HOLY ASCENSION ORTHODOX CHURCH
Schedule of Services – May 2024

Thursday, May 2
    5:00 p.m.   Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, May 3   **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**
    9:00 a.m.   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)

Saturday, May 4   **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**
    8:30 a.m.   Hours, Typica and Vesperal Divine Liturgy
                                 Wine, but no oil allowed

    10:30 p.m.   Reading of the Acts of the Apostles

    11:30 p.m.   Midnight Office

Sunday, May 5   **THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**
    12:00 midnight   Paschal Matins, Hours, and Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 11
    5:00 p.m.   Vigil

Sunday, May 12   **Second Sunday of Pascha**
    9:40 a.m.   Hours and Divine Liturgy
                                   Thomas Sunday (Antipascha)

Saturday, May 18
    5:00 p.m.   Vigil

Sunday, May 19   **Third Sunday of Pascha**
    9:40 a.m.   Hours and Divine Liturgy
                                   Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

Saturday, May 25
    5:00 p.m.   Vigil

Sunday, May 26   **Fourth Sunday of Pascha**
    9:40 a.m.   Hours and Divine Liturgy
                                   Sunday of the Paralytic

Quote from the Holy Fathers:
This is the Pascha of Christ, our Redeemer. Christ Himself became the Lamb Who redeemed mankind, when His most pure Blood, which spilled on the ground, freed us from eternal death. As the Saviour of the world, Christ rose from the dead on the third day and divided the people into two camps: those who believe in Him, and those who persecute His believers. His first greeting after His Resurrection was Rejoice!' The holy apostles never tired of repeating after Christ, Rejoice, evermore! because a great reward is prepared for us in the heavens… The doors of paradise are opened to those who follow God s commandments, and they will be led into the new, sacred Jerusalem, where the Lord Himself will wipe away all tears. No longer will there be death or weeping, moaning or sickness. Truly He is risen!''
--Blessed Metropolitan Vitaly (Ustinov)

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