

**HOLY ASCENSION ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**Schedule of Services – April 2026**

<b>Friday, April 3</b> 5:00 p.m.	Vespers and Matins
<b>Saturday, April 4</b> 8:40 a.m.	<b>Lazarus Saturday</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Wine, oil and caviar allowed</i>
5:00 p.m.	Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 5</b> 9:40 a.m.	<b>ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Fish, wine and oil allowed</i>
<b>Thursday, April 9</b> 5:00 p.m.	Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels
<b>Friday, April 10</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> Royal Hours
1:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with the bringing out of the Holy Shroud
6:00 p.m.	Matins (Burial of the Lord)
<b>Saturday, April 11</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY</b> Hours, Typica and Vesperal Divine Liturgy <i>Wine, but not oil allowed</i>
10:30 p.m.	Reading of the Acts of the Apostles
11:30 p.m.	Midnight Office
<b>Sunday, April 12</b> 12:00 midnight	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST</b> Paschal Matins, Hours, and Divine Liturgy
1:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
<b>Saturday, April 18</b> 5:00 p.m.	Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 19</b> 9:40 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Pascha</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Thomas Sunday (Antipascha)</i>
<b>Saturday, April 25</b> 5:00 p.m.	Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 26</b> 9:40 a.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Pascha</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women</i>

Quote: "If you wish to struggle as you ought, beloved, let that little creature the spider be a pattern to you, showing you the way and order of silence of the heart. The spider seizes and kills small flies; like the spider (sitting in the middle of its web) may you too keep silence in the soul with the utmost effort, and never cease killing the children of Babylon\*; for such slaughter you would be called happy by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David". -St. Hesychius of Jerusalem  
\*Note: Here by, "killing the children of Babylon," this Holy Father intends a spiritual meaning, that is, rejecting evil thoughts. May God help us through the prayers of this Saint.

*Notes: Kulichi baskets will be blessed after Paschal Liturgy.*