



Holy Week Schedule - 2019

Saint John Orthodox Cathedral - Eagle River, Alaska



Friday APRIL 19	FRIDAY COMPLINE 7:15pm - Little Compline with the Canon for Saint Lazarus (40 minutes) <i>Last day of Lent.</i>
Saturday 20	LAZARUS SATURDAY <i>"The Raising of Lazarus"</i> 9:15am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom with Baptisms (110 minutes) 7:15pm - Great Vespers (40 minutes) <i>This is a traditional day to baptize infants.</i>
Sunday 21	PALM SUNDAY <i>"The Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem"</i> 9:00am - Matins - <i>Blessing of Palms</i> (60 minutes) 10:00am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (90 minutes) 7:15pm - "Bridegroom" Matins (<i>Confession following</i>) (60 minutes) <i>Fish, wine and oil are allowed on this day.</i>
Monday 22	GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY <i>"The Signs of the Last Days"</i> 12:15pm - 6th Hour Prayers with Gospel, Matthew 24:3-35 (20 minutes) 7:15pm - "Bridegroom" Matins (<i>Confession following</i>) (60 minutes)
Tuesday 23	GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY <i>"The Parables of the Virgins and of the Talents"</i> 12:15pm - 6th Hour Prayers with Gospel, Matthew 24:36-26:2 (20 minutes) 7:15pm - "Bridegroom" Matins (<i>Confession following</i>) (60 minutes)
Wednesday 24	GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY <i>"The Anointing at Bethany"</i> 12:15pm- 6th Hour Prayers with Gospel, Matthew 26:6-16 (20 minutes) 7:15pm - Holy Unction - <i>Sacrament of Anointing the Sick</i> (100 minutes) <i>Orthodox Christians receive anointing for healing of soul and body.</i>
Thursday 25	GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY <i>"The Washing of the Disciples' Feet and the Last Supper"</i> 12:15pm - 6th Hour Prayers with Gospel, Luke 22:1-39 (15 minutes) 6:15pm - Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (110 minutes) <i>Fast from noon until after Liturgy.</i>
Friday 26	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>"The Crucifixion of Christ"</i> 7:15am - Matins - <i>12 Gospel Readings & Procession with the Cross</i> (150 minutes) 12:15pm - Royal Hours: 6th Hour Prayers (25 minutes) 3:15pm - Royal Hours: 9th Hour Prayers (25 minutes) 6:15pm Great Vespers - <i>Veneration of the Shroud</i> (70 minutes) All-Night Vigil - <i>The Faithful keep Vigil in the Church reading Psalms.</i> Strict Fast Day.
Saturday 27	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY <i>"The Sabbath Rest in the Tomb"</i> 7:15am - Matins - <i>Lamentations & Procession with the Shroud</i> (130 minutes) 4:15pm - Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil (130 minutes) - <i>Changing of the Vestments to White.</i> <i>This is also a traditional day for adult baptisms.</i> Strict Fast Day, light fasting meal after Liturgy.
Sunday 28	PASCHA: EASTER SUNDAY <i>"The Resurrection of Christ"</i> 4:15am - Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (150 minutes) - <i>Procession around the Church with Candles, Homily of Saint John Chrysostom</i> 3:15pm - Agape Vespers (40 minutes) - <i>The Gospel is read in different languages to celebrate the universality of the Joy of Christ's Resurrection - Procession to the Cemetery and Easter Feast following.</i> <i>Easter Baskets are blessed following Liturgy.</i>
Bright Week 29- May 4	BRIGHT MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY - 12:15pm - Bright Week Hours BRIGHT THURSDAY - April 12 8:15am - Paschal Divine Liturgy (60 minutes) <i>No fasting until Ascension.</i>

* Approximent length of service is included to help families plan.