**Schedule for Great Lent & Holy Week 2025**

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| Date | Time | Event |
| Sunday, February 9th |  | Triodion begins |
| Saturday, March 1st | 9:00 AM | Orthros, Liturgy, Memorial Prayers-SOS |
| Sunday, March 2nd | 6:00 PM | Forgiveness Vespers |
| Monday, March 3rd, 17th, & 31st, March 10th & April 7th | 6:00 PM5:30 PM | Great Compline & Canon IGreat ComplineGreat Compline |
| Tuesday, March 4th  | 5:00 PM | Great Compline & Canon II |
| Wednesday, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd , April 9th,  | 6:00 PM | Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |
| Friday, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  | 7:00 PM | Salutations |
| Monday, March 24thTuesday, March 25th  | 6:00 PM9:00 AM | Great VespersOrthros, Liturgy-Feast of the Annunciation |
| Thursday, April 3rd | 6:00 PM | Great Canon of St. Andrew |
| Friday, April 4th | 7:00 PM | Akathist |
| Lazarus Saturday, April 12th | 9:00 AM | Orthros & Divine LiturgyPancakes, Palms & Polish |
| Sunday, April 13th | 9:00 AM6:00 PM | Palm Sunday Orthros & LiturgyBridegroom Service I |
| Holy Monday, April 14th  | 6:00 PM | Bridegroom Service II in Roseburg |
| Holy Tuesday, April 15th  | 7:00 PM | Bridegroom Service III |
| Holy Wednesday, April 16th  | 10:00 AM7:00 PM | Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Holy Unction |
| Holy Thursday, April 17th  | 10:00 AM6:30 PM | Vesperal Liturgy, Washing of the FeetPassion of Christ |
| Holy Friday, April 18th  | 9:30 AM3:00 PM7:00 PM | Royal Hours and decorate TombTaking down from the Cross Lamentations Service |
| Holy Saturday, April 19th  | 10:00 AM11:00 PM | Vesperal LiturgyPaschal Vigil |
| Holy Pascha, April 20th  | Midnight2:30 AM12 noon | Anastasis & Paschal Orthros & Divine Liturgy; then break the Fast!AGAPE Vespers, Egg Hunt, Pascha Picnic |
| Bright Wed., April 23rd | 9:00 AM | Orthros & Liturgy-St George |

**Explanation of Lenten Services**

**Great Compline**

The word “Compline” in Greek means “from or after dinner” and this service is typically offered after dinner. The “Great” version is offered during Great Lent and consists of the reading of Psalms and the chanting of hymns related to combating sin in the evening hours and during sleep. This service is a great way to start the week.

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

These liturgies are held on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent and are called “Presanctified” because the consecration of the Holy Gifts takes place on the preceding Sunday. These liturgies are offered to us as opportunities for us to receive Holy Communion during the most holy period of the Church year. The liturgy does bring to bear the question of how to fast on these days since the liturgy usually takes place in the evening. The Church recommends that you eat a light Lenten meal in the morning on those days but do your best to keep at least a 6-hour fast before the liturgy (close to noon). These liturgies also offer the opportunity for people to help with the readings. Here is a great opportunity to participate more in the services.

**Akathist (Salutations)**

“Akathist” in Greek means “standing up” or, “without sitting down”. It is believed that this service was composed and offered to the Mother of God in the year 626, when Constantinople was saved from the siege of the Avars and Persians. This entire service is a poetic canon dedicated to the Theotokos. It also has a deep theological meaning. We hear hymns expounding belief in the Incarnation of the Lord and the salvation of believers in Him.