

LENT AND PASCHA – 2023

PRE-LENT (3 WEEKS)	<p>2/5 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE (<i>fast-free week</i>)</p> <p>2/12 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</p> <p>2/18 SATURDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (all Faithful Departed)</p> <p>2/19 SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>meatfare</i> (begin abstaining from meat/animal flesh) <p>2/26 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY/EXPULSION OF ADAM FROM PARADISE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>cheesefare</i> (begin abstaining from cheese, dairy, and eggs) • Vespers with Rite of Mutual Forgiveness
GREAT LENT (40 DAYS)	<p>2/27 FIRST DAY OF GREAT LENT (Monday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Canon of St. Andrew (Mon. – Thurs.) • Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Wed. & Fri.) • St. Theodore the Recruit/miracle of boiled wheat (Sat.) <p>3/5 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT: Sun. of Orthodoxy/Restoration of Icons</p> <p>3/12 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT: St. Gregory Palamas</p> <p>3/19 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT: Veneration of the Cross</p> <p>3/25 FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION</p> <p>3/26 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT: St. John of the Ladder (Gk., <i>Klimakos</i>)</p> <p>3/26-4/1 FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Canon of St. Andrew w/Life of St. Mary of Egypt (Thurs.) • Akathist to the Theotokos (Sat.) <p>4/2 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT: St. Mary of Egypt</p> <p>4/7 LAST DAY OF GREAT LENT (Friday)</p>
HOLY WEEK	<p>4/8 RAISING OF LAZARUS (Sat.)</p> <p>4/9 PALM SUNDAY/ENTRY OF CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM</p> <p>4/10-12 HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridegroom Matins (Christ teaching in the Temple) • Christ betrayed by Judas Iscariot <p>4/13 HOLY THURSDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution of the Lord's Supper • Christ arrested in Gethsemane <p>4/14 HOLY FRIDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crucifixion and Burial of Christ <p>4/15 HOLY SATURDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ's Descent into Hades • Beginning of Paschal Vigil
PASCHA (PASSOVER)	<p>4/16 HOLY PASCHA – the Resurrection of Christ, the Feast of Feasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midnight Office, Matins, and Divine Liturgy • Paschal Vespers <p>4/16-22 BRIGHT WEEK</p>