

ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, RUGBY

PROGRAMME OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2026

Father Kosmas is still unwell, and may find it difficult to serve any given service without the assistance of another Priest or Deacon. Services are thus *provisional* on the attendance of another Priest or Deacon to serve with Father Kosmas. It may be necessary to cancel or change the times of services at short notice. Please check the Parish website (www.orthodoxcommunityrugby.com) for the latest details of services.

Saturday 4 April	Lazarus Saturday	7.00 pm	Great Vespers of Palm Sunday
Sunday 5 April	Palm Sunday	10.10 am	The Hours
		10.30 am	The Blessing of Palms will take place at the end of the Hours
		10.50 am	The Divine Liturgy
		TBC	The Divine Liturgy will be followed by Bridegroom Matins (abbreviated)
Wednesday 8 April	Great and Holy Wednesday	7.00 pm	The Mystery of Holy Unction (Anointing, Efchelaion)
Thursday 9 April	Great and Holy Thursday	10.30 am	Vespers with the Divine Liturgy: The Mystical Supper
		7.00 pm	Matins with the Twelve Passion Gospels: The Office of the Redeeming Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Friday 10 April	Great and Holy Friday	2.00 pm	Great Vespers: The taking down of Our Lord's Body from the Cross (Apokathelosis)
		7.00 pm	Matins of the Crucifixion: The Praises (Lamentations)
Saturday 11 April	Great and Holy Saturday	10.30 am	Vespers with the Divine Liturgy
		11.30 pm	Nocturne followed by Procession and Paschal Matins
			The Blessing of Paschal Baskets will take place at the end of Matins
Sunday 12 April	Holy Pascha	1.00 am	Divine Liturgy of Pascha
			NB: NO SERVICES AT THE USUAL TIMES ON SUNDAY MONING