

# GREAT & HOLY WEEK 2017

*Palm Sunday ★ April 09, 2017*

9:00 a.m. † Orthros & Blessing of the Palms

10:00 a.m. † Procession & D. Liturgy follows

7:00 p.m. † Monday Orthros: Bridegroom

Confessions following Service

*Great & Holy Monday ★ April 10, 2017*

3:00 p.m. † Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m. † Tuesday Orthros: Bridegroom

Confessions following Service

*Great & Holy Tuesday ★ April 11, 2017*

3:00 p.m. † Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m. † Wednesday Orthros: Bridegroom Service

Confessions following Service

*Great & Holy Wednesday ★ April 12, 2017*

3:00 p.m. † Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m. † Blessing of the Oil of the Sick & Anointing Service

Confessions following Service

*Great & Holy Thursday ★ April 13, 2017*

7:30 a.m. † Thursday Orthros: Bridegroom Service

5:00 p.m. † Vespers of the Mystical Supper

7:00 p.m. † Orthros of Holy Friday: the Crucifixion

*Great & Holy Friday ★ April 14, 2017*

DAY OF STRICT FAST AND ABSTINENCE

11:00 a.m. † Royal Hours

3:00 p.m. † Vespers of Holy Saturday: Descent from the Cross

6:30 p.m. † Orthros of Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. † the Lamentations & Procession with Epitaphios

Confessions following Service

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# GREAT & GLORIOUS PASCHA OF THE LORD 2017

*Great & Holy Saturday* ★ *April 15, 2017*

**DAY OF STRICT FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

*6:30 p.m. - 6:55 p.m. † Confessions*

*7:00 p.m. † Vespertal Divine Liturgy*

*of St. Basil for the Resurrection*

*Blessing of Easter Baskets and Foods*

**THIS LITURGY FULFILLS YOUR OBLIGATION.**

*11:30 p.m. † Hajme & Orthros of the Resurrection*

*Sunday of the Resurrection* ★ *April 16, 2016*

*10:00 a.m. † Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

*Blessing of Easter Baskets and Foods*

*4:00 p.m. † Agape Vespers*

*Bright Monday, April 17* ★ *Bright Tuesday, April 18* ★ *Bright Thursday, April 20*

*7:30 a.m. † Paschal Orthros*

*6:30 p.m. † Paschal Vespers & Divine Liturgy following*

*Bright Wednesday, April 19* ★ *Bright Friday, April 21*

*7:30 a.m. † Paschal Orthros & Divine Liturgy following*

*4:30 p.m. † Paschal Vespers*

*Bright Saturday* ★ *April 22, 2016*

*8:00 a.m. † Paschal Orthros*

*9:00 a.m. † Divine Liturgy*

Peacocks are one of the unusual birds where the male is more beautiful than the female: as Christ is the most noble of men. Moreover, the ancients believed that the peacock had flesh that did not decay after death [St. Augustine opined its flesh to have "antiseptic qualities."] Christians adopted the peacock as a symbol of immortality in its decorative motifs, as 'immortal life' we receive through Christ's death and resurrection. Similarly, 'renewal' as the peacock replaces his feathers annually. In addition, the "multitude of eyes" upon its fan tail suggest how the eyes of the faithful are upon the Lord and the 'sleeplessness' of prayer.