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## ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM: PALM SUNDAY

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

#### PALM SUNDAY

*Saturday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

*Sunday, 21 April (8 April, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

#### **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY**

*Sunday, 21 April (8 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Monday;  
Confessions

*Monday, 22 April (9 April, o.s.)*

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### **GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY**

*Monday, 22 April (9 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Tuesday;  
Confessions

*Tuesday, 23 April (10 April, o.s.)*

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY**

*Tuesday, 23 April (10 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Wednesday;  
Confessions

*Wednesday, 24 April (11 April, o.s.)*

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**

*Wednesday, 24 April (11 April, o.s.)*

4:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday;  
Confessions

6:00 PM Service of Holy Unction

*Thursday, 25 April (12 April, o.s.)*

8:50 AM Hours & Typika  
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil

#### **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**

*Thursday, 25 April (12 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Matins of the Twelve Gospels

*Friday, 26 April (13 April, o.s.)*

9:00 AM Royal Hours  
11:00 AM Decoration of the Tomb  
12:00 PM Great Vespers

#### **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**

*Friday, 26 April (13 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Matins of the Lamentations

*Saturday, 27 April (14 April, o.s.)*

8:50 AM Hours & Typika  
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil

#### HOLY PASCHA

*Saturday, 27 April (14 April, o.s.)*

11:15 PM Midnight Office & Procession

*Sunday, 28 April (15 April, o.s.)*

12:01 AM Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy;  
Paschal Trapeza (Meal)

#### **BRIGHT MONDAY**

*Sunday, 28 April (15 April, o.s.)*

2:00 PM Agape Vespers;  
Children's Egg Hunt

*Monday, 29 April (16 April, o.s.)*

9:15 AM Paschal Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

### FASTING DAYS Week of 21 April

Day of Week	Type of Fast
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Fish, Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Great &amp; Holy Monday</i>	Regular Fast Day (No Oil)
<i>Great &amp; Holy Tuesday</i>	Regular Fast Day (No Oil)
<i>Great &amp; Holy Wednesday</i>	Regular Fast Day (No Oil)
<i>Great &amp; Holy Thursday</i>	Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Great &amp; Holy Friday</i>	Total Fast
<i>Great &amp; Holy Saturday</i>	Wine (but <i>no</i> oil) permitted

### SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 21 April

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zachariah 9:9-15 <i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §83 (21:1-11, 15-17) Phil. §247 (4:4-9)      John §41 (12:1-18)
<i>Great Monday</i>	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §84-§88 (21:18-43) <i>Third Hour:</i> Matt. §1-§66 (1:1-16:12) <i>Sixth Hour:</i> Ezekiel 1:1-20 • Matt. §67-§116 (16:13-28:20) <i>Ninth Hour:</i> Mark §1-§39 (1:1-9:16) <i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 1:1-20 • Job 1:1-12 <i>Presanctified Liturgy:</i> Matt. §98-§101 (24:3-35)
<i>Great Tuesday</i>	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §90-§96 (22:15-23:39) <i>Third Hour:</i> Mark §40-§71 (9:17-16:20) <i>Sixth Hour:</i> Ezekiel 1:21-2:1 • Luke §1-§38 (1:1-8:39) <i>Ninth Hour:</i> Luke §39-§82 (8:40-16:18) <i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 2:5-10 • Job 1:13-22 <i>Presanctified Liturgy:</i> Matt. §102-§107 (24:36-26:2)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**The Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows** took place at the Vigil Service last evening. All who attended Vigil received blessed palms and pussy willows. Additional blessed palms and pussy willows are available for those who desire them.

**The fast is mitigated on Palm Sunday.** On this Great Feast of the Lord, Fish, wine, and oil are permitted to be eaten.



**Great Lent ended last Friday?** Yes, it did! Great Lent is a period of 40 days from Pure Monday through the Friday before Lazarus Saturday. The Great and Holy Week begins with Lazarus Saturday and ends on Holy Saturday. Holy Week is a separate Fast. This is good news. Those of us who have been lax in our observance of the Great Fast, have a new opportunity to begin again!

**There will be Services** every evening of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Holy Friday. There will also be services each morning of Holy Week beginning with Holy Monday and ending with Holy Saturday. Please see the calendar section of this Bulletin for specific times.

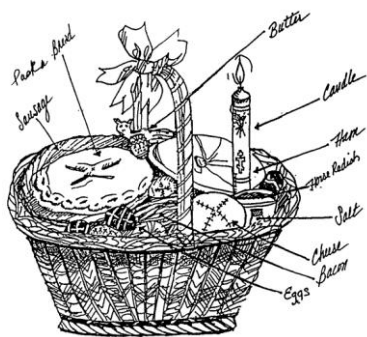
**Orthodox Christians should attend** as many Holy Week services as possible. The Services from Holy Thursday morning through Holy Saturday morning are certainly the most essential. Because of the solemnity of these Holy Days, Orthodox Christians should take these days off from work or school. If it is impossible

Great Wednesday	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> John §41a-§43 (12:17-50)		
	<i>Third Hour:</i> Luke §83-§114 (16:19-24:53)		
	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Ezekiel 2:3-3:3 • John §1-§26 (1:1-7:36)		
	<i>Ninth Hour:</i> John §27-§46 (7:37-13:32)		
	<i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 2:11-22 • Job 2:1-10		
<i>Presanctified Liturgy:</i> Matt. §108 (26:6-16)			
Great Thursday	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §108a-§109 (22:1-39)		
	<i>First Hour:</i> Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15		
	<i>Vespers:</i> Ex. 19:10-19 • Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5 • Isaiah 50:4-11		
<i>Divine Liturgy of St Basil:</i> 1 Cor. §149 (11:23-32) • <i>Composite Gospel:</i> Matt. §107 (26:1-20); John 13:3-17; Matt. 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matt. 26:40-27:2			
Great Friday	<i>Matins:</i> The Twelve Passion Gospels: (1) John §46-§58 (13:31b-18:1) • (2) John §58 (18:1-28) • (3) Matt. §109 (26:57-75) • (4) John §59-§60 (18:28-19:16) • (5) Matt. §111-§112 (27:3-32) • (6) Mark §67-§68 (15:16-32a) • (7) Matt. §113 (27:33-54) • (8) Luke §111 (23:32-49) • (9) John §61 (19:25-37) • (10) Mark §69 (15:43-47) • (11) John §62 (19:38-42) • (12) Matt. §114 (27:62-66)		
	<i>First Hour:</i> Zachariah 11:10-13 • Gal. §215a (6:14-18) • Matt. §110-§113 (27:1-56)		
	<i>Third Hour:</i> Isaiah 50:4-11 • Rom. §88a (5:6-11) • Mark §67-§68 (15:16-41)		
	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • Heb. §306 (2:11-18) • Luke §111 (23:32-49)		
	<i>Ninth Hour:</i> Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15 • Heb. §324 (10:19-31) • John §59-§61 (18:28-19:37)		
	<i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 33:11-23 • Job 42:12-17 • Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • <i>Epistle:</i> 1 Cor. §125 (1:18-2:2) • <i>Composite Gospel:</i> Matt. §110 (27:1-38); Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt. 27:55-61		
	Great Saturday		
	<i>Matins:</i> Ezekiel 37:1-14 • 1 Cor. §133 (5:6b-8), Gal. §206 (3:13-14) • Matt. §114 (27:62-66)		
	<i>Vespers:</i> (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Isaiah 60:1-16 • (3) Exodus 12:1-11 • (4) Jonah 1:1-4:11 (entire book) • (5) Joshua 5:10-15 • (6) Exodus 13:20-15:19 • (7) Zephaniah 3:8-15 • (8) 1 [3] Kings 17:8-24 • (9) Isaiah 61:10b-62:5 • (10) Genesis 22:1-18 • (11) Isaiah 61:1-10a • (12) 2 [4] Kings 4:8-37 • (13) Isaiah 63:11-64:5 • (14) Jeremiah 31:31-34 • (15) Daniel 3:1-88 ( <i>LXX</i> )		
	<i>Liturgy of St Basil:</i> Rom. §91 (6:3-11) • Matt. §115-§116 (28:1-20)		
	Before the Matins of Pascha, the Acts of the Apostles is read by the people in the church.		
	<b>BRIGHT WEEK</b>		
Su	<b>PASCHA, the Bright Resurrection of Christ</b>		
	Acts §1 (1:1-8)	John §1 (1:1-17)	
	<i>Agape Vespers Gospel:</i> John §65 (20:19-25)		
M	<b>Bright Monday</b>		
	Acts §2 (1:12-17, 21-26)	John §2 (1:18-28)	

to take two weekdays off, then at least Holy Friday should be taken off.

**It is our established practice** that those who receive the Mystery of Confession during Holy Week (from the Eve of Lazarus Saturday onwards) are *not* required to go to Confession again in order to receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies of Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week. Should a grave sin be committed, however, Confession would of course be necessary before communing.

**Those desiring to make their Confessions** during Holy Week should go as early in the Week as possible. There will be times during or after the Holy Week services for Confession. Please note that after the beginning of the Paschal Vigil there will be no more Confessions.



**Kulich is a kind of Paschal (Easter) bread**, traditional in the Orthodox Christian faith and eaten in Russia, Belarus, Bulgaria, and Serbia, and by Orthodox Americans whose parishes are influenced by these Old World cultures. The recipe for kulich is similar to that of Italian panettone. Kulich is baked in tall, cylindrical tins (like coffee or fruit juice cans), and when cooled is decorated with white icing (which is slightly drizzled down the sides), colorful flowers, and XB (from the traditional Paschal greeting of *Христос воскрес*, 'Christ is Risen' in Slavonic-derived languages) is decorated on the side. Traditionally after the Paschal service, the kulich, which has been put into a basket and decorated with colorful flowers, with a slim lighted beeswax taper inserted into the top, is blessed by the priest. Some Orthodox make a distinction between blessed kulich, which is eaten plain before breakfast each day, and kulich that is not blessed, which is eaten with cheese paskha for dessert. Kulich is normally only eaten in the Fifty Days of the Paschal season, i.e. between the Sundays of Pascha and Pentecost.

**The Blessing of Kulich, Eggs, and Paschal Foods** at St Elizabeth's takes place after the Midnight Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Pascha, at about 3:00 a.m.,

just prior to our breaking the Fast at the Festal Meal. *There is **no** Blessing of Paschal food in our parish on Holy Saturday.* Those who are unable to bring their baskets at Midnight may have them blessed following Agape Vespers at 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday of Pascha.

**The Paschal Meal** following the Midnight Paschal Liturgy will be held this year downstairs in the church basement. Each family in the Parish is asked to bring a dish to share at this Festal Meal. We ask that *everyone* take any food or dish they have brought with them when they leave the meal. This will greatly assist those who remain to clean up.

### **Bright Week Schedule Changes**

*Please note that:*

- The services on *Bright Monday* will be:  
9:15 - Paschal Hours; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy
- There will be **no** services this year at St Elizabeth's for *Bright Friday* (Vespers & Matins will not be served on Thursday evening, nor the Divine Liturgy on Friday morning).

### **NEEDED:**

- **Contributions for Flowers** to beautify the church on Holy Friday and Pascha. Please mark your donation clearly 'for flowers.'
- **People willing to help clean the church** after the services of Holy Week.
- **Fourteen dozen red eggs** for the Paschal Liturgy. Please let Father know how many dozen red eggs you plan to provide and bring the eggs with you to the Midnight Paschal Liturgy.
- **Paschal Foods for our Agape Meal** after the Holy Liturgy on the night of Pascha. Each family in the Parish is asked to bring a dish to share at this Festal Meal in the church basement.
- **People willing to remain to the end** of the Paschal Meal to help clean up.
- **Ten Families or Individuals willing to fill** 24 plastic eggs each with chocolates and other soft candy for the Egg Hunt, which will be held after Agape Vespers on Pascha. Please see Matushka Faith for your two dozen plastic eggs and plan to bring the filled eggs to church no later than Holy Saturday morning.

