

The Liturgical Year 2017-2018

Saint John Orthodox Cathedral ♦ Eagle River, Alaska

SERVICES		FEASTS	FASTS
<p>Nativity of the Mother of God Sep 7, 6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Elevation of the Cross Sep 13, 7:15pm – Great Vespers Sep 14, 6:15pm – Divine Liturgy</p> <p>St. Sergius of Radonezh Sep 25, 12:30pm – Prayers at St. Sergius Chapel</p> <p>St. John the Evangelist TBA</p>	SEP/OCT	<p>SEP 1 – BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR</p> <p>Sep 8* - THE NATIVITY OF MOTHER OF GOD (lv.12)</p> <p>Sep 14* - THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS (lv.21)</p> <p>Sep 24 – Martyrs of Alaska (Juvenaly the priest martyr & Peter the Aleut martyr) Sep 25 – St. Sergius of Radonezh Sept 26 – The Falling-asleep of St. John the Evangelist</p> <p>Oct 6 – St. Innocent of Alaska (canonization)</p>	<p>Fasts Preceding Liturgies: Any day the Liturgy is celebrated in the morning a total fast from all food and drink is kept from midnight until after the Liturgy. For evening Liturgies a total fast should be kept from noon until after the Liturgy.</p> <p>Wednesdays and Fridays Unless otherwise noted all Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year are kept as fast days the same as a weekday during Lent.</p> <p>Sep 14 – The Elevation of the Cross This is a strict fast day and no food at all should be eaten until after the evening Liturgy, when a light, fasting meal is permitted. Oil and wine are permitted. (Note: When this Feast falls on Saturday or Sunday it is still a fast day kept in the same way as any Saturday or Sunday in Lent.)</p>
<p>Entrance of the Mother of God Nov 20, 6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy</p>	NOV	<p>Nov 7 – Commemoration of St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Sat. before Nov. 8)</p> <p>Nov 21* - THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE (lv.25)</p>	<p>Nov 15 – Dec 24 – Advent Fast This fast is kept the same as Great Lent, except that fish, wine and oil may be eaten up to Dec. 20. On Dec. 20 begins the special “holy week” preceding Christmas when the fast should be more strict. (Although this fast traditionally begins on Nov 15, 40 days before Christmas, it is pastorally suggested that it may be kept most seriously beginning Dec. 1, when the liturgical texts for Advent begin to appear.)</p>
<p>Advent Services Dec 5, 7:15pm – Great Vespers for St. Nicholas Dec 12, 7:15pm – Akathist for St. Herman Dec 19, 7:15pm – Great Vespers for St. Ignatius</p> <p>Christmas Services Dec 22, “Royal Hours” Dec 24, 7:15pm – Great Vespers Dec 25, 9am – Matins / 10am –Liturgy of St. Basil</p>	DEC	<p>Dec 6 – St. Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra Dec 13 – St. Herman of Alaska Dec 20 – St. Ignatius of Antioch Dec 20-24 – Prefeast of Christmas</p> <p>Dec 25* - CHRISTMAS: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (lv 31)</p>	<p>Dec 24 – Christmas Eve This is a fast day, and no food at all should be eaten until after the evening Liturgy, when a light, fasting meal is permitted. (Note: When Christmas Eve falls on Saturday or Sunday it is not a strict fast day, but is kept as any weekday in Advent.)</p> <p>Dec 25 – Jan 4 – The Christmas Season No fasting.</p>
<p>Epiphany Services Jan 5, “Royal Hours” Jan 5, 7:15pm – Great Vespers Jan 6, 9:15am – Great Blessing of Water and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</p>	JAN	<p>Jan 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ; St. Basil the Great Jan 2-5 – Prefeast of Epiphany</p> <p>Jan 6* - EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (lv. 14)</p> <p>Jan 21 – Zachaeus Sunday – 4 weeks before Lent Jan 28 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – 3 weeks before Lent</p>	<p>Jan 5 – Eve of Epiphany This is a fast day, and no food at all should be eaten until after the evening service, when a light, fasting meal is permitted. (Note: When Epiphany Eve falls on Saturday or Sunday it is not a strict fast day, but is kept as any weekday in Advent.)</p> <p>Jan 29 – Feb 3 – The Week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee No fasting is permitted</p>
<p>The Meeting of Our Lord Feb 1, 6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Saturday of Souls Feb 9, 7:15pm – Vespers Feb 10, 9:15am – Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Special Lenten Services Feb 18, 6:15pm – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers Mondays in Lent, 7:15pm – Great Compline Wednesdays in Lent, 6:15pm – Presanctified Liturgy Fridays in Lent, 7:15pm – Akathist to the Mother of God Sundays in Lent, 9am – Matins; 10am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</p> <p>Special Lenten Services Mar 5, TBA – Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers</p>	FEB	<p>Feb 2* - THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (lv 9, or Friday before Souls Saturday, whichever is first)</p> <p>Feb. 4 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – 2 weeks before Lent Feb 10 – Saturday of Souls, Commemoration of the Departed – Saturday before “Meatfare” Feb 11 – Sunday of the Last Judgment (“Meatfare”) – 1 week before Lent begins Feb 18 – Forgiveness Sunday (“Cheesefare” Begin Lent) – 7 weeks before Easter, variable between Feb 15 and Mar 20 Feb 25 – Orthodox Sunday (Pan-Orthodox Vespers) – 1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Feb 27 – Repose of St. Raphael of Brooklyn (commemorated in November)</p>	<p>Feb 11-17 – “Meatfare Week” Fasting from meat begins. Animal products permitted Wednesday and Friday of this week.</p> <p>Feb 19 – April 7 – Great Lent and Holy Week Fast from meat, animal products, fish, wine and oil; and limit the number of meals and amount eaten. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the 1st week are strict fast days, which traditionally means a total abstinence from all foods. (Some attempt should be made to keep these days somehow more strictly.) Wednesday and Fridays a total fast should be kept from noon on, with an evening meal after the Presanctified Liturgy. (If no Presanctified Liturgy is celebrated on Friday, then the fast from noon on would not apply.) Saturdays and Sundays during Lent oil and wine are permitted and the number of meals is not as strictly limited.</p>
<p>The Annunciation Mar 24, 7:15pm – Great Vespers Mar 25, 10:00am – Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Lazarus Saturday March 30, 7:15pm - Compline March 31, 9:15am – Divine Liturgy of St. John</p>	MAR	<p>Mar 4 – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas – 2nd Sunday in Lent Mar 11 – Sunday of the Holy Cross – 3rd Sunday in Lent Mar 18 – Sunday of St. John Climacus – 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Mar 25* - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (lv 26)</p> <p>Mar 25 – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt – 5th Sunday in Lent Mar 31* - Lazarus Saturday-Saturday before Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Mar 25 – The Annunciation Fish, wine and oil are permitted.</p>
<p>Palm Sunday March 31, 7:15pm – Great Vespers April 1, 9am – Matins / 10am – Divine Liturgy of St. John</p> <p>Holy Week Services See Special Sheet</p> <p>PASCHA / EASTER April 8, 5am – Rush Procession, Matins, and Divine Liturgy 3:15pm – Agape Vespers</p>	APR	<p>Apr 1* - PALM SUNDAY: Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem – Sunday before Easter Apr 2-7* Holy Week – Week between Palm Sunday and Easter</p> <p>Apr 8* - PASCHA / EASTER: Resurrection of Our Lord – Variable between Apr 4 and May 8</p> <p>April 9-14 – Bright Week – Week following Easter Apr 30 – St. James, the son of Zebedee and brother of St. John the Evangelist April 15 – Saint Thomas Sunday – 1st Sunday after Pascha April 22 – Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women – 2nd Sunday after Pascha April 29 – Sunday of the Paralytic – 3rd Sunday after Pascha</p>	<p>Apr 8 – May 17 Bright Week & Paschal Season During the Pascha season fasting is not required from Easter to Ascension. During the rest of the season from Ascension to Pentecost wine and oil are permitted on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p>
<p>Feast of St. John the Evangelist May 8, TBA</p> <p>The Ascension of Our Lord May 16, 6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Special Pentecost Services May 27, Matins / 10am Divine Liturgy of St. John May 27, 6:15pm – Special Pentecost “Kneeling” Vespers</p>	MAY	<p>May 2 – Mid-Pentecost – Wednesday half-way between Pascha and Pentecost May 6 – Sunday of the Samaritan Women – 4th Sunday after Pascha May 7 – St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre May 8 - Feast of St. John the Evangelist – Commemoration of the Miracle at His Gravesite May 13 – Sunday of the Blind Man - 5th Sunday after Pascha</p> <p>May 17* - THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – Thursday, 40 days after Pascha / Easter May 20 – Sunday of the First Ecumenical Council – 6th Sunday after Pascha May 26 – Saturday of Souls, Commemoration of the Departed – Saturday before Pentecost</p> <p>May 27 – PENTECOST: The Descent of the Holy Spirit – 50 days after Pascha / Easter May 28-June 2 – Pentecost Week – Week following Pentecost, no fasting</p>	<p>May 28 – Jun 2 – Pentecost Week No fasting.</p>
<p>Sts. Peter and Paul Jun 28, 6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy</p>	JUN/JUL	<p>Jun 3 – All Saints Sunday – 1st Sunday after Pentecost Jun 10 – All Saints of North America – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Jun 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (lv. 25)</p> <p>Jun 29* - St. Peter and St. Paul (lv. 30)</p> <p>Jul 26 – St. Yakov Netsvetov, Enlightener & Baptizer of the Native Peoples of Alaska</p>	<p>The “Apostles’ Fast” This fasting season varies in length because it extends from the Sunday following Pentecost up to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, from which it derives its name.</p>
<p>The Transfiguration Aug 5, 6:15pm – Great Vespers Aug 6, 6:15pm – Divine Liturgy</p> <p>The Falling Asleep of the Mother of God Aug 14, 6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Beheading of St. John the Baptist Aug 28, 7:15pm – Great Vespers Aug 29, 6:15pm – Divine Liturgy</p>	AUG	<p>Aug 6* - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (lv. 13) Aug 9 – St. Herman of Alaska, Anniversary of Canonization (Pilgrimage to Spruce Island, Aug 7-9)</p> <p>Aug 15* - THE FALLING-ASLEEP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (lv. 23) Aug 29* – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (lv. 30)</p>	<p>Aug 1-14 – The “Dormition” Fast This fast is kept the same as Great Lent, except that fish, wine, and oil may be eaten on Aug 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Liturgy on the 15th ends the fast.</p> <p>Aug 29 – The Beheading of John the Baptist This day is traditionally kept as a strict fast day in honor and memory of John the Baptist. No food at all should be eaten until after the evening Liturgy, when a light fasting meal is permitted. Oil and wine are permitted. (Note: When this Feast falls on Saturday or Sunday it is still a fast day kept in the same way as any Saturday or Sunday in Lent. Also, in some places it has become the custom not to eat on plates on this day.)</p>

Key: ALL CAPS = Great Feast
Smaller Type = Secondary Feast Days

* = Special Divine Liturgy
(lv.) = Leavetaking of Feast
Italics = Movable Feast

REGULAR SERVICES: (Subject to Change. Also see schedule in Sunday Bulletin.)

Saturday, 7:15pm – Great Vespers ♦ Sunday, 9am – Matins / Orthos ♦ Sunday, 10am – Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, Friday School Days – 6th Hr. Prayers at 12:45pm; Wednesday, 7:15pm – Paraklesis Service or Daily Vespers.
Thursday, 8:15am During School Year – Divine Liturgy