



Holy Week Schedule - 2026

Saint John Orthodox Cathedral - Eagle River, Alaska



<p>Friday APRIL 3</p>	<p>FRIDAY COMPLINE</p> <p>7:15pm - Little Compline with the Canon for Saint Lazarus (40 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Last day of Lent</i></p>
<p>Saturday 4</p>	<p>LAZARUS SATURDAY <i>"The Raising of Lazarus"</i></p> <p>9:00am - Baptisms and Chrismations (60 minutes)</p> <p>10:00am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (90 minutes + Conclusions of Baptisms and Chrismations)</p> <p>7:15pm - Great Vespers (40 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Baptisms & Chrismations</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>This is a traditional day to baptize infants</i></p>
<p>Sunday 5</p>	<p>PALM SUNDAY <i>"The Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem"</i></p> <p>9:00am - Matins - <i>Blessing of Palms</i> (60 minutes)</p> <p>10:00am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (90 minutes)</p> <p>7:15pm - "Bridegroom" Matins (<i>Confession following</i>) (60 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fish, wine and oil are allowed on this day</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p>Monday 6</p>	<p>GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY <i>"The Signs of the Last Days"</i></p> <p>7:15pm - "Bridegroom" Matins (<i>Confession following</i>) (60 minutes)</p>
<p>Tuesday 7</p>	<p>GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY <i>"The Parables of the Virgins and of the Talents"</i></p> <p>7:15pm - "Bridegroom" Matins (<i>Confession following</i>) (60 minutes)</p>
<p>Wednesday 8</p>	<p>GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY <i>"The Anointing at Bethany"</i></p> <p>7:15pm - Holy Unction - <i>Sacrament of Anointing the Sick</i> (100 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Orthodox Christians receive anointing for healing of soul and body</i></p>
<p>Thursday 9</p>	<p>GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY <i>"The Washing of the Disciples' Feet and the Last Supper"</i></p> <p>6:15pm - Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil (110 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fast from noon until after Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Friday 10</p>	<p>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>"The Crucifixion of Christ"</i></p> <p>7:15am - Matins - <i>12 Gospel Readings & Procession with the Cross</i> (135 minutes)</p> <p>12:15pm - Royal Hours: 6th Hour Prayers (25 minutes)</p> <p>3:15pm - Royal Hours: 9th Hour Prayers (25 minutes)</p> <p>6:15pm Great Vespers - <i>Veneration of the Shroud</i> (70 minutes)</p> <p>All-Night Vigil - <i>The Faithful keep Vigil in the Church reading Psalms.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><i>Strict Fast Day</i></p> </div>
<p>Saturday 11</p>	<p>GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY <i>"The Sabbath Rest in the Tomb"</i></p> <p>7:15am - Matins - <i>Lamentations & Procession with the Shroud</i> (130 minutes)</p> <p>4:15pm - Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil (130 minutes) - <i>Changing of the Vestments to White.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Strict Fast Day, light fasting meal after Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Sunday 12</p>	<p>PASCHA: EASTER SUNDAY <i>"The Resurrection of Christ"</i></p> <p>5:00am - Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (150 minutes)</p> <p><i>Procession around the Church, Homily of Saint John Chrysostom</i></p> <p>3:15pm - Agape Vespers (40 minutes) - <i>The Gospel is read in different languages to celebrate the universality of the Joy of Christ's Resurrection - Procession to the Cemetery and Easter Feast following.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><i>Easter Baskets are blessed following Liturgy</i></p> </div>
<p>Bright Week 13-18</p>	<p>BRIGHT MONDAY - 12:15pm - Bright Week Hours (10 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>No fasting until Ascension</i></p>

Note: Red indicates new times

