

ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, RUGBY

PROGRAMME FOR GREAT LENT 2020

| REGULAR SERVICES EACH WEEK | | | |
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| Saturday | | 7.00 pm | Vespers of Sunday On the evening before the first Sunday in each month, Great Vespers will be served by Priest and Choir. On other occasions, Vespers may be sung as a Reader's service. |
| Sunday | | 9.30 am 10.15 am After lunch ≈ 1.00 pm | Matins The Divine Liturgy Lenten Vespers (Vespers of Compunction) |
| Friday | | 7.00 pm | Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |

| ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO REGULAR PATTERN OF SERVICES (Other additional services as announced from week to week) | | | |
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| Saturday 29 February | | 6.00 pm | Presentation by Peter Desmond: Orthodox Iconography on Mount Athos Today Followed by Great Vespers at 7 pm |
| Sunday 1 March | Sunday of Cheese-fare | | Lenten Vespers ends with the 'Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness' |
| Monday 2 March | Saint Chad of Lichfield | 3.00 pm ≈ 3.30 pm | Akathist to our Father among the Saints, Chad, Bishop of Lichfield Great Compline with the Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete |
| Friday 6 March | 1st Friday of Lent | | After the Presanctified Liturgy: Blessing of Kollyva in honour of Saint Theodore |
| Sunday 8 March | 1st Sunday of Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy | 7.00 pm | The Divine Liturgy is followed by the Service of the Triumph of Orthodoxy and Procession with the Holy Icons NO Lenten Vespers after Lunch Pan-Orthodox Vespers Church of the Transfiguration, Westwood Heath Road, Coventry CV4 8GP |
| Saturday 14 March | 2nd Saturday of Lent | 10.00 am 10.20 am | The Hours The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom |
| Sunday 15 March | 2nd Sunday of Lent Saint Gregory Palamas | 6.00 pm | NO Lenten Vespers after Lunch Lenten Vespers and visit of the Relics of Saint George: HE Archbishop Nikitas will preside Church of the Dormition of the Mother of God and the Holy Apostle Andrew 8 Arthur Place, Summer Hill, Birmingham B1 3DA |
| Sunday 22 March | 3rd Sunday of Lent Veneration of the Cross | | The Veneration of the Cross will take place at the end of Matins – around 10.15 am |
| Wednesday 25 March | The Annunciation | 7.00 pm | Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom |
| Saturday 28 March | 4th Saturday of Lent | 10.00 am 10.20 am | The Hours The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom |

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PROGRAMME FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2020

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| Saturday 11 April | Lazarus Saturday | 10.00 am 10.20 am 7.00 pm | The Hours The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom Great Vespers of Palm Sunday |
| Sunday 12 April | Palm Sunday | 1.00 pm | The Blessing of Palms takes place at the end of Matins – around 10.15 am Bridegroom Matins begins immediately after lunch |
| Wednesday 15 April | Great & Holy Wednesday | 2.00 pm 7.00 pm | Reading of the Psalter in many languages The Mystery of Holy Unction (Anointing) |
| Thursday 16 April | Great & Holy Thursday | 10.00 am 7.00 pm | Vespers with Divine Liturgy: The Mystical Supper Matins with the Twelve Passion Gospels: The Office of the Redeeming Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| Friday 17 April | Great & Holy Friday | 10.00 am 2.00 pm 7.00 pm | The Royal Hours Great Vespers: The taking down of Our Lord's Body from the Cross (Apokathelosis) Matins of the Crucifixion: The Praises (Lamentations) |
| Saturday 18 April | Great & Holy Saturday | 10.00 am 11.30 pm | Vespers with Divine Liturgy Nocturne followed by Procession and Paschal Matins |
| Sunday 19 April | Holy Pascha | 1.00 am 11.00 am | Divine Liturgy of Pascha *** NO LITURGY ON SUNDAY MORNING *** Paschal Vespers of Love |