

# 2024 Schedule for the Week of the Bridegroom

(also called Holy Week or Great Week)

## Annunciation of the Theotokos

March 25

7:00pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy

*Due to the importance of this Feast Day, it supercedes Great and Holy Monday with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.*

## Great and Holy Tuesday — March 26

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

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

## Great and Holy Wednesday — March 27

**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 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

## Great and Holy Thursday — March 28

**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 2:00pm. Tours of the church are provided by the teens.)*



## Great and Holy Friday — March 29

*This is a day of Strict Fast*

**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 with Procession of Burial Shroud

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

## Great and Holy Saturday — March 30

**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

## Resurrection Sunday (Pascha!) — March 31

**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