

# ST NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL BRISBANE

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES March-April Great Lent 2023

Dear God-loving Parishioners!

Christ's Holy Church, like a wise and loving mother, calls each of us to use the time of Great Lent to work on ourselves spiritually and with greater commitment. During this time, the services are especially touching and spiritually edifying. As well, prayer and fasting – are the best means by which a person may regain and retain spiritual health and grow. With this aim in mind, the Great-Lenten schedule of services will include: General Confessions and General Unction.  
With love in the Lord, Fr Gabriel Makarov.

### Sun 05 Mar: 1st Sunday of Great Lent. TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY.

Liturgy of St Basil and Moleben "For the conversion of those who are lost" ..... 8.30am

Wed 08 Mar: Vespers with *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (commemoration of the departed)* ..... 8.30am

Sat 11 Mar: Confession ..... 4.30pm

General Panihida for memorial Saturday and Vigil ..... 5.00pm

### Sun 12 Mar: 2nd Sunday of Great Lent. ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great ..... 8.30am

At Rocklea Church: Sacrament of General Unction (*can receive only once during Lent*) ... 6.00pm

Wed 15 Mar: Vespers with *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (commemoration of the departed)* ..... 8.30am

Sat 18 Mar: *Order of General Confession* ..... 4.15pm

General Panihida for memorial Saturday and Vigil with taking out of the Cross ..... 5.00pm

### Sun 19 Mar: 3rd Sunday of Great Lent. ADORATION OF THE CROSS.

Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great ..... 8.30am

Tue 21 Mar: At Cathedral: Sacrament of General Unction (*can receive only once during Lent*) ..... 6.00pm

Wed 22 Mar: HOLY 40 MARTYRS OF SEBASTE.

Vespers with *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (blessing of "skylarks" breads)* ..... 8.30am

Sat 25 Mar: Confession ..... 4.30pm

General Panihida for memorial Saturday and Vigil ..... 5.00pm

### Sun 26 Mar: 4th Sunday of Great Lent. ST JOHN OF THE LADDER.

Divine Liturgy of Basil the Great ..... 8.30am

After Liturgy discussion in hall in Russian: Psalm 36 "By the waters of Babylon".

Wed 29 Mar: Matins with reading of the Great Canon of ST. ANDREW OF CRETE ..... 6.00pm

Fri 31 Mar: Matins with singing of the Akathist to the Mother of God (*Laudation*) ..... 6.00pm

Sat 01 Apr: LAUDATION OF THE MOST-HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

Divine Liturgy ..... 8.30am

Confession ..... 4.30pm

Vigil ..... 5.00pm

<b>Sun 02</b>	<b>Apr:</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Great Lent. ST MARY OF EGYPT.</b>	
		<b>Divine Liturgy of Basil the Great.....</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Tue 04	Apr:	<i>Church Sisters will need helpers to clean and tie verbiy and palms in the hall - from early morning.</i>	
		<i>Discussion in hall in English: Psalm 136 "By the waters of Babylon".....</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
Thu 06	Apr:	Vigil (with blessing of loaves) .....	6.00pm
Fri 07	Apr:	ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Divine Liturgy.....	8.30am
		Confession for parish school students - for Lazarus Saturday .....	5.30pm
		Matins for Lazarus Saturday .....	6.00pm
Sat 08	Apr:	LAZARUS STAURDAY.	
		Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom .....	8.30am
		<i>Order of General Confession .....</i>	<i>4.15pm</i>
		<i>Vigil with blessing of bread, blessing of palms and Verbiy.....</i>	<i>5.00pm</i>
<b>Sun 09</b>	<b>Apr:</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Great lent. PALM SUNDAY. ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.</b>	
		<b>Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom.....</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
		<i>After Liturgy there will be a sale of Paschal produce, and a spiritual-artistic performance:</i>	
		<i>"Our luminary Saint - Nicholas the Wonderworker".</i>	
 <b><u>Passion Week</u></b>			
<i>For those desiring to receive <u>Holy Communion on Pascha night</u> it is permissible to come to Confession on any evening of Passion Week where «Confession» is indicated in the schedule, and receive a blessing for this. Thus, there is an opportunity to prepare in advance, unhurriedly and without fuss, rather than leaving Confession to the very final hours before Pascha, where there is little time for such things. <u>Confessions on the night of Pascha will be allowed only by previous appointment.</u></i>			
Mon 10	Apr:	Matins with hymns: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.." & "I see Thy bridal chamber." ....	6.00pm
Tue 11	Apr:	Confession.....	5.30pm
		Matins with hymns: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.." & "I see Thy bridal chamber." ....	6.00pm
Wed 12	Apr:	GREAT WEDNESDAY.	
		Vespers with <i>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (final one for this year)</i> .....	8.30am
		Confession.....	5.30pm
		Matins with hymns: "When the glorious disciples..."and "I see Thy bridal chamber..." .....	6.00pm
Thu 13	Apr:	GREAT THURSDAY - REMEMBRANCE OF THE MYSTICAL SUPPER.	
		Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great .....	8.30am
		COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.	
		Matins with reading of the 12 Passion Gospels, before the Holy Crucifix.....	6.00pm
Fri 14	Apr:	GREAT FRIDAY.	
		Royal Hours (no Liturgy is celebrated on this day!).....	8.30am
		Vespers with bringing out of the Epitaphion (Shroud) of Christ .....	2.30pm
		<i>Confession.....</i> following the bringing out of the Epitaphion	
		Matins with the Lamentations over the Shroud and burial procession .....	6.00pm

*Concerning the Fast: Great Friday is the strictest fast day of the year. "We do not eat on this day of the Crucifixion...." According to the Typicon, only the infirm and aged take bread and water after the setting of the sun. Even today Christians strive not to eat at least until after the bringing out of the Epitaphion.*

Sat 15 Apr: GREAT SATURDAY.  
 Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (*with blessing of bread and wine*)..... 8.00am  
*1st blessing of kulich immediately following Liturgy*..... approx. 12.00am  
*2nd blessing of kulich* ..... 7.30pm  
 Reading of the Book of Acts ..... 9.30pm  
*Confession at this time only by previous appointment*..... 9.30pm  
*3rd blessing of kulich* ..... 11.00pm  
 Midnight Office with the taking into the altar of the Holy Epitaphion..... 11.15pm

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Sun 16 Apr: **HOLY PASCHA. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.**  
**Cross procession, Paschal Matins and Paschal Liturgy** ..... **12.00md**  
*4th blessing of kulich*.....*following Paschal night Liturgy*  
 At Holy Annunciation Church: Paschal Vespers with Deanery clergy concelebrating ..... 6.00pm

**CHRIST IS RISEN !!! - TRULY HE IS RISEN !!!**

Mon 17 Apr: BRIGHT MONDAY.  
 At Cathedral: Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom..... 8.30am

*Holy Annunciation will celebrate its Patronal Feastday on Saturday 22 April - separate schedule to be announced.*

Sat 22 Apr: Vigil ..... 5.00pm

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Sun 23 Apr: **THOMAS' SUNDAY - ANTIPASCHA.**  
**Divine Liturgy with distribution of holy "Artos" bread** ..... **8.30am**

RADONITSA - PASCHAL COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED AT CEMETERIES:

Mon 24 Apr: Graveside services at the following cemeteries:  
*Toowong*.....*from 10.00 am to 11.30 am*  
*Dutton Park*.....*from 12.30 pm to 1.00pm*  
*Mt Gravatt*.....*from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm*

Tue 25 Apr: *Mt Gravatt*.....*from 10.00am,*  
 beginning with Paschal Panihida at the Cemetery chapel followed by  
 individual graveside services.

Sat 29 Apr: Vigil ..... 5.00pm

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Sun 08 Apr: **SUNDAY FO THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN.**  
**Divine Liturgy**..... **8.30am**