

Blessed final of week of Lent!

It's getting to the best and most glorious time of the year. The excitement is building! Beginning Friday, in addition to the beautiful services, we have some wonderful ways for us to engage in the life of the church and use our creativity.

The Antiochian Archdiocese has compiled another list of Holy Week resources: [here](#).

Ss. Peter and Paul Holy Week Events Schedule 2026

4/03, Friday

- 4pm "All About The Feasts: Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday" in the Fellowship Hall
 - o We will learn about the feasts as we bake Lazarakia, "Little Lazarus's" bread
- 6pm Little Compline with the **Canon of the Raising of Lazarus**

4/04, Saturday

- 8:20am Lazarus Saturday Orthros & Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy:

- **YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE**
- Followed by folding palms (everyone) & eating Lazarakia bread.
 - o 1pm Small crosses & 3pm woven palms, come and learn how!
- Work day- clean up and decorate the church and grounds

4/05, Palm Sunday

- **Youth Choir Liturgy (arrive by 9:15)** and the procession with the palms.
- **Salmon Lunch**

Sunday Night- Wednesday Night

- 6pm Sun-Tues Bridegroom Orthros
- 9am Mon-Wed Presanctified Liturgy
- 6pm Wed Unction

4/09, Holy Thursday

- **Liturgy with the Washing of the Feet:** On Holy Thursday we celebrate and enter into the Mystical Supper of our Lord and his disciples, at which Christ washed the disciples' feet.
- The children (12 and under) are invited to come have their feet washed by the priest at the end of Liturgy.

After Liturgy:

- Come and decorate your Pascha candle! Candles and some decorations will be provided. Bring ribbon, colored wax, etc... to make a beautifully decorated candle.
- Bagels and coffee will be provided.

4/10, Holy Friday

- Morning: After the Royal Hours (9am) and until Unnailing Vespers (2:30pm), come help decorate Christ's funeral bier. **Bring flowers from home!**
 - o It is a tradition to visit and venerate Christ's funeral bier at other local churches after vespers.
- Evening: After the service of Lamentations, older kids and teens can stay and keep vigil at the tomb of Christ, reading the psalms throughout the night. There is also a sign-up list for specific times.

4/11, Holy Saturday

- Morning Liturgy where we celebrate Christ's descent into and defeat of Hades.
 - o The priest throws bay leaves and rose petals for victory!
- After Liturgy:
 - o Help set up for the Paschal Feast.
- 6pm Pre-paschal nap. Rest up for the feast!

Pascha "The Feast of Feasts"

- 10pm **Midnight Service, Rush procession, and Paschal Liturgy** w/feast afterwards!
 - o Bring your decorated candle and Pascha Basket with food to break the fast!

4/12, Sunday

- 1pm **Agape Vespers**- The Gospel is read in every language (that we can read). We hear the good news of the Resurrection proclaimed to the ends of the earth!
 - o **Sign up to read!**
- after Agape Vespers, stay for the potluck picnic, egg hunt, and more!

Additional Holy Week Resources for Kids

<https://www.asceticlifeofmotherhood.com/blog/holyweekguide>

<https://www.tending-the-garden.com/holy-week-and-pascha-at-home>

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2396> "The Experience of Holy Week"