

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

**Saturday, November 30**  
5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, December 1**  
9:40 a.m.

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Hours and Divine Liturgy  
*Holy Martyr Plato and Romanus*  
*Fast Day: Fish, Wine, and Oil allowed*

**Tuesday, December 3**  
5:30 p.m.

Vigil

**Wednesday, December 4**  
9:40 a.m.

**ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
Hours and Divine Liturgy  
*Fast Day: Fish, Wine, and Oil allowed*

**Saturday, December 7**  
5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, December 8**  
9:40 a.m.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Hours and Divine Liturgy  
*Apodosis of the Entry / St. Clement of Rome*  
*Fast Day: Fish, Wine, and Oil allowed*

**Saturday, December 14**  
5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, December 15**  
9:40 a.m.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Hours and Divine Liturgy  
*Prophet Habbakuk*  
*Fast Day: Fish, Wine, and Oil allowed*

**Wednesday, December 18**  
5:30 p.m.

Vigil for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

**Saturday, December 21**  
5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, December 22**  
9:40 a.m.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Hours and Divine Liturgy  
*Conception of the Theotokos*  
*Fast Day: Fish, Wine, and Oil allowed*

**Saturday, December 28**  
5:00 p.m.

Vigil

**Sunday, December 29**  
9:40 a.m.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
Hours and Divine Liturgy  
*Sunday of the Holy Forefathers*  
*Fast Day: Fish, Wine, and Oil allowed*

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

*“Whosoever takes in food, but cannot fast, let him give most abundant alms, pray fervently, and listen zealously and attentively to the word of God. Weakness of the body in no way hinders this. Let him be reconciled to his enemies and drive away from his soul all remembrance of wrongs. He who does this observes a true fast exactly in the way the Lord requires. The Lord’s command to abstain from certain foods is for the purpose of curbing the desires of our flesh and thus rendering it obedient to the fulfillment of the commandments.” -- St. John Chrysostom*

**Note:** On December 19<sup>th</sup>, we encourage those who are able, to go and celebrate the patronal feast of our sister church St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 18433 Queen Ann Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 ([www.stnicholasmd.com](http://www.stnicholasmd.com))