**Schedule for Great Lent & Holy Week 2020**

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| Date | Time | Event |
| Sunday, March 1st  | 6:00 PM | Forgiveness Vespers |
| Monday, March 2nd | 6:00 PM | Great Compline & Canon I |
| Tuesday, March 3rd | 5:00 PM | Great Compline & Canon II; Adult Ed class at 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th, April 1st, & 8th | 6:00 PM | Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; Hosted Lenten meal to follow |
| Friday, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,  | 7:00 PM | Salutations I-IV |
| Saturday, March 7th | 9:00 AM | Orthros, Liturgy, Memorial Prayers-Sat. of Souls |
| Monday, March 9th | 5:30 PM | Great Compline (Parish Council @ 6:30 PM) |
| Monday, March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th | 6:00 PM | Great Compline |
| Sunday, March 15th | 8:30 AM | Hierarchical Liturgy & Ordination |
| Wednesday, March 25th | 9:00 AM | Orthros, Liturgy-Feast of the Annunciation |
| Thursday, April 2nd  | 6:00 PM | Great Canon of St Andrew  |
| Friday, April 3rd  | 7:00 PM | Akathist Hymn  |
| Saturday, April 11th Lazarus Saturday | 9:00 AM | Orthros & Divine LiturgyPalms, Pancakes & Polish |
| Sunday, April 12th Palm Sunday | 9:00 AM6:00 PM | Orthros & Divine LiturgyBridegroom Service |
| Holy Monday, April 13th  | 7:00 PM | Bridegroom Service |
| Holy Tuesday, April 14th  | 7:00 PM | Bridegroom Service |
| Holy Wednesday, April 15th  | 10:00 AM7:00 PM | Liturgy of the Presanctified GiftsHoly Unction |
| Holy Thursday, April 16th | 10:00 AM7:00 PM | Vesperal Liturgy, Washing of the FeetPassion of Christ |
| Holy Friday, April 17th | 9:30 AM3:00 PM7:00 PM | Royal Hours and decorate TombTaking down from the Cross Lamentations Service |
| Holy Saturday, April 18th | 10:00 AM11:00 PM | Vesperal LiturgyPaschal Vigil |
| Holy Pascha, April 19th | Midnight2:30 AM11:30 AM | Anastasis & Paschal Orthros & Divine Liturgy; then Break the Fast!AGAPE Vespers |
| Bright Thursday, April 23rd  | 9:00 AM | Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint George the Trophy-bearer, Patron Saint of our parish |

**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 liturgy 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.