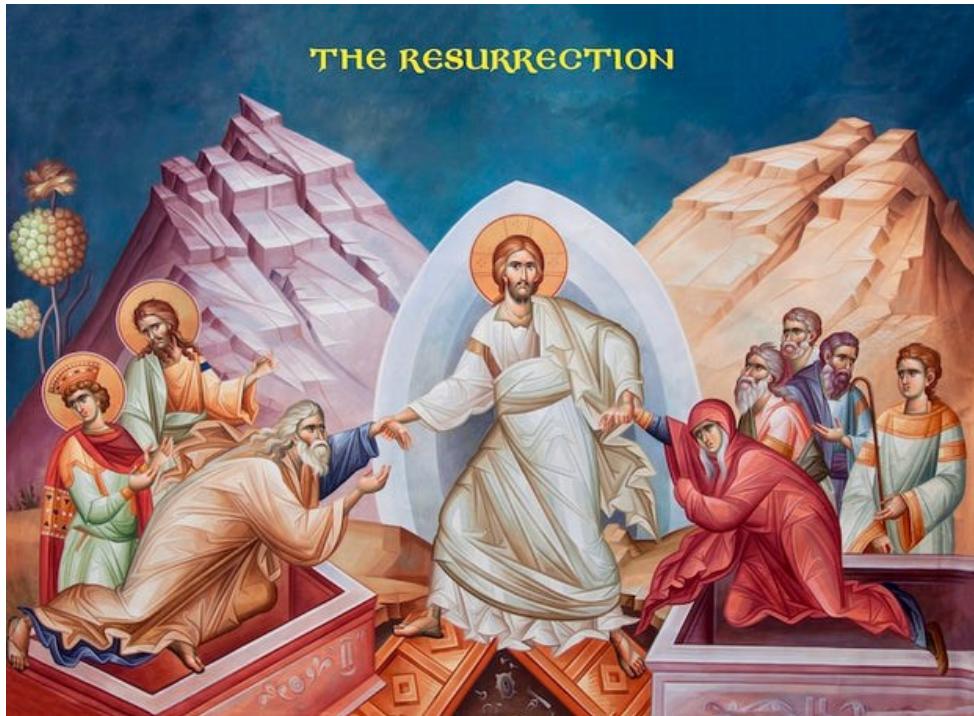


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THE RESURRECTION



Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

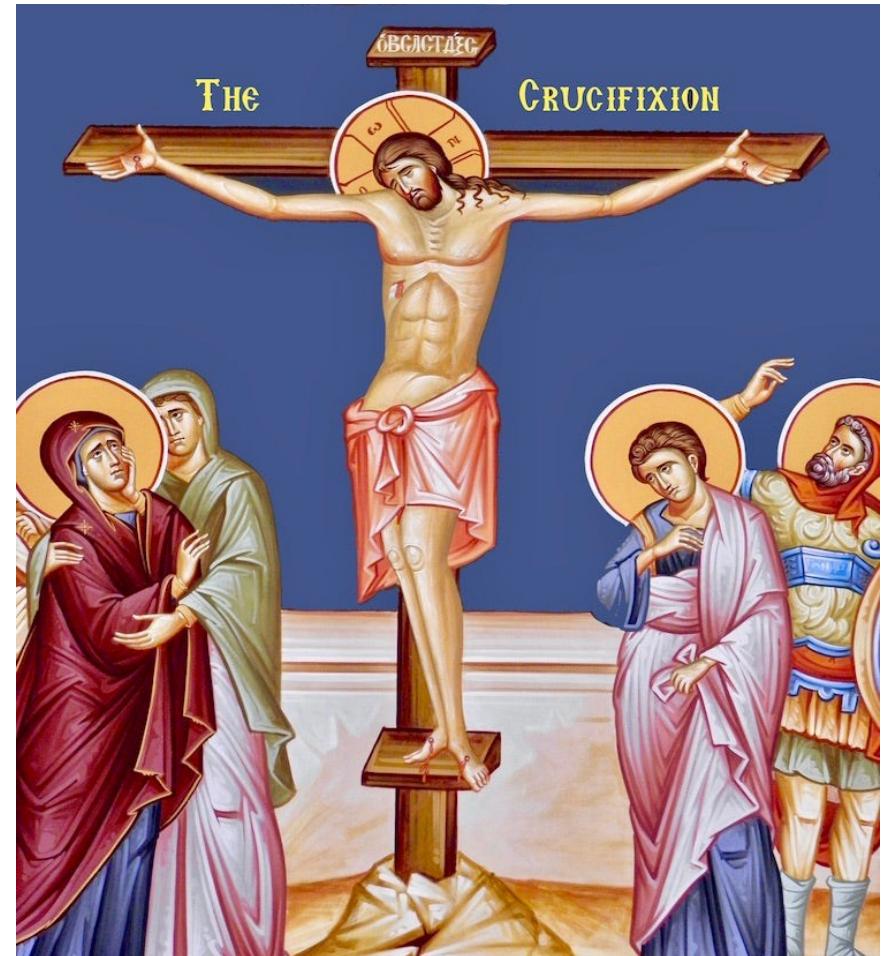
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Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Our Journey through Great Lent & Holy Week—2026

May you be encouraged to increase your participation in the Life of the Church by attending as many services during Great Lent and Holy Week as possible. This is an opportunity that the Church provides us: to demonstrate our desire for God who desires to offer salvation to us, His beloved faithful!



Schedule and Explanation of Liturgical Services

First Week of Great Lent

Sunday, February 22 — **Forgiveness Vespers** at 12:30p

Monday, February 23 — **Great Compline with Canon of Repentance** at 6:00p

Tuesday, February 24 — **Great Compline with Canon of Repentance** at 6:00p

Wednesday, February 25 — **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck Meal** at 6:00p

Thursday, February 26 — **Great Compline with Canon of Repentance** at 6:00p

Friday, February 27 — **Akathist (Madayeh) Service to the Theotokos** at 6:00p

In the afternoon we celebrate Vespers (taking down of Christ's body from the Cross). In the evening, the Lamentations Orthros is sung. This service begins in a solemn manner as we lay to rest our Lord's body in the Tomb.

Holy Saturday is a day of hope and waiting. In the morning, as we celebrate Christ's victory over death, while singing: "Arise O God and Judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations." The Vespers Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday concludes the services of Holy Week, and brings us to the eve of Great and Holy Pascha.

Great and Holy Pascha is the celebration of the life-giving Resurrection of Jesus Christ. At this point the Resurrection is announced with the Gospel reading about the empty tomb (Mark 16: 1-8) which refers to the Angel's statement: "He is risen; He is not here."

On Sunday afternoon, the Agape Vespers is celebrated as the Gospel according to St. John, proclaiming the Good News of the Resurrection. is read in various languages demonstrating the universal character of our Lord's Resurrection.

During Bright Week, we will offer Paschal Vespers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00p.

Raising of Lazarus and Palm Sunday begin Holy Week. The Raising of Lazarus confirmed the universal resurrection from the dead that all of us will experience at our Lord's Second Coming. Our Lord enters Jerusalem and is proclaimed king; we use psalms on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as the true King and Messiah.

Bridegroom Orthros and most of the other services of Holy Week are served "in anticipation." Each of these services has a particular theme: On Holy Monday, Blessed Joseph of Egypt, is commemorated. The Parable of the Ten Virgins is read on Holy Tuesday. The theme of Holy Wednesday is repentance and forgiveness as we remember the sinful woman who anointed our Lord before His death.

On Holy Thursday we turn to the events of our Lord's Passion. Thursday morning begins with commemorating the Mystical Supper. At this Liturgy a second Host is consecrated, which is distributed to the shut-ins and the sick throughout the year. In the evening, we celebrate Matins with Reading of the 12 Passion Gospel accounts.

Holy Friday is a day of strict fast. In the morning we celebrate the Royal Hours. These solemn hours are observed as we read the various accounts and hymns concerning the Crucifixion.

Remaining Lenten Schedule

Mondays (March 2, March 9, March 16, & March 30)
— **Great Compline** at 6:oop

Wednesdays (March 4, March 11, March 18, & April 1)
— **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & **Potluck Meal**** at 6:oop

Fridays (March 6, March 13, March 20, & March 27)
— **Akathist (Madayeh) Service to the Theotokos** at 6:oop

Additional Services during Great Lent

*Monday, March 23 — **Compline with FULL Canon of Repentance & Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt** at 6:oop

*Tuesday, March 24 — **Festal Orthros at 5:oop & Festal Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation** at 6:oop & Dinner Outing

Great Compline is a penitential evening prayer service that may include Canons, such as the *Canon of Repentance by St. Andrew of Crete*, which is sung during the first week of Great Lent. Most apparent feature is its penitential themes, demonstrating many examples of sin and repentance from the Old and New Testaments.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is an evening service of Lenten Vespers with the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is given from the Eucharistic gifts sanctified on the previous Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, in the hopes of sustaining our Lenten ascetical efforts and discipline.

We will host a weekly Lenten Potluck on Wednesday evenings for our parish community ONLY.
Please bring Lenten food and drinks to share.

The *Akathist (Madayeh) Service* is a profound, devotional poem singing praises to the Holy Mother and Ever-Virgin, Mary. As the hymn is chanted all of the events related to our Lord's Incarnation are brought to attention for our contemplation.

Holy Week Schedule and Explanation of Services

Friday, April 3	6:oop	Compline with the Canon of the Raising of Lazarus
Saturday, April 4 <i>(Raising of Lazarus)</i>	10:00a 5:oop	Festal Liturgy Great Vespers
Sunday, April 5 <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	9:00a 10:00a 1:oop	Festal Orthros Festal Liturgy Bridegroom Orthros
Monday, April 6	6:oop	Bridegroom Orthros
Tuesday, April 7	6:oop	Bridegroom Orthros
Wednesday, April 8	6:oop	Sacrament of Holy Unction
Thursday, April 9	10:00a 6:oop	Vesperal Liturgy 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 10 <i>(Holy Friday)</i>	10:00a 6:oop 7:oop	Royal Hours Un-nailing Vespers Lamentations
Saturday, April 11 <i>(Holy Saturday)</i>	10:00a 10:oop	Vesperal Liturgy Paschal Orthros & Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Sunday, April 12 <i>(PASCHA)</i>	1:oop	Agape Vespers followed by Fellowship