

2026 Schedule for the Week of the Bridegroom

(also called Holy Week or Great Week)

Great and Holy Monday — March 30

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

8:00am Bridegroom Matins

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Great and Holy Tuesday — March 31

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 — April 1

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 — April 2

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

Church remains open until 1:00am for the 7 churches visits - Tours of the church are provided by the teens



Great and Holy Friday — April 3

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 — April 4

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!) — April 5

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