

# ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 St Gregory Palamas St Innocent of Alaska ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	1	2	3 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	4	5	6 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
7 Veneration of the Holy Cross ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Church School	8 ■ 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	9	10 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	11	12 ■ 10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	13 ■ 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
14 St John Climacus Support our Seminaries ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Youth Choir & Teen Talk w/ Fr Michael ■ 12:30PM Pysanky Workshop	15	16 ■ 11:00AM Diamond Circle Meeting ■ 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting	17 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	18 ■ 6:00PM Matins w/ Great Canon	19 ■ 6:00PM Matins w/ Akathist to the Theotokos	20 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
21 Charity Collection St Mary of Egypt ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Church School	22	23 ■ 6:00PM Holy Unction	24 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	25	26 ■ 11:00AM Sacrament of Confession ■ 4:00PM Sacrament of Confession ■ 6:00PM Sacrament of Confession	27 Lazarus Saturday ■ 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Divine Liturgy ■ 10:00AM Pancake Breakfast ■ 6:00PM Vigil for Palm Sunday w/ Blessing of Palms
28 Palm Sunday ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Youth Choir ■ 6:00PM Bridegroom Matins	29 Holy Monday ■ 6:00PM Bridegroom Matins	30 Holy Tuesday ■ 10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy ■ 6:00PM Bridegroom Matins	1 Holy Wednesday ■ 6:00PM Matins for Holy Thursday	2 Holy Thursday ■ 10:00AM Vespertal Liturgy for Institution of the Lord's Supper ■ 6:00PM Holy Friday Matins w/ 12 Passion Gospels	3 Holy Friday ■ 9:00AM Royal Hours ■ 10:30AM Decorate the Lord's Tomb ■ 3:00PM Vespers w/ Entombment ■ 4:00PM Vigil over the Tomb ■ 6:00PM Matins w/ Lamentations & Procession ■ 8:00PM Vigil over the Tomb	4 Holy Saturday ■ 10:00AM Vespertal Liturgy w/ 15 OT Readings ■ ... Vigil over the Tomb ■ 11:30PM Paschal Vigil & Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets, Agape Meal

## Greeters

Evening	Morning
April 3 Viorica R	
April 6 Valerie L	April 7 Valeier L
April 10 Viorica	April 12 TBD
	April 13 TBD
April 13 Valerie L	April 14 John/Iryna T
April 17 Viorica R	
April 18 Valerie L	
April 19 Viorica R	
April 20 Iryna/John T	April 21 Valerie L
April 23 Iryna	
April 24 Viorica R	April 27 Viorica R
April 27 John T/Iryna	April 28 Valerie L
April 28 Iryna/John T	
April 29 Viorica R	April 30 TBD
April 30 Viorica R	

## Divine Liturgy Readers

April 7	Erik W
April 13	TBD
April 14	Peter A
April 21	Linda K
April 27	Jim S
April 28	Rdr John K
Questions? Contact Bill Moision	

## Candle Stand

April 7 - Bill S  
 April 14 - James S  
 April 21 - Michael G  
 April 28 - Joseph S  
 Questions?  
 Gene F

## Counters

April 7 - Ed L, Terry M  
 April 14 - Margie H, Mary C  
 April 21 - Mike W, Ken T  
 April 28 - Dmitriy P, Terry M

## Altar Servers

### Morning

### Evening

April 3 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B  
 April 6 Mike W  
 April 10 Mike W, Ed, Joel B  
 April 12 Mike W  
 April 13 Mike W  
 April 17 Mike W, Ed L, Joel B  
 April 18 Mike W  
 April 20 Mike W  
  
 April 23 Mike W  
 April 24 Mike W, Ed L, Joel B  
  
 April 27 Mike W, Ed L  
  
 April 28 Mike W  
 April 29 Mike W  
 April 30 Mike W

April 7 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B, Michael G, Nicholas G  
  
 April 13 Mike W  
 April 14 Mike W, Ed L, Joel B, Matthew S  
  
 April 21 Mike W, Ed L, Joel B, Kelvin B, Andrew C,  
 Oliver C, Leo K  
  
 April 27 Mike W, Ed L, Joel B  
 April 28 Mike W, Ed L, Joel B, Michael G, Andrew C,  
 Oliver C, Nicholas G  
  
 April 30 Mike W, Ed I, Joel B

Questions? Contact Subdeacon Ken Telles

## Handmaidens

4/7: 1. Tessa 2. Peyton 3. Layla 4. Sava      4/21: 1. Nina 2. Zoe 3. Sophia 4. Layla  
 4/14: 1. Zoe 2. Nina 3. Anna 4. Rebekah      4/28: 1. Alina 2. Tessa 3. Rebekah 4. Anna

Questions? Contact Desiree G or Sally M

## Koliva/Kutya

April 13 - Viorica

## Electronic Sign

John T

## Prosphora

April 3 (antidoron) George R	April 13 Jim S	April 24 (antidoron) George R
April 7 Pdn George (+2)	April 14 Pdn George(+1)	April 27 Jim S
April 10 (antidoron) George R	April 17 (antidoron) George R	April 27 (litya) George R
April 12 (antidoron) George R	April 21 Pdn George (+1)	April 28 Pdn George (+1)
		April 30 (antidoron) George R

(+ Additional Lambs - Jim S)

### Scrip

Mar 3 - Gene F	Mar 17 - Valerie L
Mar 10 - Carmen B	Mar 24 - Erik W
	Mar 31 - Anna H

Questions? Contact Carmen B

### Commemoration Loaves

April 7 - Freezer	April 21 - Ken T
April 14 - Pat S	April 28 - Freezer

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

## Holy Week - Passion Week

In the Orthodox Church the last week of Christ's life is officially called Passion Week. In popular terminology it is called Holy Week. Each day is designated in the service books as "great and holy." There are special services every day of the week which are fulfilled in all churches. Earthly life ceases for the faithful as they "go up with the Lord to Jerusalem" (Matins of Great and Holy Monday).

Each day of Holy Week has its own particular theme. The theme of Monday is that of the sterile fig tree which yields no fruit and is condemned. Tuesday the accent is on the vigilance of the wise virgins who, unlike their foolish sisters, were ready when the Lord came to them. Wednesday the focus is on the fallen woman who repents. Great emphasis is made in the liturgical services to compare the woman, a sinful harlot who is saved, to Judas, a chosen apostle who is lost. The one gives her wealth to Christ and kisses his feet; the other betrays Christ for money with a kiss.

On each of these three days the Gospel is read at the Hours, as well as at the Vespers when the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. The Old Testament readings are from Exodus, Job, and the Prophets. The Gospel is also read at the Matins services which are traditionally called the "Bridegroom" services because the general theme of each of these days is the end of the world and the judgment of Christ. It is the common practice to serve the Bridegroom services at night.

Behold, the bridegroom comes in the middle of the night and blessed is the servant whom he shall find watching, and unworthy the servant whom he shall find heedless. Take care then, O my soul, and be not weighed down by sleep that you will not be given over unto death and be excluded from the Kingdom. But rise up and call out: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou O God, by the Theotokos have mercy on us (Troparion of the First Three Days).