



St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church

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Upcoming Services

This week, the first week of Great Lent, is also known as Clean Week. There services every night at 6pm except Thursday.

Great Compline with Canon of St Andrew (Mon, Tue) The Canon of St Andrew is a beautiful prayer of repentance with many biblical references. Everyone should make an effort to attend at least one of these services.

Pre-sanctified Liturgy (Wed) This service is one of the most beautiful and inspiring services of Great Lent. During the weekdays of the Fast, we do not celebrate the Divine Liturgy. But in order to strengthen the Body of Christ, the Church offers the Eucharist from our Sunday Liturgy to the faithful on Wednesday evening to sustain us as we struggle with our prayers and fasting during the week. We will celebrate this service every Wednesday evening of the Fast and on Tuesday Morning of Passion Week.

Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God (Fri) In this service, we sing the praises of the Mother of God and ask for her protection and support during our Lenten struggles.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Next Sunday after Liturgy, we will have a procession around the Church to commemorate the restoration of the Icons. Please bring your favorite icon to carry if you have one.

Church School

Help us get the word out! Church School begins at 9:15. We will take a break from Palm Sunday through St Thomas Sunday, but otherwise, classes will be every Sunday through May.

Forgiveness Sunday

This week, immediately after Divine Liturgy, we will have the Rite of Forgiveness where we begin our Lenten Journey by asking and offering forgiveness to all in our community. This is a short and simple service, but I cannot stress it enough: Our Lord plainly commands us to forgive. Without that, we ourselves are incapable of receiving forgiveness. Each and every one of us should make the effort to begin the Fast here, in the Church together today.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

This Lenten season, the Diocese of the West is making an appeal to all parishes for donations to Project Mexico. This organization has faithfully served the needs of orphans and those in need of homes for many years. From now until April 2, all money collected from our poor box (located on the left as you enter the church building) will be sent in to the Diocese for the this Appeal.

Growth in our spiritual life rests on three pillars: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent, we will have plenty of opportunities to pray and fast. Almsgiving is a necessary part of our formation in Christ. Use this as an opportunity to grow in Him.

Lenten Schedule

The full schedule of services has been uploaded in our online calendar. A few paper copies have been placed at the back of the church. Please take one if you do not have access to the internet.

Church Cleanup and Painting

As part of our preparation for Pascha and the visit from our Archbishop, Dn George will be organizing a Church cleanup and painting party. We will need both volunteers and donations of supplies. Stay tuned for announcements coming soon.

Office Hours

Since we will be celebrating Pre-sanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays in Lent, Father's office hours will begin at 1pm on that day instead of 11:30am.

Calendar of Events – February 26 – March 5

Sun 2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:40am – Hours and Divine Liturgy• Rite of Forgiveness to follow
Mon 2/27	
Tue 2/28	
Wed 3/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office Hours 1-5:30-5p• Pre-sanctified 6pm
Thu 3/2	
Fri 3/3	
Sat 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:00pm – Great Vespers
Sun 3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:40am – Hours and Divine Liturgy

Save the Date:

Feb 27 – FIRST DAY OF GREAT LENT

March 1 – First Presanctified Liturgy

March 5 – Bring an Icon for Procession!

March 10 – First Akathist

April 8 – Lazarus Saturday

April 9 – Palm Sunday

April 21 – Good Friday

April 16 - PASCHA