

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Great Lent 2024

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 fervour. During this time, the services are especially touching and morally 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 schedule of services also includes: 2 General Confessions, 2 services of General Unction (choose one only - at the Cathedral or Rocklea).

With love in the Lord, Fr Gabriel Makarov.

Sun 17 May: CHEESEFARE SUNDAY - FORGIVENESS SUNDAY – end of Maslenitsa.

Divine Liturgy and immediately, Vespers with “rite of forgiveness”8.30am

“...and the faithful kiss the icons and the priest's cross and, before entering the period of Great Lent, ask forgiveness of one another.”

BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT – FIRST "CLEAN" WEEK

Mon 18 Mar: Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Tue 19 Mar: Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Wed 20 Mar: Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Thu 21 Mar: Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Fri 22 Mar: Vespers with *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts* 8.30am
 Matins..... 6.00pm

Sat 23 Mar: SATURDAY OF ST. THEODORE OF TYRO and HOLY FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE.
 Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Canon to Great-Martyr Theodore the Tyro
 and blessing of kolivo and breads -"sky larks". 8.30am

Confession..... 4.30pm

All-night Vigil..... 5.00pm

Sun 24 Mar: 1st Sunday of Great Lent. SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.

Liturgy of St. Basil and Moleben "For the Conversion of Those Who Are Lost"8.30am

Thu 28 Mar: Matins..... 6.00pm

Fri 29 Mar: Vespers with *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* 8.30pm
 Memorial Matins..... 6.00pm

Sat 30 Mar: MEMORIAL SATURDAY.
 Commemorative Liturgy with General Panihida 8.30am

Confession..... 4.30pm

Vigil..... 5.00pm

Sun 31 Mar: 2nd Sunday of Great Lent. ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great8.30am

During this week clergy confessions, pastoral conference and services in Sydney.

Sat 06 Apr: GENERAL CONFESSIO*N* (participants should not be late for this service) 4.30pm
 Vigil with the taking out of the Cross 5.00pm

Sun 07 Apr: 3rd Sun. of G Lent. ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS and HOLY ANNUNCIATION.

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great8.30am

Tue	09	Apr:	At the Cathedral: Sacrament of GENERAL UNCTION (can receive once per Lent)	6.00pm
Thu	11	Apr:	Matins.....	6.00pm
Fri	12	Apr:	Vespers with <i>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</i>	8.30pm
			Memorial Matins	6.00pm
Sat	13	Apr:	MEMORIAL SATURDAY. Commemorative Liturgy with General Pannikhida	8.30am
			Confession.....	4.30pm
			Vigil.....	5.00pm

Sun 14 Apr: 4th Sunday of Great Lent. ST JOHN OF THE LADDER.
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great **8.30am**

Wed 17 Apr: Matins with reading of the Great Canon of ST. ANDREW OF CRETE..... 6.00pm

Fri 19 Apr: ***Church Sisters will need helpers to prepare verbiy – in the hall from early morning.***
 Matins with singing of the Akathist to the Mother of God

Sat 20 Apr: LAUDATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.
 Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Confession..... 4.30pm

Vigil..... 5.00pm

Sun 21 Apr: 5th Sunday of Great Lent. ST MARY OF EGYPT.
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great **8.30am**
 At Rocklea: Sacrament of GENERAL UNCTION (can receive once per Lent)

Thu 25 Apr: ***Church Sisters will need helpers to tie verbiy – in the hall from early morning.***

Fri 26 Apr: CONFESION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS - for Lazarus Saturday

Matins..... 6.00pm

Sat 27 Apr: LAZARUS SATURDAY.
 Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

GENERAL CONFESION (participants should not be late for this service)

Vigil with blessing of loaves and "verbiy"

Sun 28 Apr: 6th Sunday of Great Lent. ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM - PALM SUNDAY.
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... **8.30am**

Passion Week

For those desiring to partake of Holy Communion on the night of Pascha it is permissible to come to Confession on any evening of Passion Week, or even earlier, and receive for this a blessing. This gives an opportunity to prepare for Pascha unhurriedly, in good time, rather than leaving Confession to the very final hours before Pascha, where there is little time for such things.

Mon 29 Apr: Matins with hymns: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh..."and "I see Thy bridal chamber..."6.00pm

Tue 30 Apr: Matins with hymns: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh..."and "I see Thy bridal chamber..."6.00pm

Wed 01 May: GREAT WEDNESDAY.
 Vespers with *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*

Matins with hymns: "When the glorious disciples..."and "I see Thy bridal chamber..."

- Thu 02 May: GREAT THURSDAY - COMMEMORATION OF THE MYSTICAL SUPPER.
 Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 8.30am
 COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PASSION OF OUR LORD.
 Matins with reading of the 12 Passion Gospels, before the Holy Crucifixion..... 6.00pm
- Fri 03 May: GREAT FRIDAY.
 Royal Hours (no Liturgy is celebrated on this day!) 8.30am
 Vespers with bringing out of the Epitaphion (Shroud) of Christ 2.00pm
Confession.....following the bringing out of the Epitaphion
 Matins with the Lamentations over the Shroud and outside 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 04 May: GREAT SATURDAY.
 Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil (blessing of bread and wine) 8.30am
1st blessing of kulich breads immediately following Liturgy..... approx. 12.00md

2nd blessing of kulich breads 7.30pm
Confession at this time only by previous appointment 9.30pm

 Reading of the Book of Acts 9.30pm
3rd blessing of kulich breads 11.00pm
 Midnight Office with the taking into the altar of the Holy Epitaphion..... 11.15pm
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- Sun 05 May: **HOLY PASCHA. Bright Week - fast free.**
Procession with the cross and Paschal Matins and Paschal Liturgy..... 12.00mn
4th blessing of kulich..... following Paschal night Liturgy

 Paschal Vespers with concelebrating clergy of the deanery 6.00pm
- Mon 06 May: BRIGHT MONDAY and HOLY GREAT-MARTYR AND TROPHY BEARER GEORGE.
 Divine Liturgy with procession around the church 8.30am
- Sat 11 May: Vigil..... 5.00pm
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- Sun 12 May: **THOMAS' SUNDAY or ANTIPASCHA**
Divine Liturgy (with distribution of holy "Artos" bread)..... 8.30am
- RADONITSA - PASCHAL COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED AT CEMETERIES:
- Mon 13 May: 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 14 May: *Mt Gravatt*.....from 10.00am,
 beginning with Paschal Panihida at the Cemetery chapel followed by
 individual graveside services.
- Sat 18 May: Vigil..... 5.00pm
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- Sun 19 May: **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN.**
Divine Liturgy 8.30am