

2008

Schedule of Services for Holy Week & Bright Week
Saint Mary Orthodox Christian Church

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Evening: <i>(April 20, 2008)</i>	Bridegroom Matins	5:00 p.m.
Holy Monday Evening: <i>(April 21, 2008)</i>	Bridegroom Matins	6:30 p.m.
Holy Tuesday <i>(April 22, 2008)</i>	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	12:00 noon
Holy Tuesday Evening: <i>(April 22, 2008)</i>	Bridegroom Matins	6:30 p.m.
Holy Wednesday Morning: <i>(April 23, 2008)</i>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	8:00 a.m.
Holy Wednesday Evening: <i>(April 23, 2008)</i>	The Sacrament of Holy Unction	6:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday Morning: <i>(April 24, 2008)</i>	Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil the Great	9:00 a.m.
Holy Thursday Evening: <i>(April 24, 2008)</i>	Orthros & the 12 Passion Readings	6:30 p.m.
Holy Friday Morning: <i>(April 25, 2008)</i>	The Royal Hours	8:00 a.m.
Holy Friday Afternoon: <i>(April 25, 2008)</i>	The “Unnailing” Vespers	3:00 p.m.
Holy Friday Evening: <i>(April 25, 2008)</i>	Orthros & The Lamentations	6:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday Morning: <i>(April 26, 2008)</i>	Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil the Great	9:00 a.m.

SERVICES OF GREAT & HOLY PASCHA BEGIN AT 11:00 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

Great & Holy Pascha: <i>(Sunday, April 27, 2008)</i>	Agape Vespers at St George	1:00 p.m.
Bright Tuesday & Thursday	The Paschal Office	12:00 noon
Bright Wednesday Evening:	The Paschal Office & Vespers at Saint Mary	6:30 p.m.
Bright Friday Morning:	The Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m.

at St. Mary



Special Reminders for Holy Week and Pascha

- 1.) If for some reason you have not made your Lenten confession before Holy Week, please do so **before** coming to the Holy Wednesday evening service. We ask this because Orthodox Holy Tradition assumes that all those participating in the Sacrament of Holy Unction have:
 - a) *already made their confession and received absolution, and,*
 - b) *fasted since their light Lenten breakfast until being anointed with the Holy Oil of Unction (the same way we fast for Holy Communion).*We do this remembering that Holy Unction is a Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of the Church and something in which we should not participate without proper preparation. For this same reason we do not administer the Sacrament of Holy Unction to our non-Orthodox friends or family. ***No confessions will be heard after the administration of Holy Unction until after Pascha.***

- 2.) This year, as every year, there will be a lovely meal after the Paschal Divine Liturgy. Through the generosity of one family in our parish we will again be served decidedly non-Lenten fare. Please bring a 2 liter bottle of soda or another non-alcoholic drink to share with everyone as well as a healthy appetite! ALSO please remember to bring your red colored eggs with you Saturday night as these will be blessed and distributed after the Paschal Liturgy. Feel free, if you so desire, to bring a **“Pascha Basket”** with a sampling of the foods from which you have faithfully abstained during the fast. These should be placed by the brass candle stands in front of the iconostasis, and will be blessed after the dismissal along with the eggs. You may then take them to the hall and share the yummy contents with those around you!

- 3.) **Remember Parents** ~ Your little ones are a very real part of our Parish Family and are **welcome** at the Paschal Liturgy!! Feel free to bring them to Church in their pajamas with blanket, pillow & stuffed animal in hand if helpful. Pascha is an Orthodox family event, and we don't want to leave ANY member of our family out

of the celebration! Should they reach their physical limit, they are welcome to curl up in a pew and sleep. What better rest is there than to sleep as the Church sings in proclamation of Christ's holy Resurrection!