



# Sts Michael & Gabriel Orthodox Church 2023 Great Lent & Holy Week Schedule of Services

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Date		Service details
Saturday	18 February	<p><b><u>Saturday of the Souls</u></b></p> <p>1. Divine Liturgy: 9:00am (at SMG)</p> <p>2. Archdiocese Divine Liturgy/ Trisagion: 12:00pm Location: Antiochian Orthodox Pavilion at Rookwood Cemetery (see FrM for map) (Chapel of the Holy Resurrection; Oliver Ave Rookwood Cemetery)</p>
Sunday	19 February	<p><b><u>Sunday of Judgement (Meatfare Sunday)</u></b></p> <p>1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am Followed by Meatfare Sunday Annual Parish BBQ</p>
Sunday	26 February	<p><b><u>Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)</u></b></p> <p>1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am</p> <p><b>2. Archdiocese Vespers Service for Sunday of Forgiveness and St Raphael of Brooklyn</b> Time: 6:00pm Location: St Nicholas Punchbowl; 11 Henry St Punchbowl (No Arabic Liturgy at SMG this evening)</p>
Monday	27 February	<p><b>FIRST DAY OF GREAT LENT – GREAT LENT FAST STARTS TODAY</b></p> <p><b>Great Compline and 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Canon of St Andrew</b> Time: 7:00pm → <i>Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm</i></p>
Tuesday	28 February	<p><b>Great Compline and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from Canon of St Andrew</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Wednesday	01 March	<p><b>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Thursday	02 March	<p><b>Great Compline and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading from Canon of St Andrew</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Friday	03 March	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Akathist to the Theotokos</b> Time: 7:00pm → <i>Akathist in Arabic at 5:45pm</i></p>
Sunday	05 March	<p><b><u>Sunday of Orthodoxy</u></b></p> <p>1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am followed by <b>the procession of The Icons</b> *** Reminder . . . . bring an icon from home for the procession ***</p> <p><b>2. Archdiocese Vespers Service for Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> Time: 6:00pm Location: St Mary's Mays Hill; 139 Burnett St Mays Hill (No Arabic Liturgy at SMG this evening)</p>
Monday	06 March	<p><b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm → <i>Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm</i></p>
Tuesday	07 March	<p><b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>

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Wednesday	08 March	<b>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</b> Time: 7:00pm
Thursday	09 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm
Friday	10 March	<b>2nd Akathist to the Theotokos</b> Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic at 5:45pm
Sunday	12 March	<b><u>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</u></b> 1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am 2. Sunday Evening Arabic Liturgy. Time: 6:00pm
Monday	13 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm → Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm
Tuesday	14 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	15 March	<b>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</b> Time: 7:00pm
Thursday	16 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm
Friday	17 March	<b>3rd Akathist to the Theotokos</b> Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic at 5.45pm
Sunday	19 March	<b><u>Sunday of Veneration of The Holy Cross</u></b> 1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am followed by <b>the procession of the Holy Cross</b> 2. Sunday Evening Arabic Service. Time: 6.00pm
Monday	20 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm → Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm
Tuesday	21 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	22 March	<b>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</b> Time: 7:00pm
Thursday	23 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm
Friday	24 March	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Akathist to the Theotokos followed by Vespers for The Annunciation of the Theotokos</b> Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic 5:45pm
Saturday	25 March	<b><u>Annunciation of the Theotokos</u></b> <b>Matins 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am</b> <b>Followed by Parish Retreat Day</b>
Sunday	26 March	<b><u>Sunday of St. John Climacus of the Ladder</u></b> 1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am 2. Sunday Evening Arabic Service. Time: 6:00pm
Monday	27 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm → Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm
Tuesday	28 March	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm

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Wednesday	29 March	<b>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</b> Time: 7:00pm
Thursday	30 March	<b>Small Compline with full reading of the Canon of St Andrew</b> Time: 7:00pm
Friday	31 March	<b>5<sup>th</sup> (final) Akathist to the Theotokos – the full Akathist Hymn is chanted tonight</b> Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic at 5:45pm
<b>* * Reminder – daylight saving ends on Sunday 02 April, adjust your clocks back 1 hour * *</b>		
Sunday	02 April	<b><u>Sunday of St Mary of Egypt</u></b> 1. Matins: 9.00am, Divine Liturgy: 10.00am 2. Sunday Evening Arabic Service. Time: 6.00pm
Monday	03 April	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm → Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm
Tuesday	04 April	<b>Great Compline</b> Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	05 April	<b>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</b> Time: 7:00pm
Thursday	06 April	<b>Small Compline with full reading of the Life of St Mary of Egypt</b> Time: 7:00pm
Friday	07 April	<b>Small Compline with Cannon of St Lazarus</b> Time: 7:00pm
Saturday	08 April	<b><u>Lazarus Saturday</u></b> <b>1. Divine Liturgy</b> Time: 9:00am <i>Followed by Decoration of the Church for Palm Sunday</i> <b>2. Great Vespers</b> Time: 6.00pm
Sunday	09 April	<b><u>Palm Sunday – Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem</u></b> <b>1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am</b> <i>Followed by the Palm Sunday procession</i> <b>2. Bridegroom Matins</b> Time: 7:00pm (No Arabic Liturgy at SMG this evening)

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<b>HOLY WEEK</b>		
Monday	10 April	<p><b>Great &amp; Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy</b> Time: 7.00am (morning service)</p> <p><b>Bridegroom Matins</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Tuesday	11 April	<p><b>Great &amp; Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy</b> Time: 7:00am (morning service)</p> <p><b>Bridegroom Matins</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Wednesday	12 April	<p><b>Great &amp; Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy</b> Time: 7:00am (morning service)</p> <p><b>Holy Unction Service (service of the Holy Oil)</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Thursday	13 April	<p><b>Great &amp; Holy Thursday Vespereal Liturgy of St Basil the Great</b> Time: 7:00am (morning service)</p> <p><b>Service of the 12 Passion Gospels</b> Time: 7:00pm</p>
Friday	14 April	<p><b><u>Great &amp; Holy Friday (Good Friday)</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Service of the Royal Hours</b> <b>Time: 9.00am – 11.00am</b></p> <p><b>2. Holy Friday Vespers: Removal of Christ from the Cross</b> <b>Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <i>Followed by decoration of the Bier</i></p> <p><b>3. Holy Saturday Matins: Burial of Christ and the Lamentations</b> <b>Time: 7:00pm</b></p>
Saturday	15 April	<p><b><u>Great &amp; Holy Saturday</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Time: 9.00am</b></p> <p><b>** Remember to bring coloured eggs to be blessed on Pascha night</b></p> <p><b>2. Great and Holy Pascha Service</b> <b>Time: 8:00pm</b></p>
Sunday	16 April	<p><b><u>Great and Holy Pascha. Christ is Risen!</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Time: 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>2. Archdiocese Agape Vespers of Love</b> Time: 6.00pm Location: St Nicholas, Punchbowl; 11 Henry St, Punchbowl Followed by Paschal greetings with His Eminence Metropolitan Basilios at 7.00pm (No Arabic Liturgy at SMG this evening)</p>