



HOLY WEEK and PASCHA

April 9 2026 Holy Wednesday

Dear Members and Friends of the Parish,

We are in the middle of Holy Week and Pascha is coming!

A few quick reminders to everyone:

PASCHA is on Saturday April 11 @ 11PM and goes till Sunday early morning!(Not Sunday morning)

Quick reminder please do not park in the residential zones or block people's driveways, our neighbours are really nice and there are good parking options in the neighbourhood.

If you are leaving services in the evening or late at night on Pascha – don't be loud or slam your doors.

Questions people always ask:

When do you bless the baskets? – at the end of the Paschal Liturgy(around 2:30AM)

Where do I put my basket – in Trapeza downstairs(there is not enough room in the sanctuary for baskets and the procession goes into the exonarthex)

Can I have confession for Pascha? – Yes confession is at 3pm on Saturday afternoon.

When do I start communion fast for Pascha? – don't eat after 6pm if you are communing on Pascha

Upcoming Services:

April 9 Thursday

6PM - Matins 12 Gospels of the Crucifixion

April 10 Friday

8AM – Royal Hours of the Crucifixion

3PM – Vespers of Burial of Christ and Procession

5:30PM – Lamentation Matins

April 11 Saturday

10AM – Vesperal Liturgy

3PM – Confessions for Pascha

10:30PM – Reading of the Acts of the Apostles

11:30PM – **PASCHA!**

April 12 Sunday

1PM – Paschal Vespers and shared Lunch(bring something to share)

Thomas Sunday and Radonitsa

April 19 5PM – Vigil

April 20 10AM – Liturgy and Radonitsa blessing of the graves at Royal Oak Cemetery

You can see all of the upcoming services on our website, here: <https://saintsophia.ca/monthly-services-calendar-2/>

May God bless you all, and may we behold Christ's Holy Resurrection!

Father Philosoph