

# Liturgical Calendar for the Year of Grace 2009

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Date	Day	Description
January 1	Thu	Circumcision of the Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday before Theophany</b>
January 5	Mon	Vigil of Theophany (JORDAN)
January 6	Tue	Theophany-JORDAN of Our Lord – Great BLESSING OF WATER
January 7	Wed	Synaxis of the holy Forerunner, Prophet and Baptist John
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday after Theophany</b>
<b>January 18</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Third-sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>January 25</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of Zacchaeus</b>
January 30	Fri	Feast of the 3 Holy Bishops: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom
<b>February 1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee</b>
February 2	Mon	Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna; Cheesefare Saturday
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>
February 14	Sat	First All-Souls' Saturday (commemoration of the departed)
<b>February 15</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Meatfare Sunday</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Cheesefare Sunday</b>
February 23 - April 3		<b>THE GREAT FAST "Velykyj Pist" - (Lent)</b>
February 23 - March 1		First Week of the Great Fast
February 23	Mon	First Day of the Great Fast Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
February 25	Wed	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
February 27	Fri	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>First Sunday of the Great Fast (Sunday of Orthodoxy)</b>

March 2-8		Second Week of the Great Fast
March 4	Wed	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 6	Fri	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 7	Sat	Second All-Souls' Saturday (commemoration of the departed)
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday of the Great Fast (St. Gregory Palamas)</b>
March 9-15		Third Week of the Great Fast
March 9	Mon	The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 11	Wed	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 13	Fri	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 14	Sat	Third All-Souls' Saturday (commemoration of the departed)
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday of the Great Fast (Veneration of the Holy Cross)</b>
March 16-22		Fourth Week of the Great Fast
March 18	Wed	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 20	Fri	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 21	Sat	Fourth All-Souls' Saturday (commemoration of the Departed)
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. John Climacus)</b>
March 23-29		Fifth Week of the Great Fast
<b>March 24</b>		<b>Matins of the Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete</b>
March 25	Wed	Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
March 27	Fri	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
March 28	Sat	Akathistos Saturday <b>Akathist Hymn</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast</b>
March 30 - April 4		Sixth Week of the Great Fast (which ends on Friday)
April 1	Wed	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
April 3	Fri	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
April 4	Sat	Lazarus Saturday
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Palm (Flowery) Sunday (Blessing of Willows – Flowery Sunday)</b>
April 6-April 11		Great and Holy Week
April 6	Mon	Great and Holy Monday
April 7	Tue	Great and Holy Tuesday
April 8	Wed	Great and Holy Wednesday – Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

April 9	Thu	Great and Holy Thursday – Div. Lit. of St. Basil the Great- 12 Gospels
April 10	Fri	Great and Holy Friday – PLASCHENYTSYA, Burial of Our Lord
April 11	Sat	Great and Holy Saturday – Jerusalem Matins
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>PASCHA: The Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ</b>
<b>April 13-18</b>		<b>Bright Week</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Thomas Sunday</b>
April 23	Tue	Great Martyr George the Wonder-worker
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women</b>
May 3	Sun	Sunday of the Paralytic
May 6	Wed	Mid-Pentecost
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</b>
May 20	Wed	Leave-taking of Pascha
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>The Ascension of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicean Council</b>
May 30	Sat	Memory of all Faithful Departed
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday (Green Holy Day – Zeleny Sviata)</b>
June 6	Sat	Leave-taking of Pentecost
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of All Saints</b>
June 8 - June 28		The Apostles' Fast
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>
June 24	Wed	Birth of the Holy Prophet, Apostle and Forerunner John
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
June 29	Mon	The Holy Apostles Ss. Peter and Paul
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Cou</b>
July 20	Mon	Holy Prophet Elijah
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
August 1-14		Dormition Fast
August 1	Sat	Procession of the Holy Cross

<b>August 2</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>August 6</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, and post festive day of Transfiguration</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>The Dormition of the Mother of God</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, and post festive day of the Dormition</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, and leave-taking of the Dormition</b>
August 29	Sat	Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
<b>August 30</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, and post festive day of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist</b>
<b>September 1</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Beginning of the Church Year</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
September 8	Tue	Nativity of the Mother of God
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
September 14	Mon	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
September 21	Mon	We begin the continuous reading of the Gospel of Saint Luke at the Divine Liturgy, which will continue until the Great Fast. As a result, this year there is a one-week discrepancy, so the Gospel read on September 27 is for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
September 26	Sat	Dormition of Saint John the Theologian
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Protection of the Mother of God - POKROVA</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
October 9	Fri	Holy Apostle James Alpheus
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; the Holy Apostle Luke</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Great-martyr Demetrius</b>
October 26	Mon	Holy Great-martyr Demetrius
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Archangel Michael and Angel Gabriel</b>
November 15 - December 24		St. Phillip's Fast
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>

November 21	Sat	Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, and post festive day of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple</b>
November 26	Thu	Thanksgiving Day
<b>November 29</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Father Nicholas of Myra</b>
December 9	Wed	Maternity of Holy Anna (Conception of St. Anna)
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Forefathers)</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Ancestors)</b>
December 24	Thu	Vigil of the Nativity
December 25	Fri	<b>Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ</b>
December 26	Sat	Synaxis of the Mother of God
December 27	Sun	Sunday after Nativity; The Commemoration of the Relatives of the Lord: Saints Joseph, James and David; the Holy Apostle and First Martyr Stephen
December 31	Thu	Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Lord