



HOLY ANNUNCIATION ORTHODOX CHURCH

ERISBANE'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ORTHODOX PARISH

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Parish Schedule: Holy Week and April 2018

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday mark the beginning of Holy Week, when we commemorate, step by step, the betrayal and execution of Jesus Christ, before rejoicing in His Resurrection and defeat of the power of sin over humanity.

Note: For resources on Lent and Holy Week (incl. service texts), please see our website, at: www.HolyAnnunciation.net/Lent

Note: Confession is available only as listed below, or by appointment with Fr Andrew.

Please arrange to have Confession earlier, rather than later.

The Raising of Lazarus the Four-Days-Dead. ('Lazarus Saturday').

- **Fri 30 Mar:** Matins, 6pm (to ~7:30pm). *Confession available during Matins.*
- **Sat 31 Mar:** Liturgy, 8:30 am (to ~10:30am). *Afterwards, we will make palm crosses and decorate for Palm Sunday.*

THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM. ('Palm Sunday'). *Fasting: Fish allowed.*

- **Sat 31 Mar:** Festal Vigil, 6pm (to ~8:30pm). *Confession available during Vigil. Palms and branches will be blessed during the Vigil service.*
- **Sun 1 Apr:** Liturgy, 8:30 am (to ~10:30am). *After Liturgy, we will change the vestments from Green to Black/Purple.*

Bridegroom Services. Commemoration of Christ's Anointing by the sinful woman.

- **Tue 3 Apr:** Matins of the Bridegroom, 6pm start.
 - *Rector's note: The 'Matins of the Bridegroom' is a service that commemorates Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church. Themes include being prepared for Christ at all times (as in the Parable – see Matthew 25:1-13). These are served only during the first half of Holy Week, and each has their own special theme. This one has the theme of Christ's anointing by the sinful woman (Matthew 26:6-16). The Apostles considered it wasteful to lavish such a bottle on Christ; however, Christ corrected them – while it was good to provide for the poor (including selling our possessions for their benefit), it is still better to devote our selves, and our best, to the service of Christ.*

The Mystical Supper, and, the Betrayal of Christ.

- **Wed 4 Apr:** Matins of the Mystical Supper, 6pm (to ~7:30pm). *Confession available during Matins.*
- **Thu 5 Apr:** Liturgy, 8:30am (to ~10:30am). *Afterwards, we will prepare for the services of Good Friday.*
 - *Rector's Note: This service commemorates the first Eucharist – a Sacrament of our Church instituted by Christ.*

The Awesome, Holy & Saving Passion, Crucifixion & Death that Christ endured for us; and, the confession of the wise thief.

- **Thu 5 Apr:** Matins of the Crucifixion with the Twelve Passion Gospels, 6pm (to ~9:30pm).
- **Fri 6 Apr:** Royal Hours, 12 Midday (to ~1:30pm). *Confession available after Royal Hours and before Vespers.*
 - *Rector's Note: Matins, with 12 Passion Gospel readings, offers the fullest possible telling of the Crucifixion of Christ; while the Royal Hours use psalms, readings & hymns to more fully understand the Crucifixion, comparing Old Testament prophecies with New Testament teachings on the redemption that Christ brought about by His voluntary Passion.*

The Burial of the Divine Body of Christ, and His Descent into Hades, through which we were recalled from corruption and transplanted to eternal life.

- **Fri 6 Apr:** Vespers of the Shroud, 3pm (to ~4:30pm), followed by Compline.
- **Fri 6 Apr:** Matins of the Lamentations, 6pm (to ~9:30pm).
 - *Rector's Note: The Vespers of the Shroud commemorates the Removal of Christ's Body from the Cross; while the Matins of the Lamentations is like our funeral service for Christ – similar to a Parastas, yet imbued with the knowledge of the Resurrection. Like a funeral, the conclusion of this service includes a procession. In addition, our Patronal Feastday falls on these days. The Matins of the Lamentations are interrupted with hymns announcing the Annunciation – the Beginning of our Salvation – and thus, in a beautiful way, these two events are connected. (NB: our parish festivities have been postponed to 20-21 July, in deference to the Resurrection).*

The Descent into Hades and the Harrowing of Hell;

and, THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

- **Sat 7 Apr:** Baptismal Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 8:30am start. *Vestments are changed to White during this service; and, Bread & Wine will be blessed at the end of the service.*
 - *Rector's Note: During this service, we will read 15 Old Testament Prophecies, and will (God willing!) baptise some catechumens. The blessing of bread and wine will take place at the conclusion of the Vesperal Liturgy.*

THE LIFE-BEARING RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

- **Sat 7 Apr:** Reading of Acts, 10pm (to ~11pm). *All the faithful are invited to take turns in participating in these readings.*
 - *Rector's Note: The 'Acts of the Apostles' are read to show the fruits of the Resurrection in the life of the early Church.*
- **Sat 7 Apr:** Midnight Office of the Shroud, 11:15pm (to ~11:55pm).
 - *Rector's Note: During this service, the Burial Shroud is moved into the Sanctuary. At the conclusion, the lights are extinguished and the church is in silence until midnight.*
- **Sun 8 Apr:** Paschal Procession, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 12 Midnight (to ~3am). *The Blessing of Paschal Foods (incl. Kulichi) will immediately follow the Paschal Liturgy.*
 - *Rector's Note: This service will start with 'Thy Resurrection', sharing the Paschal Flame and a procession around the church, after which the Paschal Matins will be served, followed by the Paschal Divine Liturgy.*

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

- **Sun 8 Apr:** Paschal Vespers, 6pm (to ~7pm). Hosted at Holy Annunciation; concelebrated with the Clergy of our Deanery.

Second Sunday of Pascha: The Belief of St Thomas

- **Sun 15 Apr:** Matins and Divine Liturgy, 8am (to ~11am).

Second Tuesday of Pascha: Pascha for the Departed ('Radonitsa')

- **Tue 17 Apr:** General Memorial at the Russian Orthodox Chapel at Mt Gravatt Cemetery, at 10am, then Litia at gravesites (on request, to ~3pm).

Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles. Wed 18 Apr, 6:30-8pm.

Third Sunday of Pascha: The Myrrh-bearing Women

- **21-22 Apr:** *No Services at Holy Annunciation.*

Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralyse Man

- **Sat 28 Apr:** Vigil, 6pm (to ~8:10pm).
- **Sun 29 Apr:** Liturgy, 8:30am (to ~10:30am).


Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles. Wed 2 May, 6:30-8pm.

Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman,

and, the Holy Glorious Great-martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George.

- **Sat 5 May:** Vigil, 6pm (to ~8:10pm).
- **Sun 6 May:** Liturgy, 8:30am (to ~10:30am).

BIBLE STUDY:
ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
HOSTED BY HOLY ANNUNCIATION ORTHODOX CHURCH



Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
www.HolyAnnunciation.net/Acts

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