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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, will fall on April 20. 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. In the Early Church, Great Lent served to prepare catechumens for holy baptism. Thus, those who entered the fast did so with a readiness to struggle, both against the ways of this world and against their own brokenness and unrighteousness. Moreover, they entered this season with even greater hope in both Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection and their own resurrection. The struggle would forge a new man, re-created and renewed according to God's image and likeness in the waters of the baptismal font. Let us also use this time to renew our faith and our life in Christ. Fasting, almsgiving, the added prayers and prostrations, the increased number of church services- all of these help us to truly repent and draw closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is our life and resurrection! Let us now also pray even more fervently and with greater hope for peace in this world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East, and the Holy Land. Therefore, "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Schedule of Services

Sundays: Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

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

February, March, April, and Holy Week services

Friday, February 14		Vespers	6:00pm
Saturday, February 15	Meeting of the Lord	Liturgy	10:00am
Saturday, February 22	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Monday, March 3- Thursday, March 6	Beginning of Great Lent Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	Great Compline	6:00pm
Friday, March 7		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday, March 14		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, March 15	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Friday, March 21		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday, March 28		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, March 29	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Wednesday, April 2	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete & The Life of Saint Mary of Egypt	Small Compline	6:00pm
Friday, April 4	Akathist to the Mother of God	Small Compline	6:00pm
Sunday, April 6		Vespers	6:00pm
Monday, April 7	Annunciation	Liturgy	10:00am
Friday, April 11		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, April 12	Lazarus Saturday	Liturgy Vigil	10:00am 5:00pm
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday	Liturgy Matins	10:00am 6:00pm
Monday, April 14	Great and Holy Monday	Matins	6:00pm

Tuesday, April 15	Great and Holy Tuesday	Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday, April 16	Great and Holy Wednesday	Matins	6:00pm
Thursday, April 17	Great and Holy Thursday Commemoration of the Last Supper	Vespereal Liturgy Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels	10:00am 6:00pm
Friday, April 18	Great and Holy Friday Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Confession Vespers Matins	10:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm
Saturday, April 19	Great and Holy Saturday	Vespereal Liturgy Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Midnight Office	10:00am 10:30pm 11:30pm
Sunday, April 20	PASCHA	Matins & Liturgy Paschal Moleben	12:00am 1:00pm
Friday, April 25	Bright Friday	Vespers	6:00pm
Saturday, April 26	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. April 19: Great and Holy Saturday, after Liturgy.
2. April 20: Pascha (Easter), after Liturgy.
3. April 20: Pascha (Easter), after the Paschal Moleben.

Namesdays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

February 11- Birthday of Fr. Edward

February 16- Namesday of Werburga (Cynthia) Hilton

February 23- Namesday of Valentina Okulova

March 2- Namesday of Mariamna Katich

March 3- 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 23: Annual Parish Assembly

March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Saint Eugene's Orthodox Summer Camp

June 22-28

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