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Programme of Holy Services

APRIL 2019

LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS		
WEDNESDAY 3 April	Nikitas Hosios The Presanctified Liturgy at Archangels Cathedral will be serviced every Wednesday Morning 8:00 – 9:30 am	07:00 – 08:30 pm
4th SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS		
FRIDAY 5 April	At all our Churches His Eminence will celebrate at Panayias (Assumption) Church	07:00 – 08:30 pm
SUNDAY 7 April	4th OF THE LENT – IOANNIS THE WRITER OF KLIMAKOS Matins and Divine Liturgy	08:00 – 11:00 am
LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS		
WEDNESDAY 10 April	THE GREAT CANON The Presanctified Liturgy at Archangels Cathedral will be serviced every Wednesday Morning 8:00 – 9:30 am	07:00 – 08:30 pm
THE AKATHIST HYMN		
FRIDAY 12 April	At all our Churches	07:00 – 09:00 pm
5th OF LENT – MARIA HOSSIA THE EGYPTIAN		
SUNDAY 14 April	Matins and Divine Liturgy at all our Churches <u>At St. Nicholas Church the Divine Liturgy will be serviced only in English Language</u>	08:00 – 11:00 am
LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS		
WEDNESDAY 17 April	Simeon Hieromartyr – Before Palm Sunday The Presanctified Liturgy at Archangels Cathedral will be serviced every Wednesday Morning 8:00 – 9:30 am	07:00 – 08:30 pm
SATURDAY 20 April	THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS Matins and Divine Liturgy	08:00 – 10:00 am

SUNDAY 21 April	PALM SUNDAY The entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem	08:00 – 11:00 am
SUNDAY 21 April	PALM SUNDAY AFTERNOON Matins of Holy Monday	07:00 – 08:30 pm
HOLY MONDAY 22 April	JOSEPH PANGALOS – REMEMBRANCE OF FIG TREE Matins of Holy Tuesday	07:00 – 08:30 pm
HOLY TUESDAY 23 April	THE PARABLE OF TEN VIRGINS Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Matins of Holy Wednesday	08:00 – 09:30 am 07:00 – 08:30 pm
HOLY WEDNESDAY 24 April	HARLOT WASHING JESUS FEET SERVICE OF HOLY UNCTION Matins of Holy Thursday	05:30 – 06:30 pm 07:00 – 09:00 pm
HOLY THURSDAY 25 April	THE FEET WASHING SERVICE – MYSTICAL SUPPER DIVINE LITURGY The Passion Service (12 Gospels)	08:00 – 10:00 am 07:00 – 10:30 pm
	THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ROYAL HOURS SERVICE	08:30 – 10:30 am
HOLY FRIDAY 26 April	THE REMOVAL OF THE NAILS The Lamentations (Matins of H. Saturday)	02:30 – 04:00 pm 07:00 – 11:00 pm
	EPITAFIOS LITANY 09:00 pm	
HOLY SATURDAY 27 April	THE DESCENT INTO HADES – FIRST RESURRECTION AT ARCHANGELS CATHEDRAL CHURCH THE DIVINE LITURGY FROM 08:00 TO 10:00 am AT ALL OTHER CHURCHES DIVINE LITURGY→ HOLY COMMUNION FROM 7:30 – 9:30 MIDNIGHT SERVICE	06:00 – 08:00 am 11:00 – 11:45 pm

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

EASTER
28 April

THE RESURRECTION SERVICE

11:45 – 00:00 pm

Resurrection Divine Liturgy

00:00 – 02:00 am

GEORGIOS THE HOLY AND GREAT MARTYR THE TROPEOFOROS

MONDAY
OF EASTER
29 April

Matins and Divine Liturgy

08:00 – 10:00 am

TUESDAY
OF EASTER
30 April

RAFAEL NIKOLAOS AND IRENE OF LESVOS
Prelatic Divine Liturgy at Thebarton Saint Nicholas Church
only, celebrated by all our Community Clergy.

08:00 – 10:00 am

FRIDAY
OF EASTER
3 May

THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING
Matins and Divine Liturgy

08:00 – 10:00 am

The Divine Liturgy for RGHA St. Anargiri Chapel Every Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 am

PROGRAMME FOR RIDLEYTON ST. ANARGIRI CHURCH **RGHA**

H. WEDNESDAY
4 April

PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY 09:30 – 10:30 am

H. FRIDAY
6 April

THE LAMENTATIONS 12:00 – 01:00 pm

H. SATURDAY
7 April

RESURRECTION SERVICE 06:00 – 07:00 pm

In the Orthodox Christian Church, Great Lent and Holy Week are two separate things. Officially, Great Lent ends on the Friday before Palm Sunday, and Holy Week begins the day after that. Each day during Holy Week has a special meaning, and understanding what each day represents can help making attending all those church services a lot more meaningful!

It's also customary to fast throughout Holy Week. For many, they adhere the same general fasting plan they had during Great Lent. Others make their Holy Week fast a little bit more strict. Talk with your priest so that you can come up with a fasting schedule that best meets your own spiritual needs.

Here is an overview of the meaning behind each of the days of Holy Week and the types of church services you'll be able to attend:

1. Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is also referred to as the Services of Our Lord's Entry into Jerusalem. This is when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and the people declared him as their King. This event was so important, it is covered in each of the Four Gospels. Please visit Matthew 21, Mark 16, Luke 19, and John 12 for more information about this. Shortly after his Triumphant Entry, Jesus predicted His death. This can also be found in John 12.

Palm Sunday takes place on a Sunday, which means that the regularly Divine Liturgy is celebrated at the regular time for your church. However, the service does include a few extra elements, which emulate His Entry into Jerusalem. Churches also have an evening services referred to as the Bridegroom Services.

2. Holy Monday

Holy Monday is considered the third day of Holy Week. For each of the first three days, there is a general theme. These are the days that set the stage for Christ's death and resurrection, which takes place later on in the week. On this day, we commemorate Joseph the Patriarch, the son of Jacob (from the Old Testament). This is also the day that the church remembers the moment that Jesus cursed the fig tree on his way into Jerusalem during His triumphant entry.

There is typically an Orthos Service on Holy Monday. However, some people have the Bridegroom Services on the evening of Palm Sunday, instead. Some churches actually have both services.

3. Holy Tuesday

Most churches do have a Matins service on Holy Tuesday, which is designed to prepare us for the events of Holy Wednesday. Special hymns are sung on Holy Tuesday and many churches enlist their choir for help singing these hymns. One of the special hymns is called "Hymn of Cassiane" and it has a beautiful, haunting melody. This service usually takes place in the evening.

4. Holy Wednesday

There are usually two church services that take place on Holy Wednesday, one in the morning and one in the evening. In the morning, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is usually celebrated. This is one of the only opportunities people have during Holy Week to receive Holy Communion. There is usually another service in the evening where people may receive Holy Unction.

The focus during the services of Holy Wednesday are of repentance and confession, and the oil is said to be very healing. This day commemorates the day that Christ's feet were anointed with myrrh. You can read about this in Gospel of Luke, Chapter 7.

5. Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday begins the final events that leads to the Lord's Passion. On this day, the Mystical Supper, also called the Last Supper, is celebrated. You can read about the Last Supper in several places throughout the Bible including in Mark 14, Luke 22, and John 15.

There are typically two services that take place during Holy Thursday – one in the morning and one in the evening. Much of the evening service is spent preparing for Good Friday. This is the day where He was sentenced to death and nailed on the cross.

6. Good Friday

On Good Friday, Orthodox Christians commemorate the moment Jesus died on the cross. During the afternoon service, Jesus is taken off the cross and laid in the tomb (Epitafio). During evening service, we mourn his death, read Bible passages, and sing hymns. In the evening, the priest and those who serve in the altar make a procession around the church. Many churches actually take the Epitafio outside of the church and make a procession around the church neighborhood. In many parishes, flower girls throw rose petals on Jesus's body. This procession represents Jesus entering Hades.

7. Holy Saturday

During Holy Saturday, we essentially mourn Christ's death. There are several church services throughout the day, but the most important one takes place in the evening. For several hours before midnight, we sing hymns and spend time in church, anticipating His resurrection. A few minutes before midnight, the church gets quiet and goes dark. Finally, the church erupts in candlelight and the traditional hymn, *Christos Anesti*, or *Christ is Risen*, is sung.

8. Pascha

This is the day we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. The Holy Saturday evening service overlaps with Easter Sunday. There is also a regular Divine Liturgy service on the morning called the Agaph service. However, this differs depending on the church. Most families spend the day together, celebrating into the late hours of the day. For most Greek people, this is the biggest holiday of the year and the celebrations are usually quite festive!