

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Ft. Myers, FL

Services of GREAT LENT 2012

Cheesefare Sunday	Feb 26	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	
Clean Monday	Feb 27	Compline 6pm		
Wednesday	Feb 29	Presanctified Liturgy		6:30pm
Friday	March 2	Salutations		6:30pm
Saturday	March 3	Saturday of Souls (<i>faithful bring names of departed & Kolyva</i>) 9:00am		
Sunday of Orthodoxy	March 4	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	<i>Procession to follow Liturgy</i>
Wednesday	March 7	Presanctified Liturgy		6:30pm
Friday	March 9	Salutations		6:30pm
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	March 11	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	
Wednesday	March 14	Presanctified Liturgy		6:30pm
Friday	March 16	Salutations		6:30 p.m.
Sunday of the Holy Cross	March 18	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	with <i>Procession</i>
Wednesday	March 21	Presanctified Liturgy		6:30pm
Friday	March 23	Salutations		6:30pm
Saturday	March 24	Great Vespers		6:30 p.m.
Sunday of Annunciation	March 25	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	Luncheon to follow
Wednesday	March 28	Presanctified		6:30 p.m.
Friday	March 30	Akathist		6:30pm
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	April 1	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	
Wednesday	April 4	Presanctified Liturgy		6:30pm
Saturday of Lazarus	April 7	Div Lit 9am w/ Palm Cross Making & Luncheon		
Palm Sunday	April 8	Orthros 9am	Div Lit 10am	& Luncheon to Follow

The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts is a special liturgy only conducted during Lent. Because Lent is a very solemn time we do not celebrate a Divine Liturgy. The gifts instead are consecrated at the Liturgy on Sunday for Wednesday. Fasting after the noon meal should be from everything in order to receive communion that evening.

Salutations are a special service dedicated to the Theotokos. They originated from a miracle in 626 when the icon of the Mother of God and child was carried around the city while being attacked. A great storm arose and huge tidal wave destroyed the enemy. The faithful filled the church and sang praises to the Mother of God.