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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before  
the divine liturgy or  
by appointment

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The Divine Liturgy intention is for the he parish family

If you would like to schedule a Litrgy please talk to Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Jesus Christ sone of the living God have mercy on me a sinner.

A Christian is one who imitates Christ in thought, word, and deed, as far as is possible for human beings.

Follow Christ without anxiety or hesitation, always looking heavenward and expecting help from there.

I do not know whether we must all teach others: but teach yourselves at all costs.

Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously.

If anyone could see their own vices accurately without the veil of self-love, they would worry about nothing else in this life.

If the Holy Spirit is peace of soul, then nothing so prevents the presence of the Spirit in us as anger

When we had our last fundraising event, we had issues with the gas stove, making it unsafe to use. We need to purchase a new stove to continue having fundraisers to make money for our church.

There are envelopes in the back of the church for donations to purchase the stove.



**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
(St. John Climacus)

Tone 4

*Menologion*

*Propers*  
**Pages**

**Fasts & Feasts**

**March**

- 29 Fourth All-Souls Saturday  
30 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. John of the Ladder)

**April**

- 6 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. Mary of Egypt)  
12 Lazarus Saturday  
13 Palm (Flowery) Sunday  
Blessing of Psalms  
14-19 Great and Holy Week  
17 Great and Holy Thursday  
18 Great and Holy Friday  
19 Great and Holy Saturday  
20 **PASCHA: The Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**  
21 **Bright Monday**  
22 **Bright Tuesday**  
27 **Thomas Sunday**



**May**

- 3 Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women  
10 Sunday of the Paralytic

I'm standing before the judge. "You are guilty! You are sentenced to death." Someone stands beside me and places His arm across my shoulders. I hear Him tell the judge, "I accept the judgement and sentence in her place." I look up and meet the compassionate gaze of Jesus. I'm taken to the courtyard and chained to a post. The guard orders, "Thirty-nine lashes." As I wait for the lash to fall, a shadow falls across me, and a voice whispers in my ear, "I will take the lashing for you." I look up and see Jesus standing over me. "Why?" I ask. "I can bear the lashes, you cannot," was His gentle reply. There He stood, holding onto the post, sheltering me in His shadow.

"Why?" I ask again. In a gentle voice He replies, "I choose to do this." The guard takes me out to the street, throws me down beside a very large cross and orders me, "pick up that cross!" I try to lift the cross, but I am unable to. Again, the guard yells at me, "pick up that cross!!" Again, I attempt to lift the cross. Again, I fail. Then Jesus tells me, "This cross is too heavy. I will carry it for you." Lifting me to my feet, and picking up my cross, together we begin the walk up to calvary.

I whisper, "Why are you doing this?" His reply, "I choose to." We reach the top of Golgotha; He sets the cross down. The captain reads the list of my offenses and my sentence. Jesus lays His arm across my shoulders and tells the guard, "I am taking her place." He lays down on the cross and lets Himself be nailed to it. His cross is raised. I whisper, "No! I belong there not you!" I hear Him take His last breath. I am lost. I search for something. I go to His tomb, it is empty. I look up and down the roads. I still cannot find it. Then I see a bright light on the mountain. As I get closer, I see Jesus in all His glory, His wounds shining bright. I run to Him. He takes me in His arms.

Again, I ask, "Why? Tell me why! I don't understand!" With a look filled with love, He answers, "I give you a choice out of my deep, abiding love for you." Setting me down, He hooks to the left. I follow His gaze and see pain and darkness and eternal separation from Him. He looks to the right. I follow His gaze and see light, joy and eternal life with Him.

I watch as He is taken up into the clouds, and in the depths of my soul I hear Him asking me, "What will be your choice?"

Our holy Father among the Saints St John Climacus is the author of a powerful spiritual work that is divided into about thirty chapters, called "steps", as part of the overall book entitled, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." As the Great Fast is about our ascending to the things of Heaven, it is entirely appropriate that the Church focus on the ascetical enterprise as presented by this work and on the person of its author who is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of the Fast. The Ladder reflects the ancient Orthodox perspective on spirituality as being our personal transformation in Christ our God. We do not "imitate" Christ as if He were little different from ourselves. As God Incarnate, we seek to have Communion with Him, to participate in His Life in adoration and worship. We seek to become Temples of the Holy Spirit through His Grace. THE LADDER begins with the rejection of worldliness, and ends with God, Who is love. As we climb the ladder of virtues while making our way toward Christ, we must remember that our focus must remain on the Person and power of our Saviour. As we advance in the spiritual life slowly, taking it one "step" at a time, we need to be in a state of constant prayer, especially the "Jesus Prayer". It is easy to become diverted in this spiritual path of inner struggle. There is a kind of self-delusion, known as "prelest", where we are convinced that what we are doing is that which God wants for us. It is easy to think of ourselves as being "good" in the religious sense. We attend Church on Sunday; we don't do bad things to others; and we pray once in a while. Isn't it obvious that we are on our way to Heaven? St. John assures us that we have accepted certain sinfulness as "part of nature" and refuse to do spiritual battle with them. We need to identify and correct these areas of our lives. Nothing is accomplished without some hard work; we need to entrust our life to God in Christ. We need the Divine Grace of the Holy Spirit through Christ in order to become one with the Father. The acquisition of the Holy Spirit is a life-long struggle. Our commitment to this process is made firm during the Great Fast and is the reason of the Great Fast in the first instance. It is now that we look at our purposes for being here and our responsibilities as Christians with the eyes faith and trust in God.

Year	Catholic / Protestant Easter	Greek Easter
2021	4 April	2 May
2022	17 April	24 April
2023	9 April	16 April
2024	31 March	5 May
2025	20 April	20 April
2026	5 April	12 April
2027	28 March	2 May
2028	16 April	16 April
2029	1 April	8 April
2030	21 April	28 April

Over a 500-year period (from 1600 to 2099 AD), Easter will most often be celebrated on either March 31 or April 16.

According to long-term averages, the most unusual Easter date is March 22. The second place goes to April 24, and the third place goes to March 23.