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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - March 2022 - Great Lent**

*Dear God-loving Parishioners!*

*Christ's Holy Church, like a wise and loving mother, calls each of us to use the time of Great Lent to work on ourselves spiritually and with greater commitment. During this time, the services are especially touching and spiritually edifying. As well, prayer and fasting – are the best means by which a person may regain and retain spiritual health and grow. With this aim in mind, the Great-Lenten schedule of services will include: General Confessions and General Unction.*

*With love in the Lord, Fr Gabriel Makarov.*

**Sun 06 Mar: CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY. FORGIVENESS SUNDAY.**  
**Divine Liturgy followed by rite of "Forgiveness".....8.30am**

**Beginning of Great lent - First (Cleansing) Week**

Mon 07 Mar: Great-Lenten Matins and Litiya for the departed..... 8.30am  
Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Tue 08 Mar: Great-Lenten Matins and Litiya for the departed..... 8.30am  
Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Wed 09 Mar: Great-Lenten Matins with *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* ..... 8.30am  
Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Thu 10 Mar: Great-Lenten Matins and Litiya for the departed..... 8.30am  
Great Compline with reading from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete..... 6.00pm

Fri 11 Mar: Great-Lenten Matins with Canon of St Theodore Tyro (*blessing of kolivo*) ..... 8.30am

Sat 12 Mar: Confession.....4.15pm  
Vigil.....5.00pm

**Sun 13 Mar: 1st Sunday of Great Lent. TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY.**  
**Liturgy of St Basil and Moleben "For the conversion of those who are lost" .....8.30am**

Tue 15 Mar: **Sacrament of General Unction** (this anointing may be received only once during Lent)..... 6.00pm

Wed 16 Mar: Vespers with *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts* ..... 8.30am

Thu 17 Mar: Discussion in English: "Prefigurations - the Old Testament in the New Test. Church". . 7.00pm

Sat 19 Mar: General Panihida for memorial Saturday ..... 5.00pm  
Vigil ..... 5.30pm

**Sun 20 Mar: 2nd Sunday of Great Lent. ST GREGORY PALAMAS**  
**Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great.....8.30am**

**After Liturgy, presentation by L. Larkina of her book: "The Promise of Efim Shishkoff, a Russian Refugee".**

*During this week clergy confession and concelebration, and pastoral conference in Sydney.*

Sat	26	Mar:	<i>Order of General Confession, and prayer rule in preparation for Communion</i> .....	4.15pm
			General Panihida for memorial Saturday .....	5.00pm
			Vigil .....	5.30pm

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**Sun 27 Mar: 3rd Sunday of Great Lent. ADORATION OF THE CROSS.**

**Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great.....8.30am**

*After Liturgy, discussion in Russian: "The Meaning of the Cross to a Believer".*

Tue	29	Mar:	At Rocklea Church: Sacrament of General Unction (received only once during Lent) .....	6.00pm
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Wed	30	Mar:	At Cathedral: Vespers with <i>Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts</i> .....	8.30am
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*Thu 31 Mar: Discussion in English: "The Meaning of the Cross to a Believer".*

Sat	02	Apr:	General Panihida for memorial Saturday .....	5.00pm
			Vigil .....	5.30pm

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**Sun 03 Apr: 4th Sunday of Great Lent. ST JOHN OF THE LADDER.**

**Divine Liturgy of Basil the Great.....8.30am**

Mon	04	Apr:	Matins with reading of the Great Canon of ST. ANDREW OF CRETE.....	6.00pm
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Wed	06	Apr:	Vigil with Great Complines and <i>blessing of loaves</i> .....	6.00pm
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Thu	07	Apr:	HOLY ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Vespers with Liturgy of St John Chrysostom .....	8.30am
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Fri	08	Apr:	Matins with singing of the Akathist to the Mother of God ( <i>Laudation</i> ) .....	6.00pm
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Sat	09	Apr:	Confession.....	4.15pm
			Vigil .....	5.00pm

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**Sun 10 Apr: 5th Sunday of Great Lent. ST MARY OF EGYPT.**

**Divine Liturgy of Basil the Great.....8.30am**

*After Liturgy discussion in Russian: "Seven Church Mysteries".*

Thu	14	Apr:	<i>Church Sisters will need helpers to clean and tie verbiy and palms in the hall - from early morning.</i>	
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*Thu 14 Apr: Discussion in English: "Seven Church Mysteries".*..... 7.00pm

Fri	15	Apr:	Confession for parish school students - for Lazarus Saturday .....	5.15pm
			Matins for Lazarus Saturday .....	6.00pm

Sat	16	Apr:	LAZARUS STAURDAY. Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom .....	8.30am
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*Order of General Confession, and prayer rule in preparation for Communion*.....

*Vigil with blessing of bread, blessing of palms and Verbiy*..... 5.00pm

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**Sun 17 Apr: 6th Sunday of Great lent. PALM SUNDAY. ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.**

**Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom.....8.30am**

*After Liturgy there will be held our Paschal Faire with childrens' kulich decorating. It is essential to pre-book children for this (see separate poster). There will be available for purchase: a lenten meal, baked Kulich (decorated and undecorated), cheese-paschas and other Paschal goodies.*

**Passion Week**

*For those desiring to receive Holy Communion on Pascha it is permissible to come to Confession on any evening of Passion Week where «Confession» is indicated in the schedule, and to receive a blessing for this. Thus, there is an opportunity to prepare in advance, unhurriedly and without fuss, rather than leaving Confession to the very final hours before Pascha, where there is little time for such things. Confessions on night of Pascha will be allowed only by previous appointment.*

- Mon 18 Apr: Matins with hymns: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.." & "I see Thy bridal chamber." .... 6.00pm
- Tue 19 Apr: Confession..... 5.30pm  
Matins with hymns: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.." & "I see Thy bridal chamber." .... 6.00pm
- Wed 20 Apr: GREAT WEDNESDAY.  
Vespers with *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (final one for this year)*..... 8.30am  
Confession..... 5.30pm  
Matins with hymns: "When the glorious disciples..."and "I see Thy bridal chamber..." ..... 6.00pm
- Thu 21 Apr: GREAT THURSDAY - REMEMBRANCE OF THE MYSTICAL SUPPER.  
Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great ..... 8.30am  
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
Matins with reading of the 12 Passion Gospels, before the Holy Crucifix..... 6.00pm
- Fri 22 Apr: GREAT FRIDAY.  
Royal Hours (no Liturgy is celebrated on this day!)..... 8.30am  
Vespers with bringing out of the Epitaphion (Shroud) of Christ ..... 2.30pm  
*Confession*.....following the bringing out of the Epitaphion  
Matins with the Lamentations over the Shroud and burial procession ..... 6.00pm
- Concerning the Fast: Great Friday is the strictest fast day of the year. "We do not eat on this day of the Crucifixion...." According to the Typicon, only the infirm and aged take bread and water after the setting of the sun. Even today Christians strive not to eat at least until after the bringing out of the Epitaphion.*
- Sat 23 Apr: GREAT SATURDAY.  
Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (*with blessing of bread and wine*)..... 8.00am  
*1st blessing of kulich immediately following Liturgy*..... approx. 12.00am  
*2nd blessing of kulich*..... 7.30pm  
Reading of the Book of Acts ..... 9.30pm  
*Confession at this time only by previous appointment*..... 9.30pm  
*3rd blessing of kulich* ..... 11.00pm  
Midnight Office with the taking into the altar of the Holy Epitaphion..... 11.15pm
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- Sun 24 Apr: **HOLY PASCHA.**  
**Cross procession, Paschal Matins and Paschal Liturgy** ..... **12.00md**  
*4th blessing of kulich*.....*following Paschal Liturgy*  
*At St Seraphim's Church: Paschal Vespers with Brisbane clergy concelebrating* ..... 6.00pm

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- Mon 25 Apr: **BRIGHT MONDAY.**  
Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom with *Cross Procession* ..... 8.30am
- Sat 30 Apr: Vigil ..... 5.00pm
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- Sun 01 Apr: THOMAS' SUNDAY - ANTIPASCHA.**  
Divine Liturgy with *distribution of holy "Artos" bread* ..... 8.30am
- Mon 02 Mar: On Monday graveside services for the departed at the following cemeteries:  
*Toowong*.....from 10.00 am to 11.30 am  
*Dutton Park*.....from 12.30 pm to 1.00pm  
*Mt Gravatt*.....from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm
- Tue 03 Mar: **RADONITSA – PASCHAL COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED.**  
*Mt Gravatt*.....from 10.00am  
beginning with Paschal Panihida at the Cemetery chapel followed by  
individual graveside services.
- Fri 06 Mar: Moleben with Akathist to St George the Great-Martyr..... 6.00pm
- Sat 07 Mar: Vigil ..... 5.00pm
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- Sun 08 Mar: SUNDAY FO THE MYRRHE-BEARING WOMEN.**  
Divine Liturgy..... 8.30am