

**ST ANDREW UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2026 GREAT FAST AND EASTER (PASCHA) SCHEDULE**

<b>REMINDER: NO WEEKDAY MORNING LITURGIES DURING THE GREAT FAST</b>			
Schedule is subject to change – Please check weekly bulletin for updates			
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
First day of Great Fast	February 15	All day	<i>No meat and dairy products are permitted.</i>
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (English)	February 18, 25 March 4, 11, 18	6:30PM	<i>Abstinence from meat is <b>mandatory</b> and Fasting is encouraged on every Wednesday during Great Fast.</i>
Every Friday during Great Fast	February 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27	All day	<i>Abstinence from meat is <b>mandatory</b>. Fasting is encouraged.</i>
<i>Sorokousty</i>	February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21, 28	After 9:00am Liturgy	Names of deceased loved one's read aloud after Saturday morning Liturgy
Great Feast of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>(Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	March 25	6:30pm	St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy <i>Abstinence from meat is <b>encouraged</b>. <b>No fasting permitted.</b></i>
Palm Sunday (Great Feast)	March 29	Normal weekend Liturgy schedule – Myrovanya and Blessing of willow branches at all Liturgies	
Holy and Great Monday <i>(Abstinence from meat is <b>mandatory</b> on this day. Fasting is encouraged.)</i>	March 30	6:30pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts with Gospel
Holy and Great Tuesday <i>(Abstinence from meat is <b>mandatory</b> on this day. Fasting is encouraged.)</i>	March 31	6:30pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts with Gospel
Holy and Great Wednesday <i>(Abstinence from meat is <b>mandatory</b> on this day. Fasting is encouraged.)</i>	April 1	6:30pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts with Gospel
Holy and Great Thursday <i>(Abstinence from meat is <b>mandatory</b> on this day. Fasting is encouraged.)</i>	April 2	10:30am	Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil the Great with Washing the Feet ( <b><i>This service at St Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral</i></b> )
		6:00pm	Matins & Reading of 12 Gospels at St. Andrew
Holy and Great Friday <i>(No meat or dairy products are permitted on this day.)</i>	April 3	5:00pm	Vespers; Exposition and Veneration of Holy Shroud
		9:00pm	Evening Vigil (9:00pm until Midnight)
Holy and Great Saturday <i>(Abstinence from meat is mandatory on this day. Fasting is not permitted.)</i>	April 4	9:00am	Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St Basil (Eng)
		3:00pm	Blessing of Baskets – Easter Food (Ukr)
		5:00pm	Blessing of Baskets – Easter Food (Eng)
Pascha (Easter) Sunday <i>(No fasting during Bright Week only.)</i>	April 5	7:00am	Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom with Myrovanya and Blessing of Artos (Ukrainian with Choir)
		12:00NN	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom with Myrovanya (English)

**Abstinence** - we do not eat a certain type of food or any other foods that have that as an ingredient.

**Fasting** - we eat less food. A general rule is that for a day of fast, the amount of food of the main meal is less than the other two meals combined. (For example: Breakfast = snack, Lunch = snack, Supper = normal meal).

**Those exempt from fasting and abstinence are:** Children under the age of 14; Adults over the age of 60; those who are gravely ill; pregnant women; post-partum mothers; breast-feeding mothers; travelers (if travel time exceeds 8 hours); those engaged in heavy labor; the poor who live from charity