Paschal vigil)
11:30 PM Midnight Office (begin Paschal service)

Sunday, April 20 – PASCHA, the Resurrection of Christ

- 12:00 AM Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy (blessing of baskets)
11:30 AM Paschal Vespers (Gospel procession and egg hunt)

Monday, April 21 – Bright Monday

- 9:30 AM Paschal Liturgy & Gospel procession

Friday, April 25 – Bright Friday (patronal feast day of Saint Mark)

- 9:30 AM Paschal Liturgy

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- **Confession** is not scheduled during Holy Week. Persons wanting to come to Confession before Pascha need to come before the end of Lent (this year, April 11), especially those who want to receive Holy Communion at Pascha but have not attended Liturgy for several weeks and/or months prior to the Feast.
- **Matins** (the early morning service) and the **Presanctified Liturgy** (a vespereal, evening service) are typically served at opposite times of the day for convenience sake.
- **Holy Unction** is not specifically appointed for Holy Week but is commonly served on Holy Wednesday as part of the Greek Orthodox tradition resulting from its 400-year occupation under Turkish rule. *As a mystery (sacrament) of the Church, Holy Unction is administered to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by repentance, prayer, and Confession.*
- **Paschal food baskets** (e.g., meats, cheeses, etc.) will be blessed following the Paschal Liturgy at midnight, not after Paschal Vespers.
- The term **PASCHA** refers to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection at the time of the Jewish Passover (Heb., *pesach*) in the spring of the year. The word *pascha* is simply *pesach* rendered in Greek, and now English, letters (see 1 Cor. 5:7: "For Christ our Pascha was slain").