



HOLY ANNUNCIATION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Parish Schedule: February 2018

Date	Time & Event	Description
Sat 27 Jan	5pm Vigil	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.
Sun 28 Jan	8:30am Liturgy	St Paul of Thebes, Egypt, and St John Calabytes ('Hut-Dweller') of Constantinople. <i>Prayers will be offered for our nation, following Australia Day.</i>
<i>To remind us that fasting is not an end in itself, but simply a part of the spiritual life: the week following the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee is a Fast-Free Week.</i>		
<i>The trial period for serving Saturday Vigil at 5pm has concluded, with clear results. Vigil services will now return to their previous time of 6pm.</i>		
<i>Thank you for your participation in this trial period, and I hope to see you at Vigil. – Fr Andrew.</i>		
Sat 3 Feb	6pm Vigil	Sunday of the Prodigal Son.
Sun 4 Feb	8:30am Liturgy	New Martyrs and Confessors of the Russian Church.
TWEED HEADS	Fri 9 Feb, 5pm: Vigil	Blessed Ksenia of St Petersburg, the Fool-for-Christ. <i>Patronal Feastday of St Ksenia's Church. All services at 5 Megan St, Tweed Heads Sth.</i>
	Sat 10 Feb, 8am: Hierarchical Liturgy	
Sat 10	5pm Memorial 6pm Vigil	Sunday of the Last Judgement. The Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch.
Sun 11	8:30am Liturgy	<i>After the Liturgy for Meatfare Sunday, we will be having a BBQ. All welcome!</i>
<i>To prepare for Great Lent, the Church fasts from dairy or animal products from this point until Easter.</i>		
Wed 14	6pm Festal Vigil	THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. <i>Note: No Liturgy on 15 Feb.</i>
Thu 15	6:30-8pm Bible Study	Our Bible Study series on 'The Acts of the Apostles' continues tonight. <i>All welcome!</i>
Sat 17	6pm Vigil	The Sunday of Forgiveness. 'Cheesefare Sunday'. <i>After the Liturgy, we will serve the Vespers of Forgiveness. During Vespers, the church vestments are changed to black. To conclude the Vespers of Forgiveness, we will have the Rite of Forgiveness. All are invited to be a part of this cleansing and cathartic rite.</i>
Sun 18	8:30am Liturgy then Forgiveness Vespers	
<i>Great Lent begins with Clean Monday, which falls on 19 February 2018, and will be broken when we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ (8 April 2018). Please see your calendar and your confessor for details on how to apply this to your situation.</i>		
Mon 19	6pm Compline & Canon	Great Compline is served on the first four days of Great Lent. Unique to Clean Week, each of these nights include a quarter of the Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete.
Tue 20	6pm Compline & Canon	
Wed 21	6pm Compline & Canon	
Thu 22	6pm Compline & Canon	
Sat 24	6pm Vigil	First Sunday of Great Lent: The Triumph of Orthodoxy. St Alexis, Metropolitan of Moscow. <i>After the Liturgy, we will serve a Moleben for all those who have drifted from the Church – whether by laziness, by schism, by heresy, or by apostasy. Names may be given to Fr Andrew for private prayer (i.e. they will <u>not</u> be intoned during the service).</i>
Sun 25	8:30am Liturgy then Moleben for the Astray	
Thu 1 Mar	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 3 Mar	6pm Vigil	Second Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.
Sun 4 Mar	8:30am Liturgy	

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Next Month's Events, in Brief...

Bible Study	25 Jan
Fast-Free Week	29 Jan-2 Feb
Tweed Heads: Patronal Feastday	9-10 Feb
Meatfare Sunday BBQ	11 Feb
Great Feast: Meeting of the Lord	14-15 Feb
Bible Study	15 Feb
Clean Week	19-23 Feb
HAOC Parish Celebrations.....	20-21 Jul

Announcements

As you know, we've trialled serving Vigil at 5pm. The results of this trial have been conclusive, and we are now returning to our previous time: **Saturday evening Vigil services are now at 6pm.** Thank you for your participation in this trial!

Past Events

Special events in January included Christmas, Theophany, and the parish feasts for St Seraphim's and Toowoomba. We also sold calendars for 2018 as a fundraiser for our parish. And, much to our joy, our Nativity Charity Collection raised over \$500 for Birthing Kit Foundation Australia – thank you to all who contributed!

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Great Lent at HAOC:

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BIBLE STUDY:
ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
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This Month: 25 January, 6:30-8pm