

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Pre-Lent, Great Lent, and Paschaltide 2012

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**Saturdays** / 5:45 pm: **METAMORPHOSIS:** free on-going course for adults (college-aged or older) outlining the principles of Orthodox Christianity.















7 pm: Great Vespers (*Resurrection vigil celebrated on the first Saturday of the month*)  
 Father Martin is available for the sacrament of confession after services on Saturdays

**Sundays** / 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by fellowship for all, and education program (ages 4-18)

#### February

15	Wednesday	7 pm	Holy Unction (healing service)
18	Saturday	9:30 am	Memorial Liturgy
19	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday</b> – <i>Chili Cook-off following Liturgy</i>
24-26	Fri-Sun.		<i>Diocesan Altar Server Retreat, St Basil's Academy, Garrison, NY</i>
26	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday</b>
			Divine Liturgy, Forgiveness Vespers – <i>Sisterhood Pancake Breakfast (Maslenitza)</i>
27	Monday		<b>Beginning of Great Lent</b> (St. Raphael of Brooklyn)
		8 am	Lenten Hours
		7 pm	Compline - Great Canon of St Andrew 
28	Tuesday	8 am	Lenten Hours
		7 pm	Compline - Great Canon of St Andrew 
29	Wednesday	8 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Compline - Great Canon of St Andrew 

#### March

1	Thursday	7 pm	Compline - Great Canon of St Andrew 
2	Friday	7 pm	Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God 
3	Saturday	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
		7 pm	Resurrection Vigil 
4	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Orthodoxy Sunday</b> – Divine Liturgy, Procession with the icons 
		12:30-3:30 pm	Parish Retreat: " <i>Making God real in our church and your home</i> "
		6 pm	Pan-Orthodox Vespers – <a href="#">St. Nicholas Antiochian Cathedral, Brooklyn</a>
7	Wednesday	6 pm	Lenten Hours
		6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Potluck Supper 
			<i>Bishop Michael will be celebrating the liturgy with us</i>
9	Friday	9 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Akathist to the Mother of God 
10	Saturday	9:30 am	Memorial Liturgy
		7 pm	Great Vespers 
11	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>St. Gregory Palamas</b> – Divine Liturgy 
		5 pm	Pan-Orthodox Vespers – <a href="#">St. Andrew's Church, Dix Hills</a>
14	Wednesday	6 pm	Lenten Hours
		6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Potluck Supper 
16	Friday	9 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Akathist to the Mother of God 
17	Saturday	9:30 am	Memorial Liturgy
		7 pm	Great Vespers 
18	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Veneration of the Cross</b> – Divine Liturgy 
		5 pm	Pan-Orthodox Vespers – <a href="#">St. Nicholas Church, Whitestone</a>
21	Wednesday	7 pm	Presanctified Liturgy at St. Paul's Cathedral (Hempstead)
23	Friday		<b>NO</b> Presanctified Liturgy in the AM
		7 pm	Akathist to the Mother of God
24	Saturday	7 pm	Vigil for the Annunciation 
25	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Annunciation to the Theotokos / St John Climacus</b> – Divine Liturgy 
		5 pm	Pan-Orthodox Vespers – <a href="#">Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers</a>




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		6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Potluck Supper 
30	Friday	9 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Matins and Akathist to the Mother of God 
31	Saturday	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy for the Theotokos
		5 pm	Confession Class for all Church School Children with meal
		7 pm	Great Vespers, Children's Confessions 

#### April


1	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>St. Mary of Egypt</b> – Divine Liturgy 
		5 pm	Pan-Orthodox Vespers – <a href="#">St. Nino's Church, Staten Island</a>
4	Wednesday	6 pm	Lenten Hours
		6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Potluck Supper 
5	Thursday	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
6	Friday	9 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Matins for Lazarus Saturday 
7	Saturday	9:30 am	Lazarus Saturday – Divine Liturgy 
			Luncheon, Church School activities
			Lenten Retreat "The Prodigal Son" led by Fr Alexander Atty
		7 pm	Palm Sunday Festal Vigil, blessing of palms and willows 
8	Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem</b> – Divine Liturgy with procession 
			( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
		7 pm	Bridegroom Matins 
9	Monday		<b>Beginning of Holy Week</b>
		8 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Bridegroom Matins 
10	Tuesday	8 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Bridegroom Matins 
11	Wednesday	8 am	Lenten Hours
		9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
		7 pm	Matins of Great and Holy Thursday 
12	Thursday	9:30 am	Vesperal Liturgy
		7 pm	Matins of Great and Holy Friday 
			12 Passion Gospels
13	Friday	9 am	Royal Hours
		2:30 pm	Vespers with the placing of the Holy Shroud in the Tomb 
		7 pm	Matins of Great and Holy Saturday 
			Praises to the Buried Lord with outdoor procession ( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
			Teen Class all-night vigil in church, before the Tomb of Our Lord
14	Saturday	9:30 am	Great and Holy Saturday – Divine Liturgy 
			Reading of Acts of the Apostles before the Tomb ( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
		12:15, 3, 5 pm	Blessing of Paschal Baskets
		11:30 pm	Nocturns with outdoor procession 
			( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
15	Sunday	12 midnight	<b>PASCHA – OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION</b>
			Matins and Divine Liturgy of Pascha 
			Paschal Agape meal following the Liturgy
		12 noon	Paschal Vespers with outdoor procession 
			( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
16	Monday	9:30 am	Bright Monday - Paschal Liturgy with outdoor procession 
			( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
17	Tuesday	9:30 am	Bright Tuesday – Paschal Liturgy with outdoor procession ( <i>sign-up sheet in church</i> )
20	Friday	7 pm	Fast-free Friday get-together (tentative)
21	Saturday	7 pm	Great Vespers 

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22 Sunday 9:30 am **St. Thomas Sunday** – Divine Liturgy 

#### May

23 Wednesday 7 pm Ascension Vigil 

24 Thursday 9:30 am Ascension of Our Lord – Divine Liturgy

#### June

2 Saturday 7 pm Pentecost Vigil 

3 Sunday 9:30 am Great Feast of Pentecost - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with procession 

Bishop Michael will be celebrating the liturgy with us

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of present Church Temple

*Festive Banquet, more information forthcoming*

#### Confession for 2012

As Orthodox Christians we are expected to at least come to the Sacrament of Confession during the four Fasting periods of the Church year:

1. Nativity Fast (November 15th – December 24th)
2. Great Lent (February 27th – April 8th)
3. Apostles Fast (June 11th – June 28th)
4. Dormition Fast (August 1st – August 14th)

#### Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church for 2012

The Great Feasts (major feasts) of the Orthodox Church are the major celebrations throughout the liturgical year. While various saints and events are celebrated with significance on the local level, the entire Church celebrates together thirteen feasts above all the rest, Pascha and the Twelve Great Feasts.

1. September 8 (Thursday) The Nativity of the Theotokos
2. September 14 (Wednesday) The Exaltation of the Cross
3. November 21 (Monday) The Presentation of the Theotokos
4. December 25 (Sunday) The Nativity of Christ / Christmas
5. January 6 (Friday) The Baptism of Christ – Theophany, also called Epiphany  
***The Great Blessing of Water***
6. February 2 (Thursday) The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple  
***The blessing of candles***
7. March 25 (Sunday) The Annunciation of the Theotokos
8. April 8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) The Entry into Jerusalem or Palm Sunday  
***The blessing of palms and pussywillows***
9. May 24<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) The Ascension of Christ (40 Days after Pascha)
10. June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday) Pentecost (50 Days after Pascha)
11. August 6 (Monday) The Transfiguration  
***The blessing of grapes and fruit***
12. August 15 (Wednesday) The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos  
***The blessing of herbs***

#### The Feast above all Feasts

1. **PASCHA** (April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012)