

Holy Week

Holy Monday

9:00 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
6:00 PM Orthos of the Bridegroom

ΓΡΕΑΤ ΜΟΝΔΑΥ



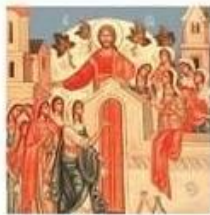
The Church remembers the story of St. Joseph the All-Comely, who was sold by his brothers into slavery, as a prefiguration of the Passion of Christ. We are also reminded about the fact that Jesus cursed the fig tree that had had not any fruits.

Preparation of the Chrism is being started by some primates of the autocephalous Churches.

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ΓΡΕΑΤ ΤΥΕΣΔΑΥ



Christ was teaching in the Jerusalem Temple. Scribes, while hearing His words, decided to kill Him.

The Church reminds us parables of the 10 virgins, of the talents, and with continuing from Monday the narrative about the Final Judgement, calls us to spiritual warfare.

Holy Wednesday

9:00 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
4:00 PM Service of Holy Unction
6:00 PM Orthos for Holy Thursday

ΓΡΕΑΤ ΤΕΔΝΕΣΔΑΥ



On that day Judas decided to betray the Savior for 30 pieces of silver and promised to denounce him to soldiers.

We hear the prayer of St. Ephraim for the last time in a year.

Holy Thursday

9:00 AM Vespersal Liturgy of St. Basil the Mystical
Supper
6:00 PM Orthos of the Crucifixion – Reading of *The Twelve Gospels*

ΓΡΕΑΤ ΤΥΗΕΣΔΑΥ



We remember one of the most important events in the Gospel: the Mystic Supper, when the Lord instituted the mystery of Eucharist.

In cathedrals during the Liturgy bishops wash the feet of 12 people. The preparation of Chrism is finalized. In the evening, on Great Friday matins, we hear 12 selections from the Gospel about the Passion of Christ.

Holy & Great Friday

9:00 AM
Royal Hours
4:00 PM
Apokathelosis
6:30 PM Orthos of *the Lamentations*

ΓΡΕΑΤ ΦΡΙΔΑΥ



The day of sentencing Christ to death and His Crucifixion. The royal hours are read in the morning. There is no Liturgy - the Sacrifice happens at Calvary. In the afternoon vespers with the elevation of the Shroud are served. St. Joseph of Arimathea removed the Body from the Cross and placed it into the Grave.

The day of strict fast. Many people do not eat at all until the vespersal services are over.

Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Vespersal Liturgy of St. Basil – *The First Resurrection*
11:30 PM
Anastasis, Divine Liturgy

ΓΡΕΑΤ ΣΑΤΟΥΡΔΑΥ



The Church commemorates the Burial of Christ, his descent into Hell to proclaim there His victory over death and liberate those who had been awaiting Him with faith.

In the morning the Liturgy with 12 readings from the Old Testament about the events and prophecies of the salvation by the death of the Son of God. After the Liturgy paschal baskets are blessed. Holy Fire descends in Jerusalem.

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