



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 – MARCH-APRIL, 2024

All dates according to the civil calendar.

Sat. Mar. 2 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 3 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **Sunday of the Prodigal Son.**

Sat. Mar. 9 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Note: On this night clocks are moved ahead one hour.
Sun. Mar. 10 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **Meat-fare Sunday.**

Sat. Mar. 16 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 17 9:30 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Forgiveness Vespers. **Cheesefare Sunday.**
The Expulsion of Adam; Forgiveness Sunday.

Forgiveness Vespers will follow immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

The parish Blini luncheon will take place in the Church Hall after the service:
Volunteers needed – please contact Matushka Nina to help!

– Beginning of Great Lent –

Mon. Mar. 18 9am Matins, Hours, Typica, and Vespers for the first day of Great Lent
Mon. Mar. 18 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Monday.

Tues. Mar. 19 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Tuesday.

Wed. Mar. 20 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Wednesday.

Thurs. Mar. 21 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete; Matins.
Clean Thursday.

Fri. Mar. 22 6 pm Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts; Moleben to St. Theodore, the Tyro with the blessing of the Kolyvo.
Clean Friday.

Sat. Mar. 23 9 am Matins and Divine Liturgy. **First Saturday of Lent:**
Commemoration of the Miracle of St. Theodore the Tyro;
the Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste (transferred from March 22).

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 Ode I of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

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Sat. Mar. 23 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 24 **9 am** Hours and Divine Liturgy. **1st Sunday of Lent:**
The Triumph of Orthodoxy. (Those who wish to do so may
travel to the Synodal Cathedral to attend the Rite of Orthodoxy.)

Sun. Mar. 24 5 pm Vespers.

Fri. Mar. 29 6 pm Matins.
Sat. Mar. 30 9 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Panikhida. **2nd Saturday of Lent.**
Commemoration of the Dead.

Sat. Mar. 30 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 31 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **2nd Sunday of Lent:**
The Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Kiev-Caves Lavra.

Sun. Mar. 31 5 pm Vespers.

Sat. Apr. 6	5 pm	All-night Vigil with Litia, Blessing of the Loaves, and the bringing out of the Cross.
Sun. Apr. 7	9:30 am	Hours and Divine Liturgy. <u>3rd Sunday of Lent:</u> <u>The Veneration of the Cross.</u> <u>ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS.</u>

Fish is allowed on this day.

Sun. Apr. 7 5 pm Vespers.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 4

Fri. Apr. 12 6 pm Matins.
Sat. Apr. 13 9 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Panikhida. **4th Saturday of Lent.**
Commemoration of the Dead.

Note: On this day the Church commemorates St. Hypatius the Healer (†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. Apr. 13 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Apr. 14 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **4th Sunday of Lent:**
Commemoration of St. John of the Ladder.

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

Sun. Apr. 14 5 pm Vespers.

Wed. Apr. 17 6 pm Matins with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and
the Life of St. Mary of Egypt.

Fri. Apr. 19 9 am Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-
Sanctified Gifts.
St. George the Confessor, bishop of Mitylene.

Fri. Apr. 19 6 pm Matins with the Akathis Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos.
Sat. Apr. 20 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy.
5th Saturday of Lent: The Laudation of the Theotokos.

Sat. Apr. 20 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. April 21 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy.
5th Sunday of Lent: Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt;
St. Niphont, bishop of Novgorod.

Note: On this day the Church commemorates St. Niphon, bishop of Novogorod (†1156), whose relics lie in the Near Caves of the Kiev-Caves Lavra; we have a portion of his relics in our church.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL-MAY – PG. 5

Fri. April 26 9 am Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. **The Conclusion of Holy and Great Lent.**

Fri. April 26 6 pm Matins
Sat. April 27 9 am Hours, and Divine Liturgy. **Lazarus Saturday**

Sat. Apr. 27 5 pm All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves and pussy willow.
Sun. Apr. 28 9:30 am Hours and Divine Liturgy.
PALM SUNDAY: THE ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.

Fish is allowed on this day.

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

Sun. April 28 5 pm Vespers.

Tue. April 30 6 pm Matins.
Wed. May 1 9 am Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. **Holy and Great Wednesday.**

Wed. May 1 6 pm Matins.
Thurs. May 2 9 am Hours, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy. **Holy and Great Thursday.**

Thurs. May 2 **5 pm** Matins with the reading of the 12 Passion Gospels.
Fri. May 3 9 am Royal Hours. **Holy and Great Friday.**

Fri. May 3 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-MAY – PG. 7

Sat. May 11	5 pm	All-night Vigil with Lita and Blessing of the Loaves.
Sun. May 12	9:30 am	Hours and Divine Liturgy. <u>2nd Sunday of Pascha: Antipascha, or St. Thomas Sunday.</u>

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