



## WEEK OF THE BRIDEGROOM

*ALSO CALLED HOLY WEEK OR GREAT WEEK*

### **Great and Holy Monday—April 10**

Theme: *Story of Joseph (Genesis 37) as a pre-figurement of Christ's suffering*

**8:00am** Bridegroom Matins

**7:00pm** Presanctified Liturgy

### **Great and Holy Tuesday—April 11**

Theme: *Parable of the Ten Virgins (Mt 24:36-26:2) and our readiness for Judgment Day.*

**8:00am** Bridegroom Matins

**7:00pm** Presanctified Liturgy

**Great and Holy Wednesday—April 12** Theme: *The repentant woman who anointed Christ's feet is contrasted with the agreement by Judas to betray Christ. The anointing at the evening service is for the healing of our soul and body in preparation for the commemoration of the Mystical Supper the next day.*

**8:00am** Bridegroom Matins

**7:00pm** Presanctified Liturgy with anointing of the sick

### **Great and Holy Thursday —April 13**

Theme: *Four events: Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, Christ's agony in the garden and the betrayal of Christ by Judas.*

**8:00am** Bridegroom Matins

**7:00pm** Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil

*(Teen retreat begins. Church remains open until 2:00am. Tours provided)*

### **Great and Holy Friday —April 14**

Theme: *Christ's suffering and death on the Cross and His burial in a tomb.*

**9:00am** Matins with reading of 12 passion Gospels

**1:00pm** Royal Hours

**7:00pm** Vespers, Liturgy and procession of burial shroud

**8:30pm** Singing of the Lamentations of the Mother of God

*(Confession available after Vespers. Church remains open throughout the night)*

### **Great and Holy Saturday—April 15**

Theme: *At the Jerusalem Matins we commemorate Christ's descent into Hades anticipating the moment when Christ will conquer Satan's power of death and rise out of Hades taking fallen humanity with Him. There is a baptismal theme to this service because throughout Church history this evening was the primary time for people to be baptized into Christ.*

**9:00am** Jerusalem Matins with Procession of Shroud

**7:00pm** Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil *(Blessing of Pascha food baskets to follow)*

### **Resurrection Sunday (Pascha!) April 16**

Theme: *"Christ comes forth from the tomb like a bridegroom from the bridal chamber and fills the women with joy!" —Resurrection Matins*

**9:00am** Resurrection Matins with procession

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy *(Blessing of Pascha food baskets to follow)*