

The Holy Assumption Cathedral Church

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The Right Reverend STEFAN, Bishop of Trenton and North-America

Church Service Schedule for the month of April, 2012

General information: There are no Saturday evening vigil services on a regular basis.

Following every Sunday liturgy everyone is invited to our 'cup-of-tea'.

This month, however, there are two exceptions: on **Pascha** and the following **Thomas Sunday** there will be no 'cup-of-tea'. After liturgy on **Pascha** is the blessing of Easter eggs, Easter bread and **Kulich**. Everyone is invited to remain and **BREAK-Fast together**—having brought their own basket of **Holiday food**.

Please pick up a Parking Permit at our candle counter, and place it on the dashboard of your vehicle for the vigil service on Great and Holy Thursday evening (Reading of 12 Gospels), and the following Great and Holy Friday vespers @ 5:00 pm. **Please sign out the Permits** at the candle counter and **RETURN them Friday evening after the service**. (Parking Permits are not required on weekends.)

Friday evening, March 30, at 6:00 pm Vigil of the Akathist to the Most Holy Virgin.

Sunday, April 1, 2012, fifth week of Great Lent, Liturgy begins at 10:00 am.

Saturday, April 7, **Annunciation** of the Most Holy Theotokos – Beginning of Liturgy, 10:00 am.

Saturday evening, April 7, at 6:00 pm. Palm Sunday Vigil

Sunday, April 8, **Palm Sunday**. Liturgy begins at 10:00 am.

Great and Holy Thursday, April 12 @ 6:00 pm. Matins of the Passions of Christ (Reading of the 12 Gospels).

Great and Holy Friday, April 13 @ 5:00 pm. Vespers with the procession of the Holy Shroud – followed by Matins of Great and Holy Saturday.

Great and Holy Saturday, April 14 @ 10:00 am. Beginning of Liturgy of St Basil with Great Saturday Vespers.

Great and Holy Saturday evening of April 14, @ 11:30 pm. beginning of Paschal Procession followed by Pasha Matins and Great and Joyous Liturgy of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Following the liturgy, the blessing of the Easter baskets in the church hall.

Everyone is welcome to stay and BREAK-Fast together, sharing God's bountiful gifts - each with his own Easter basket.

Please note: There is no liturgy at 10:00 am on Easter Sunday – since the liturgy had been served during the Paschal night.

Everyone is reminded that it is O.K. – even customary, to bring meats (sausages and such) into the church hall to be blessed with your Easter basket . {As a matter of fact, the second prayer of the blessing is directed towards the blessing of meats} However:

BRINGING ANYTHING OF MEAT INTO THE CHURCH IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN! Please leave your baskets downstairs.

There is no vigil scheduled for Bright Saturday evening, April 21st.

Thomas Sunday, April 22 @ 9:00 am, beginning of liturgy.

Please note that on this day liturgy begins an hour earlier, **@ 9:00 am** to accommodate those – including the Rector of the church – who will be visiting gravesites at the cemetery in Jackson, New Jersey to greet the departed with the traditional and joyous Paschal songs and prayers.

Tuesday, April 24 @ 6:00 pm. at church, the traditional Paschal Panichida, with the commemoration of the departed. (Please note: Parking Permits must be placed on your dashboard for this short service.)

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women, April 29 @ 10:00 am
Beginning of liturgy at the usual time – 10:00 am.