

2023 Holy Protection Lent and Paskha Schedule

**Please note, Confessions may be offered before any Presanctified or after any other midweek service from Pure Monday on February 27 throughout all of Great Lent. Just please schedule it by letting Fr Harry know you are coming ahead of time. Just text or email him saying "I would like confession before/after the service on (whatever day it is).*

**Please note, Fr. Harry needs every Monday (unless otherwise noted) to recharge, as is a basic biblical principle, and even the secular world recognizes this by giving two days off in the week. Please respect it by waiting to contact him on all things except emergencies until Tuesday. If he has an emergency on Monday, however, he will take another day and so if he does not respond to you back immediately, it is for this reason.*

Sunday February 26 Sunday of Forgiveness, last day before the Great Fast (Lent), with prayers to begin great fast and rite of forgiveness. The rite of forgiveness takes place at the end of church as each comes up to greet the priest and the priest first asks "forgive me" to which the reply is "God forgives and I forgive." Then the person asks the priest the same thing: "forgive me Father." Then the priest says "God forgives and I forgive. Then all line up and ask it of others. On this day everyone exercises the royal priesthood toward one another, whether we know them well or not.

Pure Week: The first week of Great Lent

For this week's services, come for the parts that you can, and come as you are (in work clothes if you are coming from work). If you are late due to work schedule and are otherwise properly prepared and still get to a Presanctified (Wed or Friday) in time for Communion you may still partake of Communion. **It is ok to come "dirty" in work clothes if coming from work for any service. The midweek services of Great Lent have a**

lot of kneeling prostrations. If you have bad knees, it is ok to stand or to sit reverently, even for the whole service if needed

Pure Monday February 27

6pm Confessions

7pm The Great Canon of Repentance by St Andrew of Crete (Monday portion) with anointing

7:45pm onward: Confessions

Pure Tuesday February 28

6pm Confessions

7pm The Great Canon of Repentance by St Andrew of Crete (Tuesday portion) with anointing (see note for kneeling from Monday)

7:45pm: Father Harry will hear confessions following the service

Pure Wednesday March 1

6pm Confessions

7pm Penitential Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (if you are going to take communion, no meat, eggs or cheese all day, and strict fast from 3pm onward, that is, four hours prior to the start of Liturgy).

Pure Thursday March 2

Fr. Harry in New Jersey for priestly work

Pure Friday March 3 7pm Presanctified Liturgy (for fasting guidelines see Wednesday notes).

Sunday of Orthodoxy March 5--the remembrance of the restoration of icons from the iconoclastic period of “icon smashers”

Divine Liturgy 10am at our Church in Dover with procession of icons (bring them from home)

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 5pm @ St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs with procession of icons around the streets around the cathedral with icons and then the reading of the Synodikon. (bring some from home)

Wednesday March 8

3pm Fr. Harry prepares for Presanctified Liturgy

4pm-6pm Confessions

6pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (if you are going to take communion, no meat, eggs or cheese all day, and strict fast from 2pm onward, that is, four hours prior to the start of Liturgy).

Saturday March 11 Young Adult Retreat 9am-2pm @ St. Stephanos Orthodox Church St. Petersburg

Sunday March 12 St Gregory Palamas

9am Proskomedie

10am Divine Liturgy

**Note, Fr. Harry will be off Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week*

Wednesday March 15

6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Sunday March 19 Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

9am Proskomedie

10am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday March 22

3pm Fr. Harry prepares for Presanctified Liturgy

4pm-6pm Confessions

6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Friday March 24 HOLY ANNUNCIATION EVE

4pm Fr. Harry prepares for the Presanctified

5pm-7pm Confessions

7pm Vesperal Presanctified Liturgy of Annunciation

Sunday March 26 HOLY ANNUNCIATION (postfeast);
Sunday of the Ladder of Divine Ascent, St. John of the
Ladder *Note, Fish is allowed on the two festal days of
Annunciation, so it is allowed today.

8:30am Proskomedie

9:30am Preparation prayers of the Baptism

10am Baptismal Liturgy, Chrismations

Wednesday March 29

3pm Fr. Harry Prepares for Presanctified

4pm-5:45pm Confessions

6pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday March 30

6pm Penitential Great Canon of St. Andrew

6:45pm Confessions

Friday March 31

7pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Sunday April 2 St. Mary of Egypt, Final Sunday of
Great Lent

10am Divine Liturgy

Friday April 7 Eve of Lazarus Saturday

4pm Fr. Harry prepares for Presanctified Liturgy

5pm-7pm Confessions (please pre-schedule)

Prior to Liturgy of the Presanctified, we will decorate for Palms Weekend

7pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts St. Lazarus

Great and Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 9

10am Liturgy of the Triumphal Entrance of the King of kings into Jerusalem

Please note, no secular music or entertainments are to be participated in during Great and Holy Week or on Pascha itself. We are to focus on things of the age to come which are made present to us, and have faith based religious music and any entertainment including TV shows movies should be for the building up of faith about Christ and Scripture.

Holy Tuesday April 11

7pm Bridegroom Presanctified Liturgy

Please note, the Sacrament of Holy Unction is not liturgically “tied” to Holy Week. In fact, our Metropolitan does not like that it often is in our modern day. And the canons state that the faithful are to “rejoice” during Resurrection Bright Week,

but very few attend. So instead, we will have it on Bright Easter Tuesday, see next week's schedule.

Great Thursday April 13

**5:30pm The Mystical Supper with footwashing
(1.5 hours)**

**8pm Candlelight Passion of Christ Matins (1
hour)**

Great Friday April 14

11am Royal Hours followed by decorating for the evening service (30m)

**7pm The Shroud service with procession (1.5
hours)**

Paskha: Great Saturday and Resurrection Sunday April 15 & 16

Great Saturday April 15 1pm-2:30pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy bringing an end to Great and Holy Week and a beginning to the Eve of the Resurrection. Following this anyone who would like to can stay and help re-decorate for Midnight.

***Midnight Pascha Liturgy Saturday
Night/Sunday Morning**

11pm-1am Fr. Harry will celebrate the Midnight Paschal Service: Paschal Fire, Procession, Matins, Hours and Divine Liturgy, followed by the "run for the tomb" for the

youth, then the blessing of baskets and Resurrection feast in the social hall (bring baskets with festal foods to hall before coming over to church). There will likely still be fireworks this year but they will be ones with bright light but without the loud “bangs.”

Later Sunday Morning

10am Fr Frederick will celebrate Matins and Liturgy for those not able to make it for Midnight, which will be done with Carpatho-Rusyn chant. For baskets to be blessed please set them on the benches and shelves in the narthex of the church during liturgy and then bring them out to the church porch for blessing by Fr. Frederick after services are completed.

Resurrection Easter Bright Week!

Holy and Bright Wednesday April 19

7pm Resurrection Vespers of Bright Week with the Great Mystery of **Holy Unction**, the Sacrament of Healing

Holy and Bright Thursday April 20

7pm Resurrection Matins of Bright Week

Holy and Bright Saturday April 22

Plant City WALK FOR LIFE *The Walk itself begins at 9am. Tentatively we will do a prayer service beforehand at 8:30am if they permit us to do so.

Sunday April 23 Second Sunday of Pascha, St. Thomas

10am Divine Liturgy

Saturday April 29 Second Saturday of Pascha

Paschaltide Pilgrimage to the Monasteries at Williston (near Ocala).

Sunday April 30 Third Sunday of Pascha, Myrrhbearing Women

10am Divine Liturgy