



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

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES – MARCH-APRIL, 2023

All dates according to the civil calendar.

Wed. Mar. 1 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Wednesday.

Thurs. Mar. 2 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew; Matins.
Clean Thursday.

Fri. Mar. 3 6 pm Vespers; Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts; Moleben to St. Theodore, the Tyro with the blessing of the Kolyvo.
Clean Friday.

Sat. Mar. 4 9 am Matins and Divine Liturgy. **First Saturday of Lent:**
Commemoration of the Miracle of St. Theodore the Tyro.

Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life? How shall I begin, O Christ, to relieve my present tears? But as Thou art deeply compassionate, grant me forgiveness of sins.

-- *First troparion of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 2

Sat. Mar. 4 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 5 **9 am** Hours, Divine Liturgy and Vespers. **1st Sunday of Lent:**
The Triumph of Orthodoxy;
(The Rite of Orthodoxy will be performed at the Synodal Cathedral.)

Note: Vespers will be served immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Note: On this day the Church commemorates St. Agathon the Miracleworker (†XIVth cent.), whose relics lie in the Far Caves of the Kiev-Caves Lavra; we have a portion of his relics in our church.

Sat. Mar. 11 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Note: On this night clocks are moved ahead one hour.
Sun. Mar. 12 9:30 am Hours, and Divine Liturgy. **2nd Sunday of Lent:**
The Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Kiev-Caves Lavra.

Fri. Mar. 17 6 pm Matins.
Sat. Mar. 18 9 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Pannikhida.
3rd Saturday of Lent: Commemoration of the Dead.

Sat. Mar. 18 5 pm All-night Vigil with the bringing out of the Cross.
Sun. Mar. 19 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **3rd Sunday of Lent:**
Veneration of the Cross.

Sun. Mar. 19 5 pm Vespers.

Fri. Mar. 24 9 am Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers, and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

Fri. Mar. 24 6 pm Matins.
Sat. Mar. 25 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy, and Pannikhida.
4th Saturday of Lent: Commemoration of the Dead.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 3

Sat. Mar. 25 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 26 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **4th Sunday of Lent:**
St. John of the Ladder.

Sun. Mar. 26 5 pm Vespers.

Wed. Mar. 29 6 pm Matins with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt.

Fri. Mar. 31 6 pm Matins with the Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos.
Sat. Apr. 1 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy.
5th Saturday of Lent: The Laudation of the Theotokos.

Sat. Apr. 1 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Apr. 2 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **5th Sunday of Lent:**
St. Mary of Egypt.

Sun. Apr. 2 5 pm Vespers.

Thurs. Apr. 6 6 pm All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves.
Fri. Apr. 7 There will not be a service in our church on this day. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the service at the St. Seraphim parish in Sea Cliff at 9am, or the Annunciation parish in Flushing for their patronal feast.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS.

Fish is allowed on this day.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 4

Fri. Apr. 7 6 pm Matins.
Sat. April 8 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **Lazarus Saturday**

Sat. Apr. 8	5 pm	All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves and pussy willow.
Sun. Apr. 9	9:30 am	Hours and Divine Liturgy. <u>PALM SUNDAY: THE ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.</u>

Fish is allowed on this day.

The cleaning of the church in preparation for Pascha will take place after the Liturgy.

Sun. April 9 5 pm Vespers.

Tues. Apr. 11 6 pm Matins.
Wed. Apr. 12 9 am Hours, Typica, Vespers, and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.
Holy and Great Wednesday.

Wed. Apr. 12 6 pm Matins.
Thurs. Apr. 13 9 am Hours, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy. **Holy and Great Thursday.**

Thurs. Apr. 13 5 pm Matins with the reading of the 12 Passion Gospels.
Fri. Apr. 14 9 am Royal Hours. **Holy and Great Friday.**

Fri. Apr. 14 2 pm Vespers with the bringing out of the Epitaphion (Winding-sheet), and Small Compline. *General confession and reading of preparatory prayers.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 5

Fri. Apr. 14 6 pm Matins and procession symbolizing the Descent of Christ into Hades.
Sat. Apr. 15 9 am Hours, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy. **Holy and Great Saturday.**
6 pm *Blessing of Kulich and Pascha. Remember not to partake of this food until after the Paschal Divine Liturgy.*

Sat. Apr. 15 11:30 pm Midnight Office...

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. THE PASCHA OF THE LORD.

– Beginning of the Festal Triodion –

Sun. Apr. 16 12 mid. Paschal Matins with the procession around the church, Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy.
After the Liturgy: Blessing of Kulich and Pascha and Breaking of the fast in the church hall.

Sun. Apr. 16 2 pm Paschal Vespers.

Mon. Apr. 17 9 am Paschal Matins, Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy with the children's procession. **Bright Monday; Second Day of Pascha.**

After the service, everyone is invited to Fr. Alexandre's and Matushka Nina's house for their Paschal celebration.

Angels hymn Thy Resurrection in heaven, O Christ Saviour; grant that we too, who are on earth, may give glory to Thee with pure hearts.

-- Resurrectional Sticheron, Tone VI

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 6

Sat. Apr. 22 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Apr. 23 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. 2nd Sunday of Pascha: Antipascha, or St. Thomas Sunday.

Sat. Apr. 29 6 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Apr. 30 9:30 am Hours, and Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of Pascha: The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, the Righteous Joseph and Nicodemus.

Eight days after Thine arising, O Jesus our King, Only-begotten Word of the Father, Thou didst appear unto Thy disciples while the doors were shut, and didst bestow Thy peace upon them. And to the unbelieving disciple [Thomas] Thou didst show the imprints [of the nails] saying: “Come, feel My hands and feet and Mine undefiled side.” And believing, he cried out unto Thee: “O my Lord and my God, glory be to Thee!”

– *Sticheron at “Glory:” at Praises at Matins of St. Thomas Sunday*