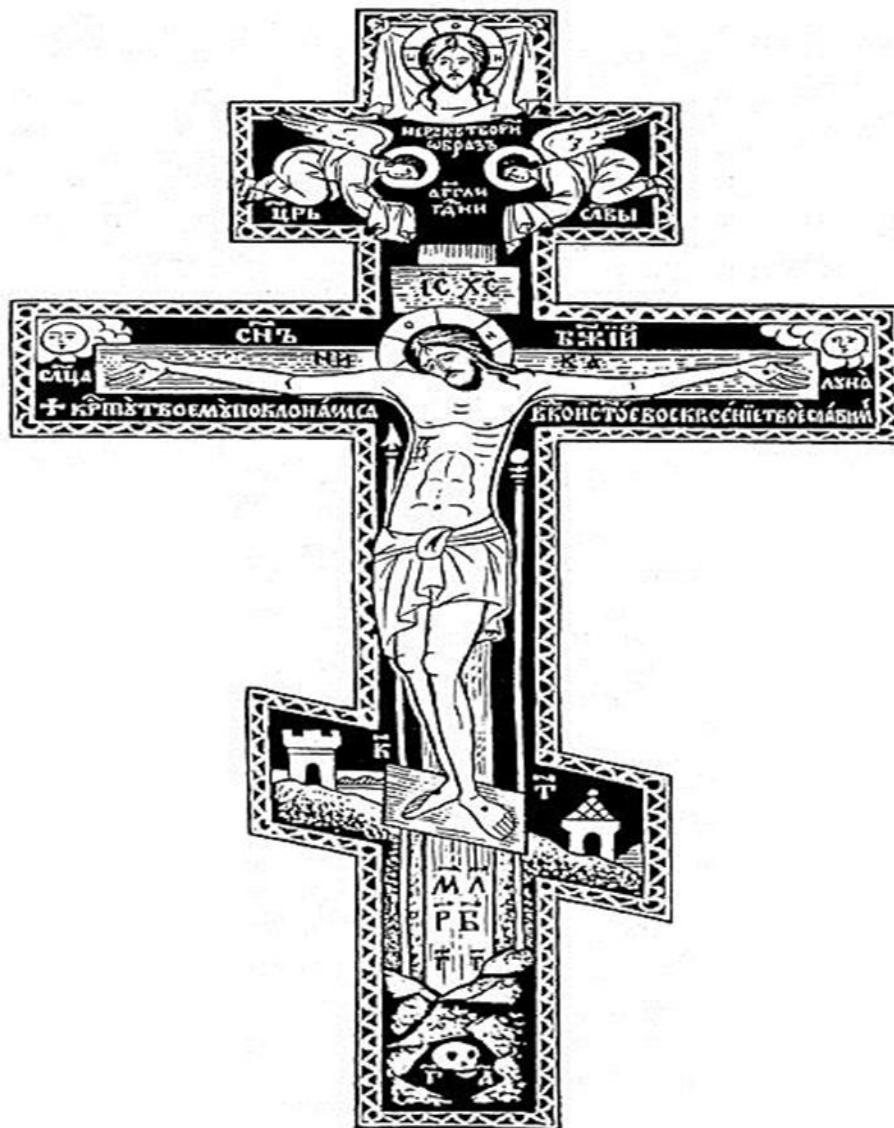


2026 Lenten Schedule & HOLY WEEK



Lenten Schedule 2026

- February 22nd- Forgiveness Vespers at 5:00pm

1st Week of Great Lent

- February 23rd- Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:30pm (respective quarter)
- February 24th- Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew at 4:30pm (respective quarter)
- February 25th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm
- February 26th- Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:30pm (respective quarter)
- February 27th- Akathist to the Theotokos 1st Stasis at 6:30pm
- March 1st- Sunday or Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 5:00pm (**Hosted by St. John Cassian Romanian Orthodox Church 1801 W Thorain Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78201**).
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2nd Week of Great Lent

- March 4th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm
- March 5th- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- March 6th- Akathist to the Theotokos 2nd Stasis at 4:00pm
- March 6th- Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm (**Hosted by St. John Cassian Romanian Orthodox Church 1801 W Thorain Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78201**).
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3rd Week of Great Lent

- March 11th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm
- March 12th- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- March 13th- Akathist to the Theotokos 3rd Stasis at 6:30pm (**Pan-Orthodox Event Hosted by St. Ephraim Parish**).

4th Week of Great Lent

- March 18th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm
- March 19th- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- March 20th- Akathist to the Theotokos 4th Stasis at 6:30pm

5th Week of Great Lent

Feast of the Annunciation

- March 23rd- Little Compline with the complete Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt at 6:30pm
- March 24th- Great Vespers w/ Litia & Artoklasia at 6:30pm
- March 25th- Festal Orthros at 9:00am & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at 10:00am
- March 25th- Great Vespers for leaving taking of Annunciation at 6:00pm
- March 27th- Akathist to the Theotokos at 4:00pm
- March 27th- Pan Orthodox Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm (**Hosted by St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church 103 Carolina St. San Antonio, Texas 78210**)

6th Week of Great Lent

- April 1st- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm
- April 2nd- Great Compline at 4:30pm
- April 3rd- Little Compline with the Canon of the Rising of Lazarus at 6:30pm

Lazarus Saturday

- April 4th- 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 5th- 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 5th- Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday at 6:30pm (Sunday Evening)
- April 6th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00am (Monday Morning)
- April 6th- Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Tuesday at 6:30pm (Monday Evening)
- April 7th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00am (Tuesday Morning)
- April 7th- Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Wednesday at 6:30pm (Tuesday Evening)
- April 8th- Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00am (Wednesday Morning)
- April 8th- Holy Unction Service at 6:30pm (Wednesday Evening)
- April 9th- Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Anniversary of the Mystical Supper of Christ at 9:30am. (Thursday Morning)
- April 9th- Orthros with the 12 Passion Gospels for Holy Friday at 6:30pm (Thursday Evening)
- April 10th- The Royal (Great) Hours and Typika on Holy Friday at 9:00am (Friday Morning) (**Decorating the Bier**)
- April 10th- Great Vespers for Holy Saturday, the taking down of Christ from the Cross at 3:00pm (Friday Afternoon) (**Decorating the Bier**)
- April 10th- Orthros with the Lamentations for Holy Saturday at 6:30pm (Friday Evening)
- April 11th- Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the First Liturgy (Baptismal Liturgy) of Pascha at 10:00am. (Saturday Morning)
- April 11th- **Great & Holy Pascha** starting at 10:00pm
- April 12th- Agape Vespers at 2:00pm followed by Lamb Roast at 3:00pm (Sunday Afternoon)

(Note: This 2026 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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