

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LAZARUS SATURDAY through HOLY WEEK, PASCHA & BRIGHT WEEK 2024

*Lazarus Saturday (4/27) –
Thomas Sunday (5/12) (New Sunday)*



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- **Friday, April 26th – Pre-sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Meal (Last one of the Year!)**
 - 6 pm: Liturgy of St. Gregory the Dialogist
 - ☐ *After the meal we will decorate the temple w/ flowers for Lazarus Saturday and prepare baptismal font. See Google Doc signup to help https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*

- **Lazarus Saturday, April 27th – Saturday of the Holy and Righteous Lazarus**
 - 9:00 am: Baptism of Catechumens & Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 - ☐ *Children’s choir to sing communion hymn “Out of the mouths of babes and infants Thou hast fashioned perfect praise”.*
 - ☐ *Fellowship potluck after the liturgy. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*
 - ☐ *After the meal, we need help decorating the Temple for Palm Sunday. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*

 - 5:00 pm: Festal Vigil
 - ☐ *Blessing of palms takes place after the Gospel at Matins. After veneration of the Gospel and anointing with holy oil, faithful hold palms and candles for the rest of Vigil.*

- **Palm Sunday, April 28th – The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem**
 - 9:00 am: Hours
 - 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 - ☐ *Children’s choir to sing communion hymn “Out of the mouths of babes and infants Thou hast fashioned perfect praise”.*
 - ☐ *At the end of the service we will have a festal procession with palms.*
 - ☐ *Fellowship meal after procession.*

 - 5:00 pm: Bridegroom Matins (matins of Holy Monday, sung in anticipation)

- **Great and Holy Monday, April 29th**
 - 6:00 pm: Bridegroom Matins (matins of Holy Tuesday, sung in anticipation)

- **Great and Holy Tuesday, April 30th**
 - 6:00 pm: Bridegroom Matins (matins of Holy Wednesday, sung in anticipation)

- **Great and Holy Wednesday, May 1st**
 - 6:00 pm: Bridegroom Matins (matins of Holy Thursday, sung in anticipation)

- **Great and Holy Thursday, May 2nd**
 - 9:00 am: Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 - ☐ *After service, we need help decorating the Temple for evening service with Cross. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*

- 6:00 pm: The Office of the Holy Passion (matins of Holy Friday, sung in anticipation)
 - *This is the service in which the 12 Gospels of the Passion are read.*

- **Great and Holy Friday, May 3rd**
 - 10:00 am: Royal Hours (1st, 3rd, 6th, and 9th Hour)
 - *After service, we need help decorating the Christ's tomb with lilies for evening service. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*
 - *We need help dyeing 125 red Easter eggs & preparing the "Artos Bread" See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*
 - 4:00 pm: Vespers with the Rite of Entombment (Deposition)
 - *Procession with the shroud (plashchanitsa in Slavonic; epitaphion in Greek) from the altar to the tomb takes place at the end of Vespers.*
 - *After service, we need help with light soup and bread meal. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*
 - 6:00 pm: Matins (matins of Holy Saturday, sung in anticipation)
 - *At the conclusion of the Great Doxology, a procession outside and around the Church with the shroud takes place.*

- **Great and Holy Saturday, May 4th**
 - 9:00 am: Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 - *During the Vespereal Liturgy, 15 Old Testament readings are read. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Readings_Holy_Sat_&_Sun_Agape*
 - *Clergy vestments and sacred covers are changed from black/purple to white/gold after the epistle reading.*
 - *At the conclusion of the liturgy, dry fruit, bread and wine is blessed and eaten. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*
 - *After service we need help decorating the temple for Pascha. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*
 - 11:00 pm: Reading of the Act of the Apostles
 - 11:30 pm: Nocturnes
 - *The Shroud is removed from tomb and placed on the altar during the Nocturnes.*
 - 12AM: Procession
 - *Procession outside around the Church takes place after the dismissal of Nocturnes.*
 - *During the midnight procession, after everyone has left the Church and the doors are closed, we need a team of people to help remove the tomb from the center of the Church. See Google Doc signup https://go.stjohnnaz.org/2024_Pascha_Help_Signup_Sheet*

- **Great and Holy Sunday of Pascha, May 5th**
 - Immediately after procession, Paschal Matins and Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 - *Baskets are blessed in Fellowship Hall after the liturgy.*
 - *Festal Potluck Pascha Meal after the liturgy.*
 - *After the Festal Pascha Potluck Meal we need a team of people to help clean up the fellowship hall. See Google Doc signup*

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- - 12:00 pm: Paschal Vespers
 - 1:00 pm: Paschal Church Fiesta: Fr. Andre & Mat. Anna Paez's Home
 - *Please bring your favorite dishes/drinks to share. Also we will need help bringing tables and chairs from the fellowship hall and bringing them back to Church. Lastly, we need help organizing and preparing Easter egg hunt for children. See Google Doc signup*
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- **Bright Monday, May 6th**
 - 9:30 am: Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom & Pascha Breakfast after Liturgy at local restaurant.

- **Bright Tuesday, May 7th**

- **Bright Wednesday, May 8th**
 - 9:30 am: Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Feast of St. John the Evangelist

- **Bright Thursday, May 9th**

- **Bright Friday, May 10th**

- **Bright Saturday, May 11th**
 - 5pm: Great Vespers

- **Sunday of Anti-Pascha; Thomas Sunday, New Sunday, May 12th**
 - 9:00 am: Hours
 - 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!