

## ☪ JUNE ☪

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA / THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

1 Saturday	-	Great Vespers	-	6PM
2 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA / THE BLIND MAN

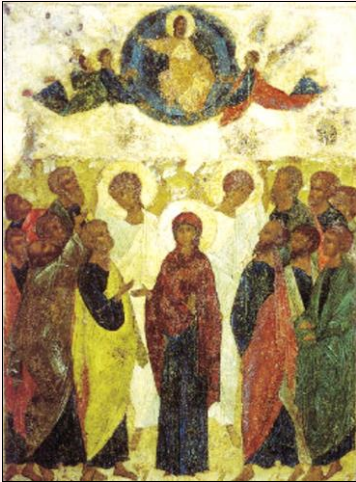
8 Saturday	-	Great Vespers	-	6PM
9 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

### THE LEAVE-TAKING OF HOLY PASCHA

11 Tuesday	-	Paschal Matins	-	7PM
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### THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

12 Wednesday	-	Great Vespers and Litya	-	7PM
13 Thursday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM



#### THE FESTAL KONTAKION

##### Tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, Thou didst unite earth to heaven. Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and no one will prevail over you."

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA / FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

15 Saturday	-	Great Vespers	-	6PM
16 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

### THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ASCENSION / MEMORIAL SATURDAY

21 Friday	-	Universal Comemoration of the Departed	-	7PM
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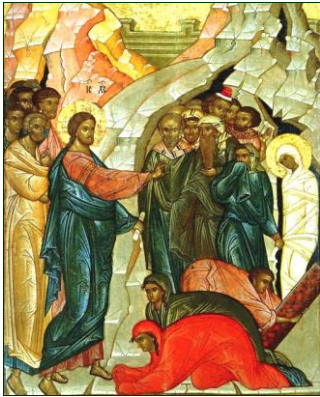
### THE EPISTLE FOR PALM SUNDAY

From the Holy Apostle Paul to  
the Philippians 4:4-9

**REJOICE** in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice! Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received, and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

**☩ SPRING 2024 DIVINE SERVICES ☩**  
**FROM LAZARUS SATURDAY UNTIL THE EVE OF PENTECOST**

**THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS**



**THE TROPARION FOR  
 LAZARUS SATURDAY AND PALM  
 SUNDAY**

Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!"

26 Friday	-	Matins	-	7PM
27 Saturday	-	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	-	9AM

**THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM / PALM SUNDAY**

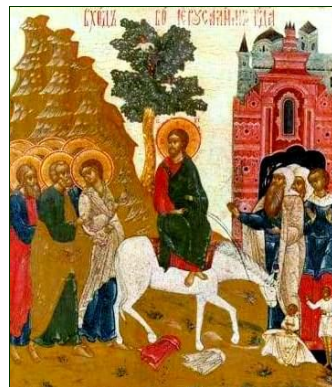
27 Saturday	-	Festal Vigil	-	6PM
		<b>Blessing of Palms and Willows *</b>		
28 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	-	9AM

*\* The faithful return for the Festal Divine Liturgy with the blessed palms and willows that they received at the Vigil.*

**THE KONTAKION FOR  
 PALM SUNDAY**

Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: "Blessed is He who comes to recall Adam!"



**PASCHAL VISITATION OF CEMETERIES**

May 11th - Thomas Saturday - Swan Point Cemetery - 10AM  
 May 19th - Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers - Parish Cemetery - 12 Noon

**SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA / THOMAS SUNDAY**

11 Saturday	-	Great Vespers	-	6PM
12 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

**THE HYMN OF LIGHT FOR THOMAS SUNDAY**

Today the air is filled with the fragrance of spring, and all creation rejoices at its renewal. As locked doors could not prevent Christ's presence, neither did unbelief deprive Thomas of faith, so that he exclaimed: "Thou art my Lord and my God."

**THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA/ THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS**

**THE BLESSED PRINCESS TAMARA OF GEORGIA**

18 Saturday	-	Great Vespers	-	6PM
19 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

**THE HYMN OF LIGHT FOR THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS**

Hearken, O women, to the voice of gladness, for hell, the tormentor, I have crushed once and for all, lifting the world from the mire of corruption. Hurry, then, and tell the news to My friends, that joy may break forth upon all creation, wherein grief first appeared.

**HOLY EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES  
 CONSTANTINE AND HELEN**

20 Monday	-	Great Vespers	-	7PM
21 Tuesday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA / THE PARALYTIC**

25 Saturday	-	Great Vespers	-	6PM
26 Sunday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

**THE MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST**

28 Tuesday	-	Great Vespers	-	7PM
		<b>Lesser Blessing of Water</b>		
29 Wednesday	-	Divine Liturgy	-	9AM

**THE TROPARION OF THE MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST Tone 4**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, for Thou didst cry to all: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink!" O Christ God, Fountain of our life, Glory to Thee!

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**



**THE RADIANT RESURRECTION  
OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST**

Saturday, May 4th - 1130PM

Nocturns, Cross Procession, Matins,  
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Artos Blessing,  
Paschal Greetings, Blessing of Paschal Food, & Agape

**THE FIRST DAY OF HOLY PASCHA**

Sunday, May 5th - 12 Noon

Paschal Vespers & Cross Procession

**THE CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT**

**WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW PASCHAL VESPERS**

**BRIGHT MONDAY**

**THE GREAT MARTYR AND PASSIONBEARER GEORGE  
AND PRINCESS ALEXANDRA**



**Monday, May 6th - 10AM**

Paschal Hours, Divine Liturgy & Cross Procession  
Festal Luncheon Follows

**BRIGHT TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

May 7th, 8th, & 9th - Paschal Vespers - 7PM



*Victor Mikhailovich Vasnetsoff*

**☧ GREAT AND HOLY PASSION WEEK ☧**

**Great and Holy Monday / The Barren Fig Tree**

28 Sunday	- Bridegroom Matins	-	7PM
29 Monday	- Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	-	9AM

**Great and Holy Tuesday / The Wise and Foolish Virgins**

29 Monday	- Bridegroom Matins	-	7PM
30 Tuesday	- Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	-	9AM

**Great and Holy Wednesday / The Sinful Woman**

30 Tuesday	- Bridegroom Matins	-	7PM
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**Anointing in Memory of the Sinful Woman**

**☧ MAY ☧**

1 Wednesday	- Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	-	9AM
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**Great and Holy Thursday / The Mystical Supper**

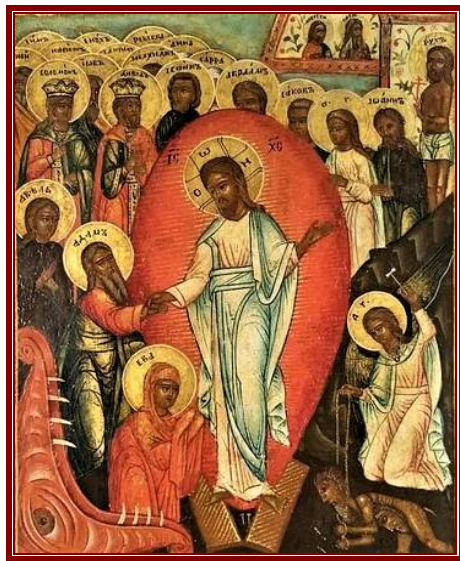
1 Wednesday	- Matins	-	7PM
2 Thursday	- Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	-	9AM

**Great and Holy Friday / The Saving Passion, Death, and Burial  
of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**

2 Thursday	- Matins & Reading of the Gospel Passion Narratives	-	<b>6PM</b>
3 Friday	- Royal Hours Great Vespers and Entombment of Christ	-	9AM 230PM

## Great and Holy Saturday / The Blessed Sabbath

3 Friday	-	Matins and Procession of the Holy Shroud	-	7PM
4 Saturday	-	Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	-	<b>9AM</b>



### A 4TH CENTURY HOLY SATURDAY SERMON

Author Unknown

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silent because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh, and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, He has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won Him the victory. At the sight of Him, Adam, the first man He had created, struck his breast in terror, and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants, I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise.

I tell you, O sleepers, awake! I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, O work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person, and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a servant; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden. See on my face the spittle I received blows I received to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree. I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in Paradise, and I brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep, in hell. The sword that pierced Me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity."

The expectation of Great Saturday is basic and essential to the entire lifespan of every Christian. On that day we await and anticipate in love, hope, and faith the celebration of the Resurrection as a foretaste of the life of the world to come," the life which is "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:34). As our expectation in love and in certitude heightens throughout that day, this world and all that it contains gradually become transparent to the light that comes from the Resurrection. The "image of this world" fades as our indestructible and eternal life with Christ triumphs in this night that shines brighter than the day. Every year with the conclusion of the morning Liturgy on Great Saturday, we enter into the grace-abounding expectation Pascha Night and the fullness of its Paschal joy. We know that it approaches, yet how slow is its approach. How long Great Saturday is in its triumphal tranquility as we await the Pascha of Christ and its dawning of the day without evening in His Kingdom.

**Father Alexander Schmemmann**