

Summary to end the Religious Education Year, 2020-2021

Holy Week begins with the Bridegroom services starting on the evening of Palm Sunday. They are the matins services of each day, done in the evenings. Also Presanctified Liturgies continue in the mornings through Wednesday. There is tremendous meaning to these services and many lessons to be learned from them. Attend as many as you can and open your ears and hearts.

Holy Unction is offered on Wednesday. Along with beautiful hymns and lessons, there are 7 Epistle, Gospel and prayers to prepare us for the holy mystery.

Thursday morning the Divine Liturgy commemorates the first Eucharist of Our Lord and His Disciples. In the evening the 12 Gospels tell of Our Lord's Passion.

Great and Holy Friday is a very solemn day. Christ is remembered in the Unnailing from the Cross, Entombment and the lamentations.

Holy Saturday we remember Christ harrowing Hades, breaking the bonds of the ancient curse on mankind.

The Anastasi Resurrection Service is the greatest celebration of Christianity.

The Agape Vespers beautifully proclaim the Resurrected Christ.

Starting in Bright Week, we enter the season of Pentecost. If 23 April falls during Lent or Holy Week, the Feast Day of St. George is celebrated on Bright Monday.

As the start of the Lenten preparation opens the Triodion (book of hymns and prayers for the season), the book of the Pentacostarion is used for the season of Pentecost.

As during Lent, the Sundays of this season are fixed:

St. Thomas

Myrrh Bearers

Paralytic

Samaritan Woman

Blind Man

Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Pentecost

Please make use of the resources noted in these lessons going back to September to help you gain more insight and knowledge about our Church and her Theology.

God bless us and keep us under His Shelter always!