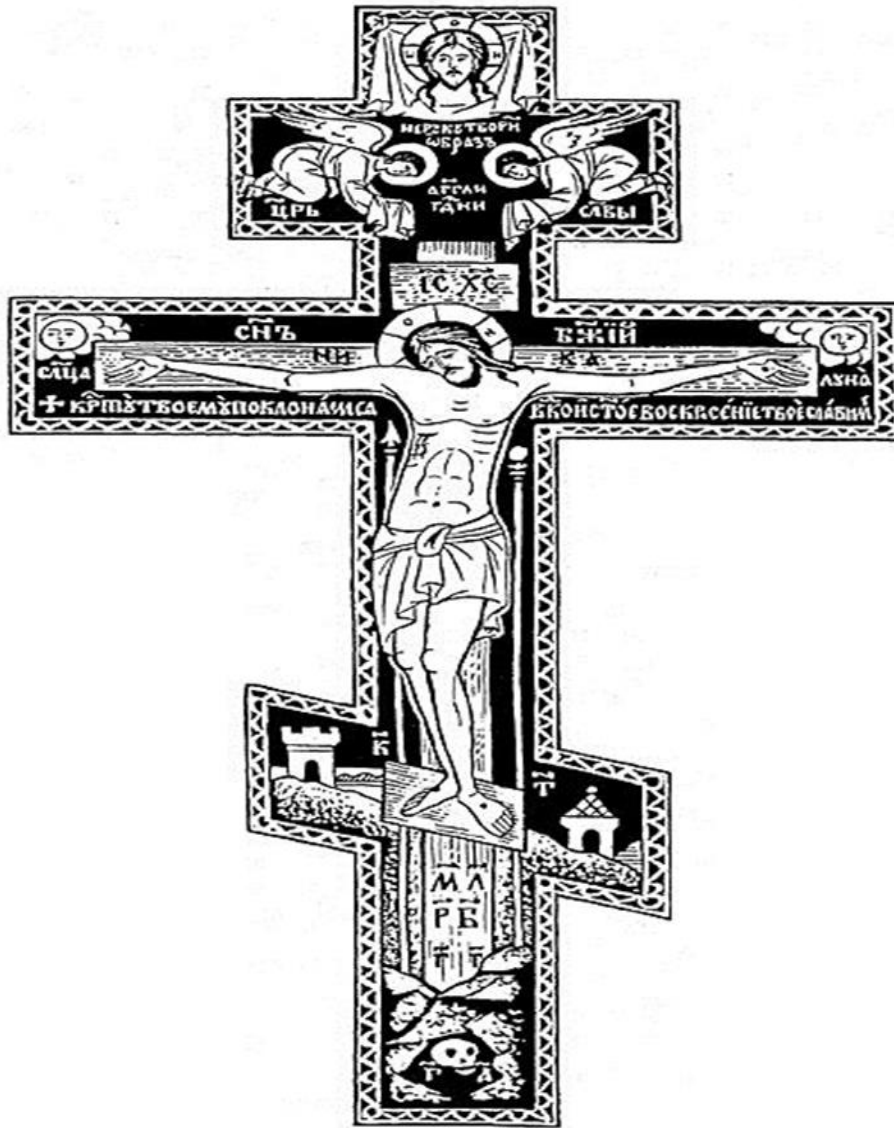


2023 Lenten Schedule & HOLY WEEK



Lenten Schedule 2023

- February 26th- Forgiveness Vespers at 5:00pm
1st Week of Great Lent
- February 27th- Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew at 4:30pm (respective quarter)
- February 28th- Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:30pm (respective quarter)
- March 1st- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm (*Hosted by St. John Cassian Romanian Orthodox Church 1801 W Thorain Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78201*)
- March 2nd- Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:30pm (respective quarter)
- March 3rd- Akathist to the Theotokos 1st Stasis at 6:30pm
- March 5th- Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 5:00pm (*Hosted by St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church 2504 N St. Mary's San Antonio, Texas 78212*).

2nd Week of Great Lent

- March 6th- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- March 8th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm (*Hosted by St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church 103 Carolina St, San Antonio, TX 78210*)
- March 10th- Akathist to the Theotokos 2nd Stasis at 6:30pm

3rd Week of Great Lent

- March 13th- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- March 15th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm (*Hosted by St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church 2504 N St. Mary's San Antonio, Texas 78212*).
- March 17th- Akathist to the Theotokos 3rd Stasis at 6:30pm
- March 18th- Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy with Trisagion Prayers for the Departed at 9:30am

4th Week of Great Lent

Feast of the Annunciation

- March 20th- Great Compline at 4:30pm

- March 22nd- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm (*Hosted by St. Ephraim Parish*)
- March 24th- Great Vespers with 4th Stasis at 6:30pm
- March 25th- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Lenten Retreat at 10:00am (*Hosted by St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church 103 Carolina St, San Antonio, TX 78210*)

5th Week of Great Lent

- March 27th- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- March 29th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm (*Hosted by Sts. Joachim & Anna Russian Orthodox Church 6858 Oxford Trace St. San Antonio, Texas 78240*)
- March 30th- Little Compline with the complete Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt at 6:30pm
- March 31st- Akathist to the Theotokos at 6:30pm

6th Week of Great Lent

- April 3rd- Great Compline at 4:30pm
 - April 5th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm
 - April 7th- Little Compline with the Canon of the Rising of Lazarus at 6:30pm
- Lazarus Saturday*
- April 8th- Orthros/Matins at 9:00am & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at 10:00am (*Reception of new faithful into the Holy Orthodox Church*)

Palm Sunday

- April 9th- Orthros/Matins at 9:00am & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at 10:00am
 - Procession w/ Palm Branches, Annual Photo & Fish Luncheon.

HOLY WEEK

- April 9th- Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday at 6:30pm (Sunday Evening)
- April 10th- Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Tuesday at 6:30pm (Monday Evening)
- April 11th- Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Wednesday at 6:30pm (Tuesday Evening)

- April 12th- Holy Unction Service at 6:30pm (Wednesday Evening)
- April 13th- Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Anniversary of the Mystical Supper of Christ at 9:30am. (Thursday Morning)
- April 13th- Orthros with the 12 Passion Gospels for Holy Friday at 6:30pm (Thursday Evening)
- April 14th- The Royal (Great) Hours and Typika on Holy Friday at 9:00am (Friday Morning)
- April 14th- Great Vespers for Holy Saturday, the taking down of Christ from the Cross at 3:00pm (Friday Afternoon)
- April 14th- Orthros with the Lamentations for Holy Saturday at 6:30pm (Friday Evening)
- April 15th- Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the First Liturgy (Baptismal Liturgy) of Pascha at 10:00am. (Saturday Morning)
- April 16th- **Great & Holy Pascha** starting at 6:30am (Sunday Morning)
- April 16th- Agape Vespers at 2:00pm followed by Lamb Roast at 3:00pm (Sunday Afternoon) Location TBD

(*Note:* This 2023 Lenten Schedule does not reflect the regular weekend services of Great Vespers, Orthros & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great that will be served each weekend throughout the fast. There will also be other things that need to be done during Holy Week which are not reflected on this Schedule, such as buying palm branches, basil or laurel leaves, Easter lilies & decorating the bier with roses and flowers. Please make every effort to attend as many services as you can while we go through this Great and Holy Fast where we end with the encounter of the Empty Tomb and the Resurrected Lord. For a complete copy of our liturgical services during Holy Week please reference *The Services of Great and Holy Week and Pascha*, service book, produced by the Antiochian Archdiocese and on sale in our parish bookstore).

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