

### FRIDAY SERVICES

Friday morning services retell the story of Christ's passion with the addition of prophecies, psalms and hymns. These services, or "Royal Hours," help us keep vigil at the side of the crucified Christ, and relate Jesus' suffering to our own redemption.

Friday afternoon service is a vesper (The Apokathlosis) marking the beginning of Holy Saturday:

- During this service, the minister takes Christ's body from the Cross, wraps it in a white cloth and places it on the altar, as a sign of His burial by Joseph of Arimathea and Nikodimos.
- A cloth icon or shroud depicting Christ's sacred body, called the Epitaphios, is carried in procession and placed in a flowered bier that represents Christ's tomb.

On Holy Friday evening, the Matins of Holy Saturday are chanted. At this service, we chant:

**The Hymns Of The Lamentations "Engomia".** We lament Jesus' undeserved death for our salvation. With both sorrow and joy we chant the Lamentations (Praises) to Him who is symbolically buried, yet who we already know is the risen Lord and Giver of Life. At this service, the Epitaphios is taken in a candlelight procession around the church. "In a tomb they laid Thee, O Christ the Life. By Thy Death Thou has cast down the might of death and become the font of life for all the world."

### • HOLY SATURDAY •

On Holy Saturday morning, we celebrate a vespers service with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. This is **The Blessed Sabbath**, a day of strict fasting, but a day of hope and waiting. We know that because Christ died, death is no longer the end of

life. Christ descended into hell that death itself might be destroyed. Anticipating Christ's victory over the power of death, we chant: "Arise, O God, judge the earth. For to Thee belong all the nations!" **Today's Liturgy** anticipates the resurrection. It includes readings from the Old Testament, the vesting of the celebrants and acolytes in bright robes, and special hymns.

### • HOLY PASCHA -

### EASTER SUNDAY •

On Saturday at midnight, Easter Matins and the Divine Liturgy are chanted. **Today we celebrate our Lord's Glorious Resurrection.** Services include:

**The Resurrection Service.** At midnight in a darkened church, the faithful receive the resurrection light from the minister and form a procession out of the church. The congregation hears the good news of Christ's triumph from the Gospel. The joyous hymn of Christ's resurrection is triumphantly chanted - "Christ is Risen!"

**The Paschal Liturgy and Sermon of St. John Chrysostom** invite us to take part in the feast of the resurrection and to receive Holy Communion.

On **Easter Sunday late morning** we gather to celebrate the "Agape," a paschal vesper when we embrace and forgive our fellow Christians, sharing with others Christ's gift of new life.

Holy week is a magnificent celebration of **Christ's passion and resurrection!**

**Participate** in the services of Holy Week.

**Reflect** on Christ's supreme sacrifice and His victory over death.

**Prepare** yourself to receive the sacraments of Holy Confession, Holy Oil and Holy Communion.

**Let Christ's glory enter your life during Holy Week and Easter!**

## GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE HOLY AND GREAT WEEK AND EASTER 2023

### 9 April 2023. PALM SUNDAY.

**Morning:** Matins and Holy Eucharist 8.00 -11.00am.

**Evening:** The Service of Christ the Bridegroom 7.00-8.30p.m.

### 10 April 2023. HOLY MONDAY.

**Evening:** The Service of Christ the Bridegroom 7.00 - 8.30p.m.

### 11 April 2023. HOLY TUESDAY.

**Morning:** The Presanctified Liturgy 8.00-9.00a.m.

**Evening:** The Service of Christ the Bridegroom 7.00-8.30p.m.

### 12 April 2023. HOLY WEDNESDAY.

**Afternoon:** The Holy Unction 5.30-6.30pm. and then the Service of the Last Supper from 7.00 – 9.00pm.

### 13 April 2023. HOLY THURSDAY.

**Morning:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy 6.00 -8.00a.m. (Holy Communion until 10.00am)

**ONLY** at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael & Gabriel **8.00am to 10.00am**

**Evening:** The Service of the Passion (12 Gospels) 7.00-11.00p.m.

### 14 April 2023. GOOD FRIDAY.

**Morning:** The Royal Hours 8.00-10.30a.m.

**Afternoon:** The Apokathlosis (DEPOSITION) 2.30-4.00p.m.

**Evening:** The Lamentations 7.00p.m. – 10.30pm and then the procession of the Epitaphios at approx. 9.00pm.

### 15 April 2023. GREAT SATURDAY.

**Morning:** Vespers and Holy Liturgy from 06:00 – 08:00am. (Holy Communion 'til 10am)

**ONLY** at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael & Gabriel **8.00am to 10.00am**

**Evening:** Easter Service begins at 11.00p.m. – 11.45p.m.

The Service of the Resurrection from 11.45pm – 00.15am (into Sunday morning)  
Divine Liturgy 00.15 -2.00a.m

**16 April 2023. EASTER SUNDAY 06.00- 07.00 pm.** The Great Paschal Vespers of Love. Will take place at the Holy Cathedral of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, conducted by our Community's clergy.

**WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND HAPPY EASTER.**

(From the Vicar General Office)

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΝΟΤΙΑΣ ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ  
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ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ ΤΟΥ 2023

**8 Απριλίου 2023. Σάββατον του Λαζάρου.**

**Την πρωΐαν:** Όρθρος – Θ. Λειτουργία από ώρας 8.00-10.00π.μ.

**9 Απριλίου 2023. Κυριακή των Βαΐων.**

**Την πρωΐαν:** Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία - ευχή των Βαΐων, από ώρας 8.00-11.00π.μ.. **Το εσπέρας:** Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, από ώρας 7.00-8.30μ.μ..

**10 Απριλίου 2023. Μεγάλη Δευτέρα.**

**Το εσπέρας:** Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, από ώρας 7.00-8.30μ.μ..

**11 Απριλίου 2023. Μεγάλη Τρίτη.**

**Την πρωΐαν:** Ο Εσπερινός μετά Προηγιασμένης Θ. Λειτουργίας, από ώρας 8.00-9.00π.μ.. **Το εσπέρας:** Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, από ώρας 7.00-8.30μ.μ..

**12 Απριλίου 2023. Μεγάλη Τετάρτη.**

**Το εσπέρας:** Το Μυστήριον του Αγ. Ευχελαίου (5.30-6.30μ.μ) και εν συνεχεία ο Όρθρος της Μ. Πέμπτης, από ώρας 7.00 – 9.00μ.μ.

**13 Απριλίου 2023. Μεγάλη Πέμπτη.**

**Την πρωΐαν:** Ο Εσπερινός μετά της Θ. Λειτουργίας του Μ. Βασιλείου, από ώρας 6.00-8.00π.μ. και Θεία Κοινωνία μέχρι τις 10.00π.μ.  
**Μόνο στον Ναό Παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών,** η λειτουργία από ώρας 8.00 – 10.00π.μ.  
**Το εσπέρας:** Η Ακολουθία των Αγίων Παθών "**Τα Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια**", από ώρας 7.00-11.00μ.μ.

**14 Απριλίου 2023. Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.**

**Την πρωΐαν:** Αι Μεγάλοι Ώραι, από ώρας 8.00 – 10.30π.μ..  
**Το απόγευμα:** Ο Μ. Εσπερινός και η **Αποκαθήλωσης**, από ώρας 2.30 - 4.00μ.μ.  
**Το εσπέρας:** Η Ακολουθία του Επιταφίου Θρήνου. Έναρξις 7.00μ.μ. – 10.30μ.μ. Έξοδος Επιταφίου εις τας 9.00μ.μ.

**15 Απριλίου 2023. Μέγα Σάββατον.**

Η θεόσωμος ταφή και η εις άδου κάθοδος του Κυρίου και Θεού και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού. Ιερεμίου του προφήτου.

**1ον. 06.00 – 8.00 π.μ.** Ο εσπερινός και η Θεία Λειτουργία του Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου, ΠΡΩΤΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ. **Στον Ταξιάρχη, 8 – 10π.μ.** Θεία Κοινωνία μέχρι τις 10.00π.μ

**2ον. 11.00 – 11.45 μμ.** Περί το μεσονύκτιο, η ακολουθία της Παννυχίδος.

**3ον. 11.45μ.μ – 0.15π.μ** Η Ακολουθία της Αναστάσεως

**16 Απριλίου 2023. Κυριακή του Πάσχα**

00.15 – 02.00 π.μ. Μετά το μεσονύκτιο, ο Όρθρος και η Αναστάσιμη Θεία Λειτουργία.  
06.00 - 07.00 μ.μ. Ο ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ. Στον Ιερό Καθεδρικό Ναό των Παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ Αδελαίδος. Παρόντες άπαντες οι κληρικοί μεθ' άпасαν ιερατικήν ενδυμασία.

Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the Hymn of Cassiane chanted last night. We, too, may be forgiven if we confess our sins and obey God's will. The Gospel reading is John 12:17 - 50

**The Liturgy Of The Presanctified Gifts** takes place on this day (some churches celebrate it on Monday and Tuesday morning as well). In this ancient and inspired rite, we receive Holy Communion which was consecrated at the Divine Liturgy on the previous Sunday. The Gospel reading is Matthew 26:6-16.

**The Sacrament Of Holy Oil** is celebrated on Wednesday evening when we confess our sins and seek to be reconciled with God. The minister anoints us with holy oil that we may be healed physically and spiritually.

## • HOLY THURSDAY •

Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper Jesus ate with His disciples. The services on this day recall:

**The Washing Of The Disciples Feet.** Jesus washing of His disciples feet set an example of humility and love for the earliest members of the church. In some cathedral churches, this action is repeated as the Bishop washes the feet of Christian's after the Liturgy.

**The Last Supper.** Jesus offered Himself as the true food for all of us at the Last Supper. The bread and wine of this meal became the Body and Blood that give us eternal life.

**The Betrayal.** Jesus announced that a traitor (Judas Iscariot) was among the Twelve. He pointed out the betrayer by handing him a part of the meal.

**Christ's Vigil In The Garden.** Before He was arrested, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured the agony of His impending death (Luke 22:43-44).

## THE LITURGY OF HOLY THURSDAY

The Liturgy of Holy Thursday consists of Vespers and the Divine Liturgy. On this day, we celebrate:

**The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil.** At this solemn service, we celebrate the meaning of what Christ said and did at the Last Supper. Before the great entrance, this special hymn is chanted: "Of Thy mystical supper, O Son of God, accept me today a communicant, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss of betrayal, but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom."

**Holy Communion** from the Lamb (The "Amnos") is consecrated at this liturgy. It is used throughout the rest of the year as the reserve sacrament for Holy Communion for the sick and for those who cannot come to church.

## • HOLY FRIDAY •

Holy Friday is a day of mourning, fasting and prayer. We commemorate:

**The Passion of Jesus Christ.** On this day, Our Lord went to the Cross and died to take away our sins. The power of death and the reality of evil, ruled the world on this dreadful day. Yet, Jesus Christ's death marks the beginning of His - and our - victory over death's power. This solemn service is Matins of Friday sung on Thursday evening. It consists of:

**The Twelve Gospel Readings.** These narratives from the four Gospels relate the events of Jesus' Holy Passion, and His last instructions to the disciples.

**The Procession.** of the precious Cross, after the fifth Gospel, the crucifix is adorned with a flower wreath, and carried in procession. This symbolized Christ's coming to Golgotha to offer Himself as sacrifice for the world's sins.

## • LAZARUS SATURDAY •

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday introduce us to Holy Week and Christ's journey to the Cross. On Lazarus Saturday, we find that death is the enemy that Christ came to conquer for us, and that Christ is truly the giver of life.

The Raising of Lazarus is celebrated on this day. Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, had been dead for four days when Jesus went to the tomb where he was buried. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life", and brought Lazarus back to life. This miracle led many to faith, but also to the chief priest's decision to kill Jesus. We too receive the promise of new life. We celebrate the divine love that brought Lazarus back to life - the same love that Christ offers to each one of us today.

## • PALM SUNDAY •

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Jesus entered into the city on a donkey. The people met Him with palm branches and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" He came as King of Israel. Jesus showed He was the triumphant but humble Messiah prophesied by Zachariah. We receive palm branches on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as King, and that we are willing to follow Him to the Cross.

## • HOLY MONDAY •

Holy Monday services help us to understand Christ's passage from death to life - and how each of us can also become free from sin and death. So we commemorate:

**Christ the bridegroom** by chanting "The Hymn of the Bridegroom", warning us

to be prepared for Christ's coming. The minister carries the icon of Christ the Bridegroom in procession. We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of suffering, yet preparing a marriage Feast for us in God's Kingdom.

**The Blessed Joseph** (son of Jacob in the Old Testament) who was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery by his brothers, and who later became a powerful ruler. In the same way, Christ was rejected, and betrayed but crowned with glory in God's Kingdom.

**The barren fig tree** which Christ cursed and withered because it bore no fruit. The tree is like those who have heard God's word but fail to bear fruit by not obeying it.

## • HOLY TUESDAY •

Holy Tuesday services urge us to be spiritually prepared to receive Christ. We should take this time to reflect on:

**The Parable Of The Ten Virgins.** The maidens who filled their lamp with oil were prepared to receive the bridegroom. Those with empty lamps were shut out of the marriage feast. So each of us should light our lives with faith and good works and be ready to receive Christ.

**Our Readiness To Meet Christ.** This is the message of the hymn proclaiming: "Thy Bridal Chamber I see adorned, O my Saviour, but I have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul and save me."

## • HOLY WEDNESDAY •

Holy Wednesday services ask us to repent our sins and to forgive others. Today's services are:

**The Bridegroom Service** sung on Tuesday evening. We remember the sinful woman who anointed Christ in anticipation of His death.

### 17 Απριλίου 2023. Δευτέρα της Διακαινησίμου

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, από ώρας 08.00 – 10.00 π.μ μόνο στον Καθεδρικό Ναό Παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών.

06.00 – 07.00 μμ. Αναστάσιμος Εσπερινός στον τον Ιερό Ναό του αγίου Νικολάου στο Θέρμπαρτον, για τους νεοφανεείς μάρτυρες τους εν τη νήσω Λέσβω Ραφαήλ, Νικόλαον και Ειρήνην

### 18 Απριλίου 2023. Τρίτη της Διακαινησίμου(Ραφαήλ, Ειρήνης και Νικολάου των εν Λέσβω νεομαρτύρων).

Θεία Λειτουργία, μόνον εις τον ιερόν ναόν του Αγίου Νικολάου Θέρμπαρτον από ώρας 08.00 – 10.30 π.μ.

### 19 Απριλίου 2023. Τετάρτη της Διακαινησίμου. Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία από ώρας 08.00-10.30π.μ

### 20 Απριλίου 2023. Πέμπτη της Διακαινησίμου. Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία από ώρας 08.00-10.30π.μ

### 21 Απριλίου 2023. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ ΤΗΣ ΔΙΑΚΑΙΝΗΣΙΜΟΥ 08.00 – 10.00 πμ : Τα εγκαίνια του ναού της υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής.

### 23 Απριλίου 2023. ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ – Γεωργίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος 08.00 – 11.00 πμ

Κατά την Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα στον Ιερόν Ναό Αγίων Αναργύρων στο Ελληνικό Γηροκομείο και Γηριατρείο του Ρίντλεντον, θα γίνουν οι εξής ακολουθίες :

- Μεγάλη Τετάρτη, Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον και Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία ώρα 9.30 – 11.30 π.μ.
- Μεγάλη Παρασκευή πρωί και περί ώρα 12.00 – 1.00 μ.μ. Ακολουθία και περιφορά του Επιταφίου εντός του Γηροκομείου.
- Μέγα Σάββατο εσπέρας και περί ώρα 06.00 – 07.00 μ.μ. Η ακολουθία της Αναστάσεως.



# ABOUT HOLY WEEK

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### • WHAT IS HOLY WEEK? •

It's the week before Easter when we relive Christ's suffering and death. During Holy Week, we follow the footsteps of Christ, who passed from death to life. We, too, experience Christ's journey to the Cross. This journey takes us to the reality of sin and death. Christ conquered sin and death for us, so we can be saved. By uniting ourselves with Christ, we discover that death has no power over us. The events of Holy Week are the most moving of the year. To get the most out of them participate in each day's services. Make prayer, fasting, confession and Holy Communion essential parts of your Holy Week.



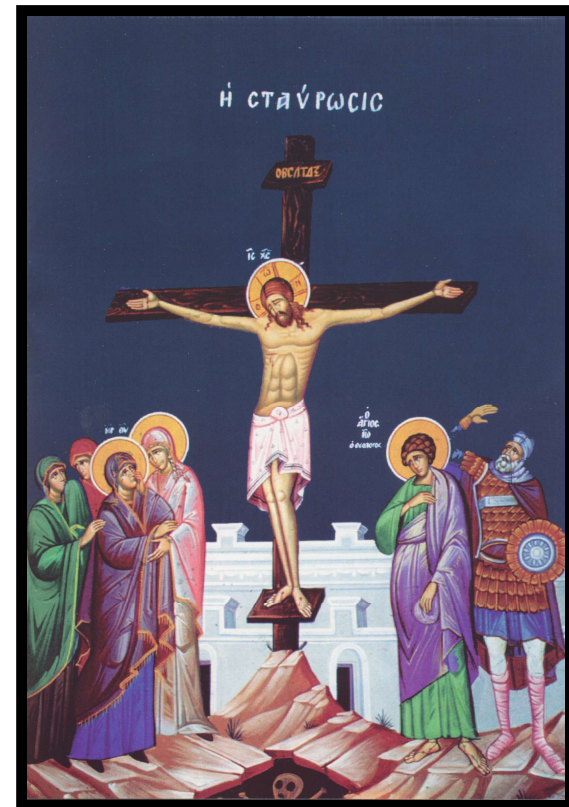






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