

SERVICES OF GREAT LENT

MARCH 2 TO APRIL 11, 2025

Let us begin the season of fasting with rejoicing, giving ourselves to spiritual strife, purifying soul and body, fasting from passions, as we fast from foods, faring on the virtues of the Spirit, which, if we continue to long for, we shall all be worthy to behold the most solemn Passion of Christ, and the holy Passover, rejoicing with spiritual joy.

-3rd Sticheron of Forgiveness Vespers (tone 2)



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Sunday, March 2 – Forgiveness Vespers

6:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers

-CLEAN WEEK-

Monday, March 3 - First day of Great Lent

6:00 PM Great Compline with the 1st quarter of the Canon of St Andrew

Tuesday, March 4

6:00 PM Great Compline with the 2nd quarter of the Canon of St Andrew

Wednesday, March 5

5:40 PM 9th Hour

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

8:00 PM Great Compline with the 3rd quarter of the Canon of St Andrew

Thursday, March 6

6:00 PM Great Compline with the 4th quarter of the Canon of St Andrew

Friday, March 7

12:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM Small Compline with the 1st quarter of the Akathist

Saturday, March 8

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 9 – Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Icon Procession

6:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St Joseph Orthodox Church (10644 Hammerly Blvd, Houston) – Guest Speaker Fr. Calinic Berger

-SECOND WEEK OF LENT-

Monday, March 10

6:00 PM Great Compline

Wednesday, March 12

5:40 PM 9th Hour

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

Friday, March 14

12:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM Small Compline with the 2nd quarter of the Akathist

Saturday, March 15

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 16 – St Gregory Palamas

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Vespers

-THIRD WEEK OF LENT-

Monday, March 17

6:00 PM Great Compline

Wednesday, March 19

5:40 PM 9th Hour

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

Friday, March 21

12:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM Small Compline with the 3rd quarter of the Akathist

Saturday, March 22

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday March 23 – Veneration of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with the procession of the Holy Cross

5:00 PM Vespers

-FOURTH WEEK OF LENT-

Monday, March 25

6:00 PM Vespers of the Annunciation with Artoklasia and Small Compline

Tuesday, March 25

6:00 PM Vespersal Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation

Wednesday, March 26

5:40 PM 9th Hour

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

Friday, March 28

12:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM Small Compline with the 4th quarter of the Akathist

Saturday, March 29

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 30 – St John of the Ladder (Climacus)

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Vespers

-FIFTH WEEK OF LENT-

Monday, March 31

6:00 PM Great Compline

Wednesday, April 2

5:40 PM 9th Hour

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

Thursday, April 3

6:00 PM Little Compline with the Great Canon of St Andrew & the Life of St Mary of Egypt

Friday, April 4

12:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM Small Compline with the entire Akathist Hymn

Saturday April 5

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday April 6 – St Mary of Egypt

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Vespers

-SIXTH WEEK OF LENT-

Monday, April 7

6:00 PM Great Compline

Wednesday, April 9

5:40 PM 9th Hour

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck

Friday, April 11

12:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM Small Compline with the Canon of St Lazarus

Preparing Ourselves During Great Lent

Confession: Orthodox Christians should participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during Great Lent and preferably prior to Holy Wednesday Unction. Confessions will be heard after vespers on Saturday evenings, Holy Week services, and by appointment.

Fasting: Great Lent and Holy Week are traditional times of fasting in the Orthodox Church. The fast should be more intense during the first week of Lent and Holy Week, and in particular on Holy Friday. Fasting is an important part of our spiritual preparation. Make every effort to participate in this time of spiritual growth. If you are not able to Keep the Fast as prescribed, please receive a blessing from your spiritual father.

Attending the Services: Every Orthodox Christian should attend as many of the Lenten services as possible. Great Lent only comes once a year. Our participation is a small thing in consideration of what our Lord has done for us. All other activities should be given a lower priority during this season.

Almsgiving: During Great Lent, we put aside alms for the poor and needy people throughout the world as we give to the Food for Hungry People Program of our Archdiocese or other charitable organizations. Let us not forget to give our alms during this important time of the year.