

**HOLY ASCENSION ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**Schedule of Services – April 2024**

**Saturday, April 6**

5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, April 7**

9:40 a.m.

**Third Sunday of Great Lent / ANNUNCIATION**

Hours and Divine Liturgy

*Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross*

*Fish, wine and oil allowed*

**Saturday, April 13**

5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, April 14**

9:40 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**

Hours and Divine Liturgy

*Saint John of the Ladder*

*Wine and oil allowed*

**Wednesday, April 17**

6:30 p.m.

Matins with reading of the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

**Saturday April 20**

5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, April 21**

9:40 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

Hours and Divine Liturgy

*Saint Mary of Egypt*

*Wine and oil allowed*

**Friday, April 26**

6:00 p.m.

Vespers and Matins

**Saturday, April 27**

8:40 a.m.

**Lazarus Saturday**

Hours and Divine Liturgy

*Wine, oil and caviar allowed*

5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, April 28**

9:40 a.m.

**ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM**

Hours and Divine Liturgy

*Palm Sunday*

*Fish, wine and oil allowed*

***Quote from the Holy Fathers:***

*Whoever wishes to go towards Christ the most direct way, that is, with knowledge and without passion, and attain his goal with joy, should keep at all times to the royal path during his sojourn, neither veering to the right nor to the left, avoiding at all costs in his spiritual labors exaggeration on one hand and insufficiency on the other, for either can arouse sensuality. He should avoid darkening his mind with excessive food and conversation, not blind it with various concerns, nor be upset thinking that the fasting and vigil are too prolonged.”*

*-- St. Peter Damascene*