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The Holy Season

Having completed our celebrations of Our Lord's Nativity and His Baptism in the Jordan River, we now look ahead to the climax of the Church's liturgical year. Pascha- the Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, shall fall on May 5. We hope that, through God's mercy, we see as many people as possible join us for the upcoming divine services, which the Church offers during the Holy Season of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. This quarterly bulletin provides the service schedules for February, March, and April, including the services of Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week. Once again, we enter this season with heavy hearts. The war in Ukraine continues, as does the betrayal and persecution of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, shepherded by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Onuphry. We also grieve with our Orthodox brethren in the Holy Land, who now find themselves beset by war. We long for those days when we could simply immerse ourselves in the Lenten season, struggling with our own sins and passions, free of the devastations and uncertainties of the last four years. Perhaps we too may cry out to the Lord with the words of King David: "How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, with anguish in my heart day and night?" (Ps. 12:3) Nevertheless, a few verses further, the Psalmist also proclaims: "But I have put my trust in Thy mercy. My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation." Let us pray for peace and set forth on this Lenten journey that we may all very soon welcome Our Savior's Bright Resurrection with the joy and hope that our faith is the only victory that overcomes (1 John 5:4).

Schedule of Services

Sundays: Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

Saturdays: Vigil *or* Great Vespers at 5:00pm

February, March, April, and Holy Week services

Wednesday, February 14		Vespers	6:00pm
Thursday, February 15	Meeting of the Lord	Liturgy	10:00am
Saturday, March 9	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Monday, March 18- Thursday, March 21	Beginning of Great Lent Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	Great Compline	6:00pm
Friday, March 22		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday, March 29		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, March 30	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Friday, April 5		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, April 6	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Sunday, April 7	Annunciation	Liturgy	10:00am
Friday, April 12		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, April 13	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Wednesday, April 17	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete & The Life of Saint Mary of Egypt	Small Compline	6:00pm
Friday, April 19	Akathist to the Mother of God	Small Compline	6:00pm
Friday, April 26		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, April 27	Lazarus Saturday	Liturgy Vigil	10:00am 5:00pm
Sunday, April 28	Palm Sunday	Liturgy Matins	10:00am 6:00pm
Monday, April 29	Great and Holy Monday	Matins	6:00pm

Tuesday, April 30	Great and Holy Tuesday	Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday, May 1	Great and Holy Wednesday	Matins	6:00pm
Thursday, May 2	Great and Holy Thursday Commemoration of the Last Supper	Vespereal Liturgy Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels	10:00am 6:00pm
Friday, May 3	Great and Holy Friday Commemoration of the Passion of the Our Lord Jesus Christ	Confession Vespers Matins	10:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm
Saturday, May 4	Great and Holy Saturday	Vespereal Liturgy Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Midnight Office	10:00am 10:30pm 11:30pm
Sunday, May 5	PASCHA	Matins & Liturgy Paschal Moleben	12:00am 1:00pm
Friday, May 10	Bright Friday	Vespers	6:00pm
Saturday, May 11	Bright Saturday	Matins Liturgy Vespers	9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm

More detailed service schedules are available on the parish website and at the candle desk.

Schedule for the blessing of Easter Baskets:

1. May 4: Great and Holy Saturday, after Liturgy.
2. May 5: Pascha (Easter), after Liturgy.
3. May 5: Pascha (Easter), after Agape Vespers.

Namesdays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

February 3- Birthday of Eugene Dunsky

February 11- Birthday of Fr. Edward

February 16- Namesday of Werburga (Cynthia) Hilton

February 23- Namesday of Valentina Okulova

March 3- Namesday of Eugene Dunsky and Birthday of Nina Kloian

March 31- Namesday of Fr. Edward

April 27- Birthday of Ludmilla Braginsky

April 29- Namesday of Galina Pomotalkina

If you would like your namesday, birthday, and/or anniversary included in the future, please contact Fr. Edward at revedwardhenderson@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

February 25: Annual Parish Assembly

March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Saint Eugene's Orthodox Summer Camp

June 24-29

located at:

Archbishop Varche Hovsepian Camp

45000 Kings Canyon Road

Dunlap, CA 93621

www.steugenecamp.org

For several decades, Orthodox youth (ages 7-17) have come together for a week to play and pray at our diocesan summer camp. Offering all the activities of a summer camp, in addition, attendees have the opportunity to meet other Orthodox kids, be encouraged in their faith in a solid Christian environment, and grow spiritually. Moreover, our parish has offered to sponsor two youths, covering the entire camp tuition (please contact Fr. Edward for sponsorship).

For more information, contact the Camp Director, Fr. Andrew Smith at director@steugenecamp.org