

Paschal Guide 2017

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church
Tacoma, Washington
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Addresses & Directions: Services and activities are held at Holy Resurrection Church 8710, 28th Avenue East, Tacoma, 98445, unless otherwise noted. Wilkeson Services: Holy Trinity Chapel, 431 Long Street.

Confessions: Go to confession before Holy Wednesday Unction. *Don't wait until the last minute!*

Potlucks: Here's a list of the potlucks that are scheduled during the time of this guide:

- ✓Lazarus Saturday, April 8: A lenten potluck will follow Divine Liturgy.
- ✓Palm Sunday, April 9: Feast day dinner. fish will be provided, we'll set out a basket; please bring sides, salads, sweets & drinks. Wine & oil also allowed.
- ✓Pascha morning, April 16: Following the Midnight Service: Please bring easy to serve "finger foods." No fast.
- ✓Pascha afternoon, April 16: Following Agape Vespers: Your finest for your brothers & sisters! A feast! We'll have roasted lamb & pork, and a donation basket! Please bring extra meats, side dishes, desserts, drinks, and ice chests. Use disposable containers, and take home leftovers - this helps our kitchen crew tremendously. Stoves will not be available for cooking. Bring musical instruments, yard games, frisbees, blankets for the grass, folding chairs and friends, and hope for the sun! Help with clean up at 4:30 p.m.

Please help set up & clean up for potlucks- there is no scheduled crew to do this - if we all chip in it will make the meal a joy for all! This is especially true for the dinner on Pascha day, April 16. If you can arrive before the 1:30 p.m. Agape vespers to help set up tables & chairs, it would be appreciated.

Paschal Flowers: We count on your generosity to beautify the church. A collection box will be placed in the back of the church.

Attire: Reflect the liturgical observance: bright clothing on Palm Sunday & Pascha, dark clothing for Holy Week!

Accommodations: Limited room is available for Holy Week and Pascha in the Parish House. Bring bedding, towels, etc. Bathrooms with hot showers and kitchen facilities are available. Speak to Fr. John.

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, April 8, 12:30 p.m. We ask all choir members to be on hand for special Palm Sunday and Paschal rehearsals.

Palm Sunday: is celebrated with Vespers on Saturday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday April 9 beginning with Matins at 9:00 a.m. Come to the beautiful Matins service, where palms and branches of pussy willow are blessed and distributed. A Cross-Procession around the church will be served at the conclusion of Liturgy. A potluck (see above) with fish, wine and oil allowed will be enjoyed after services.

Help us Read: Orthodox Christians are asked to help read the 15 Old Testament lessons at the Vespers Liturgy on Holy Saturday, April 15, at noon - contact Matushka Katherine. The Acts of the Apostles is read on Holy Saturday evening at 9:00 p.m. - contact Rdr. Peter Ricks. The Gospel (John 20:19-25) in many languages at the Paschal Agape Vespers on April 16 at 1:30 p.m. - contact Matushka Katherine.

Pascha Baskets: Pascha Baskets are blessed after the midnight Paschal service on April 16. A table will be placed on the porch or in the St. Joseph Hall in case of rain. Fill your basket with your favorite holiday foods, cover it with a white or special cloth.

Dyed Eggs: Color a dozen or two eggs to be distributed at Pascha! The Greek red dye we use will be available in the Bookstore. Sign up in the Parish House. Tip: cook room temp brown eggs that are a couple of days old in the dye, they crack less and are easier to peel. Refrigerate after cooking. Bring them by the evening service on April 14. Please check the sign-up on the Parish House bulletin board.

Candles: Traditional times to hold candles: Holy Thursday evening we hold lit candles when the twelve pas-

sion Gospels are read, extinguish them in between. Holy Friday evening, especially for the processions with the shroud. The entire Paschal service! Specially decorated paschal candles will be made available in the back of the church for you, or use a bobèche (drip catcher) for a regular candle.

Pascha Afternoon Easter Treat Hunt: Bring contributions to the Easter Treat hunt. Candy and toys are great, and we have a section for grown-ups, so contributions for that are appreciated as well. If you let us know the ages of your children on the special sign-up on the main bulletin board, we'll have a better idea about how to portion off the lawns. Purchase & donate goodies and gifts, place them in the collection box near the Parish House bulletin board.

Parish Altar Feast Day: Bright Saturday Paschal Liturgy, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by a luncheon provided by the Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood.

Bookstore: Our Holy Trinity Bookstore has service books and other materials for your holiday needs, check it out! It is located in the Parish House, downstairs and to the right.

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Note on fasting: A fast, no meat, dairy, fish, wine (alcoholic beverage) or oil allowed is followed until after the Paschal service. There are exceptions noted in this guide: f: fish allowed; w: wine allowed; o: oil allowed.

April

8 Saturday
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Lazarus Saturday. By raising His friend Lazarus, who was four days dead, Christ confronts death: the enemy He came to conquer. The service is resurrectional in a way usually reserved for Sundays. Rejoice, rejoice O Bethany!

9:00 a.m. The Baptism of Matthew Means. Everyone come to welcome him!

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Lenten potluck brunch.

Help prepare branches for Palm Sunday, last minute clean and prep for Pascha. Choir: Important paschal "run-through rehearsal"

6:30 p.m. Great Vespers of Palm Sunday with Lity. Confessions.

9 Palm Sunday
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The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Come early to Matins, raise branches of palms and willows, singing, *Hosanna*, and accepting Jesus Christ as King and God in your life. Take your blessed branches home and place them with your icons, be sure to burn last year's, or you can bring them to church and we'll burn them.

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins. Everyone should come!

Festal Divine Liturgy and Procession follows Matins.

Potluck dinner: Fish, wine & oil. We'll have the fish - please bring the rest!

Christ the Bridegroom: we should always be prepared for the End, when Christ appears in His second coming. The Bridegroom services on the first four evenings of Holy Week call us to remember this!

6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Matins. Confessions.

10 Holy Monday

10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy.

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11 Holy Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy.

6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Matins. Confessions.

12 Holy Wed

10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy.

This is the last Presanctified Liturgy of the Lenten season. At its conclusion we say the Prayer of St. Ephraim for the last time, and bid farewell to the “Lenten melodies” chanted at the litanies and other parts of the weekday services.

6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction.

The Service of Holy Unction is the Mystery (sacrament) of the healing of our souls and bodies by Christ. While everyone is welcome to the service, only Orthodox Christian who have prepared themselves by confession may be anointed with the healing oil.

13 Holy Thursday **10:00 a.m. Matins of Holy Thursday**

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2:00 p.m. The Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil.

This beautiful Liturgy, the Mystical Supper, celebrates the institution of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) at the Last Supper.

Soup Supper follows Liturgy.

6:30 p.m. Matins with the Twelve Passion Gospels.

This is the Matins of Holy Friday - the story of the Passion and Death of our Savior. Tonight Orthodox churches in “the old country” will be packed, but not here in America. It’s too long, people say, it hurts to stand through all those Gospel lessons. The Lord suffered on the Cross for three hours and died in order to offer you everlasting life. Please come and stand at the foot of the Cross with His most holy Mother, Mary the Theotokos, and His faithful disciple, the holy Apostle John. Be renewed in God’s Word in the telling of this story.

14 Holy Friday

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10:00 a.m. The Royal Hours.

We serve 1st, 3rd, 6th & 9th Hours with Typica. Each “Hour” (about 15 minutes actually) consists of Psalms, hymns, and Scripture readings reflecting the Lord’s Passion.

Immediately following the Royal Hours we set up “the tomb” in the center of the church in preparation for the next service. Pressing cloths, arranging flowers etc. takes a little time, and everyone is most welcome to come and help.

2:00 p.m. Vespers: the taking down from the Cross and entombment of Christ.

6:30 p.m. Matins of Holy Saturday: Lamentations before the Tomb of Christ, the procession with the Holy Shroud around the church.

Truly for many people, the most beautiful service of Holy Week. We gather before the Life-giving Tomb. We chant a burial office: The entire Psalm 119, the Psalm of a Righteous Man, and between each verse we chant the *Lamentations*. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, there is movement from death towards Life, we sing the Hymns of Resurrection normally associated with Sunday Matins, we listen to a magnificent “canon” hymning the death and entombment of Christ, and waiting for His promise “I shall arise!” Then, to mark the passage of Christ through the dark netherworld of Hades, the tomb is lifted up and carried into the darkness outside, followed by the faithful bearing candles, it is carried around the church and held in the doorway as we all bow down and enter the tomb, walking beneath it, signifying that we too are buried with Christ.

15 Holy Sabbath **11:30 a.m.** Fr. Vadim Pogrebniak hears confessions in Russian.

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12:00 Noon. Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil.

This Vespers is joined by the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. In the transition between Vespers and Liturgy we read 15 Old Testament lessons containing images relating to Salvation History, especially those relating to Baptism, for this is the ancient service of Christian initiation. As we transition into the Liturgy of St. Basil, after the Baptismal Epistle lesson (Rom. 6:3 *ff*), instead of Alleluia, we sing “Arise, O God, and judge the earth...” The clergy vestments and church colors are changed from dark to bright, bay laurel leaves are

scattered, symbolizing Christ's victory over death; the Gospel announces the Resurrection of Christ, "He is not here; for He is risen as He said!" Dried fruit, bread and wine are blessed and distributed at the end of the service, strengthening us for the fast's final hours.

9:00 p.m. the Reading of the Acts of the Apostles. All Orthodox members of the parish are invited to come read a chapter or two.

11:30 p.m. Nocturnes. We enter the darkened church, waiting, as the last minutes of our mystical journey breaks into paschal joy.

16 PASCHA **The Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ.**
No fast all week **Holy Pascha, the Feast of feasts.**

12:00 a.m. Paschal Procession and Matins, and Paschal Divine Liturgy.

The brightest, most joyful experience in the life of Orthodox Christians. At the conclusion of this service Pascha baskets will be blessed.

Following Liturgy: Break-fast in the Parish House. Please, bring something simple that doesn't require fuss & cooking, but do bring something!

1:30 p.m. Agape Vespers

The Gospel is read in many languages. Orthodox faithful may contact Choir Director Kathy Pierce if you would like to read. The passage is: John 20:19-25.

Easter Treat Hunt! Areas for all ages, including grown-ups! Donations of candy, little treats & treasures are appreciated!

Paschal Feast in the backyard! Your finest for your brothers & sisters! A feast! A party! No fast. We'll have roast lamb & pork, and a donation basket! Please bring extra meats, side dishes, desserts, drinks, and ice chests. Use disposable containers, and take home every little bit left over - that helps our kitchen crew tremendously. The stoves will not be available for cooking. Bring your musical instruments, yard games, frisbees, blankets for the grass, folding chairs and friends, and hope for the sun! Help with clean-up at 4:30 p.m.

17 Bright Monday **10:00 a.m. Paschal Liturgy** in Wilkeson, Lunch in Sumner.

We'll serve Liturgy at our 117 year old chapel in Wilkeson, 10:00 a.m. To Wilkeson: take SR 410 to Buckley, watch for turn off on the right, SR 165, go 4 miles to Wilkeson, turn left after passing under the Wilkeson arch. 431 Long St. Wilkeson, 98396.

After Liturgy we'll meet upstairs for brunch in Sumner at the Buttered Biscuit restaurant: 1014 North St. Sumner, 98390. Phone: (253) 826-6099.

19 Bright Wed **6:30 p.m. Paschal Vespers.**

22 Bright Sat **10:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy. Parish Feastday.**

After Liturgy, the Myrrhbearers Sisterhood will provide luncheon for all our guests.

The doors on the iconostasis have remained wide open all this past week, even when we were away from the chapel. The doors are closed right before we begin:

6:30 p.m. Great Vespers.

23 Sunday **Thomas Sunday. Antipascha**

9:15 a.m. Hours

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.