



**CHURCH OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS  
AND SAINT SERGIUS OF RADONEZH**

A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA  
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES – JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2024**

*All dates according to the civil calendar.*

Fri. Jan. 5      9 am      Royal Hours.

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Fri. Jan. 5      6 pm      Vespers and Matins.  
Sat. Jan 6      9 am      Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Festal Vespers.  
**Eve of Nativity; Nun-Martyr Eugenia of Rome.**

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Sat. Jan. 6      5 pm      All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves.  
Sun. Jan. 7      9:30 am      Hours and Divine Liturgy. **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:**  
**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.**

***The annual Christmas Pageant – Yolka – will be held in the church hall after the Liturgy. Everyone is warmly invited to watch the students of our school perform and sing!***

*Note: The period from January 7<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> (the day before the Eve of Theophany) is a fast-free period: there is no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays during this time.*

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Mon. Jan. 8      9 am      Matins and Divine Liturgy. **Second Day of Nativity.**  
**Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos. The Holy Ancestors of God –**  
**Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY – PG. 2

Fri. Jan. 12                      *The annual Pelmeni Dinner will be held in our church hall at 8 pm.*

*For reservations and information, please call or text Natalya Antchoutine at 516.650.1048*

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Sat. Jan. 13      5 pm      All-night Vigil.  
Sun. Jan. 14      9:30 am      Hours and Divine Liturgy. **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:**  
**The Circumcision of the Lord; St. Basil the Great.**

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Wed. Jan. 17      6 pm      Vespers and Matins.  
Thurs. Jan. 18      9 am      Royal Hours, Vespers, and Liturgy with the Great Blessing of the Waters.  
**Eve of Theophany; Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas; St. Syncletica.**

*Strict Fast: Wine and oil are allowed on this day, but not fish.*

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Thurs. Jan. 18 6 pm      All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves.  
Fri. Jan. 19      9 am      Hours, Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of the Waters.  
**THEOPHANY. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.**

*The day of Theophany is a fast-free day, even though it falls on a Friday this year.*

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Sat. Jan. 20      5 pm      All-night Vigil.  
Sun. Jan. 21      9:30 am      Hours and Divine Liturgy. **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:**  
**Afterfeast of Theophany; St. Gregory the Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves.**

*On this day the Church commemorates St. Gregory the Wonderworker of the Kiev-Caves Lavra, who was martyred in 1093 and whose relics lie in the Near Caves of the Lavra.*

*On this date the Church also commemorates another Venerable Gregory who lived in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and whose relics lie in the Far Caves of the Lavra. We have a portion of the relics of both Wonderworkers in our church.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY – PG. 3

Fri. Jan. 26 6 pm Vespers and Matins.  
Sat. Jan. 27 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **Apodosis of Theophany;**  
**St. Nina, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Enlightener of the Georgians.**

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Sat. Jan. 27 5 pm All-night Vigil.  
Sun. Jan.28 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;**  
**St. Paul of Thebes; St. John the Hut-dweller.**

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Sat. Feb. 3 5 pm All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves.  
Sun. Feb. 4 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**  
**The Holy New-Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.**

*On this day the Church commemorates the Hieromartyr Anastassy the Deacon of the Kiev-Caves Lavra whose relics lie in the Near Caves of the Lavra. We have a portion of his relics in our church.*

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Sat. Feb. 10 6 pm All-night Vigil.  
Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**  
**Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius, the God-bearer.**

*On this day the Church commemorates the St. Lawrence the Hermit of the Kiev-Caves Lavra (†1194) whose relics lie in the Near Caves of the Lavra. We have a portion of his relics in our church.*

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Wed. Feb. 14 6 pm	All-night Vigil with Litya and Blessing of the Loaves.
Thur. Feb. 15 9 am	Hours and Divine Liturgy.
	<b><u>THE MEETING OF THE LORD.</u></b>

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Sat. Feb. 17 5 pm All-night Vigil.  
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**  
**Afterfeast of the Meeting; St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov.**

**– Beginning of the Lenten Tridion –**

Sat. Feb. 24 5 pm All-night Vigil.  
Sun. Feb. 25 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee.**

*This is a fast-free week – there is no fast on Wednesday or Friday of this week.*

The Pharisee was exalted in his righteousness, and so he fell. The Publican was abased, defiled by many sins; yet he was exalted and, against all expectation, he was justified.

– *Second troparion of Ode IV of the Canon of the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee*