

**HOLY ASCENSION ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**Schedule of Services – April 2025**

<b>Saturday, April 5</b> 5:00 p.m.	Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 6</b> 9:40 a.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Great Lent</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Saint Mary of Egypt / Forefeast of Annunciation</i> <i>Wine and oil allowed</i>
<b>Friday, April 11</b> 6:00 p.m.	Vespers and Matins
<b>Saturday, April 12</b> 9:40 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 13</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 17</b> 5:00 p.m.	Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels
<b>Friday, April 18</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 19</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY</b> Hours, Typica and Vespersal 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 20</b> 12:00 midnight	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST</b> Paschal Matins, Hours, and Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday, April 26</b> 5:00 p.m.	Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 27</b> 9:40 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Pascha</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Thomas Sunday (Antipascha)</i>

**Quote from the Holy Fathers:**

*“The Jew rejoices on Sabbaths and feast days; and a monk who is a glutton on Saturdays and Sundays. He counts beforehand the days till Pascha, and he prepares the food for it several days in advance. The slave of his belly calculates with what dishes he will celebrate the feast, but the servant of God considers with what spiritual gifts he may be enriched.” -Saint John of the Ladder*

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