

# Holy Week Schedule

In addition to the Palm Sunday Liturgy, our Holy Week service schedule is as follows:

## PALM SUNDAY: HOLY MONDAY, AND TUESDAY

### **6 PM – *The Bridegroom Services***

At these services, we commemorate, The Righteous Joseph, the Withering of the Fig Tree, and the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

## HOLY WEDNESDAY

### **3 PM – *Holy Unction (Abbreviated for Young Children and those who are Ill)***

At this service, those who are very young or who suffer from an illness which precludes their presence in Church for the longer evening service are anointed with oil for the healing of soul and body and the forgiveness of sins.

### **6 PM – *Holy Unction***

At this service, the faithful are anointed with oil for the healing of soul and body and the forgiveness of sins.

## HOLY THURSDAY

### **7 AM – *Vesperal Divine Liturgy***

At this service, which commemorates the Last Supper, we consecrate the reserved sacrament kept in the Tabernacle throughout the year. According to our tradition here in America, it begins earlier than normal.

### **6 PM – *The Passion Service***

At this service, we read the Twelve Gospels of the Betrayal and Passion, and install the Cross in the center of the Church to be venerated by the faithful.

## HOLY FRIDAY

### **9 AM – *Imperial Hours***

At this service, we commemorate the Lord's Passion. It is called Imperial because it was traditional for the Roman Emperor to attend that he might acknowledge his submission before Christ the True King.

### **3 PM – *The Descent from the Cross***

At this service, we take the body of our Lord down from the cross and wrap it, where it shall remain until the Ascension. We also place the *Epitaphios* (the cloth) upon the *Kouvouglion* (the wooden tomb).

### **6 PM – *The Lamentations and Procession***

At this service, we lament before the tomb, and process around the Church with the *Epitaphios*.

## HOLY SATURDAY

### **9 AM – *Vesperal Divine Liturgy***

At this service, we celebrate the Harrowing of Hades, and prepare for the Lord's Resurrection.

### **11 PM – *Vigil and Pascha***

Christ is Risen!

## SUNDAY OF HOLY PASCHA

### **12 PM – *Vespers of Pascha***

At this service, we once again commemorate Christ's Holy Resurrection. Following the service, there will be an Agape meal sponsored by the Parish Council. Parishioners are encouraged to bring potluck dishes as well.