



FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF CHRIST

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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 12. 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

Saturday, February 14	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida Vespers	11:00am 5:00pm
Sunday, February 15	Meeting of the Lord	Liturgy	10:00am
Monday, February 23- Thursday, February 26	Beginning of Great Lent Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	Great Compline	6:00pm
Friday, February 27		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday, March 6		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, March 7	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Friday, March 13		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, March 14	Commemoration of the Departed	Panikhida	11:00am
Friday, March 20		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Wednesday, March 25	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete & The Life of Saint Mary of Egypt	Small Compline	6:00pm
Friday, March 27	Akathist to the Mother of God	Small Compline	6:00pm
Friday, April 3		Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday, April 4	Lazarus Saturday	Liturgy Vigil	10:00am 5:00pm
Sunday, April 5	Palm Sunday	Liturgy Matins	10:00am 6:00pm
Monday, April 6	Eve of Annunciation	Vesperal Liturgy	6:00pm
Tuesday, April 7	Great and Holy Tuesday	Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday, April 8	Great and Holy Wednesday	Matins	6:00pm

Thursday, April 9	Great and Holy Thursday Commemoration of the Last Supper	Vesperal Liturgy Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels	10:00am 6:00pm
Friday, April 10	Great and Holy Friday Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Confession Vespers Matins	10:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm
Saturday, April 11	Great and Holy Saturday	Vesperal Liturgy Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Midnight Office	10:00am 10:30pm 11:30pm
Sunday, April 12	PASCHA	Matins & Liturgy Paschal Moleben	12:00am 1:00pm
Friday, April 17	Bright Friday	Vespers	6:00pm
Saturday, April 18	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 11: Great and Holy Saturday, after Liturgy.
2. April 12: Pascha (Easter), after Liturgy.
3. April 12: 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 Laletina and Valentina Okulova
February 24- Namesday of Jasmine Tavassolikhah
March 2- Namesday of Mariamna Katich and Birthday of Helen Tambazides
March 3- Birthday of Nina Kloian
March 28- Birthday of Anthony Mitchell
March 31- Namesday of Fr. Edward
April 11- Birthday of Jasmine Tavassolikhah
April 24- Birthday of Justin Tavassolikha
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 8: Annual Parish Assembly

March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Saint Eugene's Orthodox Summer Camp

June 21-27

located at:

Archbishop Vache 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 at director@steugenecamp.org