



**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, 2025

All dates according to the civil calendar.

Sat. Mar. 1 **4 pm** All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 2 9:40 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.

On this day the Church commemorates St. Theodore the Silent of the Kiev-Caves Lavra. He is buried in the Far Caves of the Lavra; we have a portion of his holy relics in our church.

The parish Blini luncheon will take place in the Church Hall after the service.

– Beginning of Great Lent –

Mon. Mar. 3 9am Matins, Hours, Typica, and Vespers for the first day of Great Lent
Mon. Mar. 3 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Monday.

Tues. Mar. 4 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Tuesday.

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Wed. Mar. 5 6 pm Great Compline with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
Clean Wednesday.

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

Fri. Mar. 7 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. 8 9 am Matins and Divine Liturgy. **First Saturday of Lent: Commemoration of the Miracle of St. Theodore the Tyro.**

Sat. Mar. 8 5 pm All-night Vigil.

Note: On this night clocks are moved ahead one hour.

Sun. Mar. 9 **9 am** Hours and Divine Liturgy. **1st Sunday of Lent: The Triumph of Orthodoxy; First and Second Finding of the Head of St. John, the Forerunner.**
(Those who wish to do so may travel to the Synodal Cathedral to attend the Rite of Orthodoxy.)

On this day the Church commemorates St. Erasmus of the Kiev-Caves Lavra (†ca. 1160). He is buried in the Near Caves of the Lavra; we have a portion of their holy relics in our church.

Sun. Mar. 9 5 pm Vespers.

Tue. Mar. 11 6 pm

Wed. Mar. 12 9 am

Matins

Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 3

Fri. Mar. 14 6 pm Matins.
Sat. Mar. 15 9 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Pannikhida. **2nd Saturday of Lent.**
Commemoration of the Dead.

Sat. Mar. 15 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 16 9:40 am Hours, and Divine Liturgy. **2nd Sunday of Lent:**
The Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Kiev-Caves Lavra.

Sun. Mar. 16 5 pm Vespers.

Thu. Mar. 20 6 pm Matins.
Fri. Mar. 21 9 am Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts.

Fri. Mar. 21 6 pm Matins.
Sat. Mar. 22 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **3rd Saturday of Lent:**
The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.

Sat. Mar. 22 5 pm All-night Vigil with the bringing out of the Cross.
Sun. Mar. 23 9:40 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Vespers. **3rd Sunday of Lent:**
Veneration of the Cross.

Note: This Sunday's Vespers service will be held immediately after the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Fri. Mar. 28 *Note: There will be no service either Friday evening or Saturday morning.*
Sat. Mar. 29 **4th Saturday of Lent.**

Rejecting every title on earth, the forty desired the title of Christian, for which they now dwell in the Highest.

- From the canon at Matins to the Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

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Sat. Mar. 29 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Mar. 30 9:40 am Hours and Divine Liturgy. **4th Sunday of Lent:
Commemoration of St. John of the Ladder.**

Note: There will be no Vespers service this Sunday evening.

Tue. Apr. 1 6 pm Matins
Wed. Apr. 2 9 am Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-
Sanctified Gifts.

Wed. Apr. 2 6 pm Matins with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and
the Life of St. Mary of Egypt.

Fri. Apr. 4 6 pm Matins with the Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos.
Sat. Apr. 5 9 am Hours and Divine Liturgy.
5th Saturday of Lent: The Laudation of the Theotokos.

On this day the Church commemorates St. Nikon, the Abbot of the Kiev-Caves Lavra (†1088). He is buried in the Near Caves of the Lavra; we have a portion of their holy relics in our church.

Sat. Apr. 5 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Apr. 6 9:40 am Hours and Divine Liturgy.
5th Sunday of Lent: Forefeast of the Annunciation.

Note: The commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt usually celebrated on the 5th Sunday of Lent is superseded by the Forefeast of the Annunciation.

On this day the Church commemorates St. Zechariah the Faster of the Kiev-Caves Lavra (XIII/XIV cent.). He is buried in the Far Caves of the Lavra; we have a portion of their holy relics in our church.

Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, for my present lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me release from my falls.

– First troparion of the Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 5

Sun. Apr. 6	5 pm	All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves.
Mon. Apr. 7	9 am	Hours, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS.

Fish is allowed on this day.

Thurs. Apr. 10	6 pm	Matins.
Fri. Apr. 11	9 am	Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. <u>The Conclusion of Holy and Great Lent.</u>

Fri. April 11	6 pm	Matins
Sat. April 12	9 am	Hours, and Divine Liturgy. <u>Lazarus Saturday</u>

Sat. Apr. 12	5 pm	All-night Vigil with Litia and Blessing of the Loaves and pussy willow.
Sun. Apr. 13	9:40 am	Hours and Divine Liturgy.

PALM SUNDAY: THE ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.

Fish is allowed on this day.

Sun. April 13	5 pm	Vespers.
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Tue. April 15	6 pm	Matins.
Wed. Apr. 16	9 am	Ninth Hour, Typica, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. <u>Holy and Great Wednesday.</u>

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Wed. Apr. 16 6 pm Matins.
Thurs. Apr. 17 9 am Hours, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy. **Holy and Great Thursday.**

Thurs. Apr. 17 **5 pm** Matins with the reading of the 12 Passion Gospels.
Fri. Apr. 18 9 am Royal Hours. **Holy and Great Friday.**

Fri. Apr. 18 2 pm Vespers with the bringing out of the Epitaphion (Winding-sheet), and Small Compline. *General confession and reading of preparatory prayers.*

Fri. Apr. 18 6 pm Matins and procession symbolizing the Descent of Christ into Hades.
Sat. Apr. 19 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. 19 11:30 pm Midnight Office...

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. THE PASCHA OF THE LORD.

– Beginning of the Festal Tridion –

Sun. Apr. 20 12 mid. Paschal Matins with the procession around the church, Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy.
After the Liturgy: Blessing of Kulich and Pascha.

Sun. Apr. 20 2 pm Paschal Vespers.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH-APRIL – PG. 7

Mon. Apr. 21 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.*

Fri. Apr. 25 6 pm Paschal Vespers and Matins.
Sat. Apr. 26 9 am Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy. **Bright Saturday**

Sat. Apr. 26 5 pm All-night Vigil.
Sun. Apr. 27 **9 am** Hours and Divine Liturgy. **2nd Sunday of Pascha: Antipascha, or
St. Thomas Sunday. (The service will begin a half-hour earlier to
allow time to travel to the cemetery at the Convent at Novo-Diveevo.)**

***The Angels hymn Thy Resurrection in the heavens, O Christ Savior;
grant that we too, who are on earth, may with pure hearts
give glory to Thee.***

-- Resurrectional Sticheron, Tone VI
