



HOLY ANNUNCIATION ORTHODOX CHURCH

BRISBANE'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ORTHODOX PARISH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: DECEMBER 2017

Date	Time & Event	Description
<p>Please note: At our 2017 AGM, the proposal was agreed to trial beginning Saturday Vigil services at 5pm, from November. This is a trial period, expected to run until February, to establish whether it is more beneficial for prayer and attendance.</p> <p>The Nativity Fast began on 28 November, and is broken on the Feast of the Nativity (7 January). Please see your calendar and your confessor for details on how to apply this to your situation.</p>		
Wed 29 Nov	8am Matins & Liturgy	Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.
Thu 30 Nov	6:30-8pm Bible Study 'Acts of the Apostles'	Our Bible Study series on 'The Acts of the Apostles' continues tonight. <i>All welcome!</i>
Sat 2 Dec	5pm Vigil	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. St Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople.
Sun 3 Dec	8:30am Liturgy	
Sun 3 Dec	6pm Festal Vigil	THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE.
Mon 4 Dec	8:30am Liturgy	
Wed 6	6pm Vespers & Moleben	Great-martyr Catherine of Alexandria.
Sat 9	5pm Vigil	Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.
Sun 10	8:30am Liturgy	Icon of the Mother of God, 'Of the Sign'; Greatmartyr James the Persian.
Wed 13	8am Matins & Liturgy	Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called.
Thu 14	6:30-8pm Bible Study 'Acts of the Apostles'	Our Bible Study series on 'The Acts of the Apostles' continues tonight. <i>All welcome!</i> <i>Note: This is the last session for 2017. The next Bible Study is scheduled for 25 January.</i>
Sat 16	5pm Vigil	Twenty-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.
Sun 17	8:30am Liturgy	Great-martyr Barbara in Syria; Venerable John of Damascus
<i>From 17-22 December is the Diocesan Teen Retreat at Stanwell Tops, south of Sydney.</i>		
Mon 18	6pm Festal Vigil AT CATHEDRAL	St Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. <i>Patronal Feastday of our Cathedral – all services at 344 Vulture St, Woolloongabba, with Metropolitan Hilarion, our ruling bishop and First Hierarch of ROCOR.</i>
Tue 19	8:30am H. Liturgy AT CATHEDRAL	<i>The Hierarchical Liturgy will include a Processional Moleben, with luncheon to follow.</i>
Sat 23	5pm Vigil	Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.
Sun 24	8:30am Liturgy	Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (<i>i.e. Abraham and the other Ancestors of Christ</i>)
Sat 30 Dec	7-12 Christmas Cleanup and Working Bee	Our Parish Cleanup will be at 7am (until about Midday). <i>All parishioners are requested to help glorify God through labouring in our parish!</i>
	5pm Vigil	Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost.
Sun 31 Dec	8:30am Liturgy	Sunday before Nativity. Martyr Sebastian at Rome, and those with him.
<i>NB: Christmas services are varied because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Services are as below.</i>		
Fri 5 Jan	4pm Royal Hours 6pm Matins	The Eve of the Nativity of Christ. <i>NB: The Liturgy is that of St John Chrysostom.</i>
Sat 6 Jan	8:30am Liturgy then Vespers of 8 Prophecies	<i>During Vespers, the church vestments will be changed to White.</i>
Sat 6 Jan	6pm Great Festal Vigil	THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.
Sun 7 Jan	8:30am Liturgy	Thirty-First Sunday after Pentecost. <i>NB: The Liturgy is that of St Basil the Great.</i> CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

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Upcoming Events, in Brief...

Christmas Cleanup & Working Bee 30 Dec
Christmas Services 5-7 Jan
St Seraphim's: Patronal Feastday 14-15 Jan
Great Feast: Theophany..... 18-19 Jan
Toowoomba: Patronal Feastday 20 Jan
Bible Study 25 Jan
Fast-Free Week 29 Jan-2 Feb

Announcements

On the advice of our Annual General Meeting, our **Saturday evening Vigil services are now at 5pm** on a trial basis. We anticipate that this trial will continue through January, when it will be reevaluated. All other services (including festal services, or evening services on other days of the week) will continue at the same time.

Please **drive slowly and gently** when you drive into our backyard. We are still desperately hoping that our backyard will return to having grass, and to do that, we need our grass seeds to grow.

To cut down on rising expenses, we are now asking parishioners to **use cloth bags for carrying prosphora home**. These can be purchased at the front desk (for approx. \$1 for each prosphora that the bag can hold), or can be made at home. Thank you for your consideration as we endeavour to be good stewards of what has been given to us.

Past Events

Special events in November included serving a memorial on Remembrance Day, and, celebrating Matins & Liturgy for the Archangels and for the Apostle Matthew. We also redesigned our parish website – www.HolyAnnunciation.net – *please tell us what you think!*

For more details as they happen, please subscribe to our parish newsletter (www.eepurl.com/mQmBf) and 'like' our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HolyAnnunciation – where photographs from events are uploaded).

