



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia

ST. SPYRIDON PARISH

Programme of Services

HOLY WEEK 2018



PALM SUNDAY
1st April

Morning..... Matins and Divine Liturgy 7.30 – 10.30 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION** and distribution of Palm Crosses)
Evening..... The Service of the BRIDEGROOM 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.
(Procession of the Lord's Holy Icon)

HOLY MONDAY
2nd April

Morning..... Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7.30 – 9.00 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION**)
Evening..... The Service of the BRIDEGROOM 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY
3rd April

Morning..... Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7.30 – 9.00 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION**)
Evening..... The Service of the BRIDEGROOM 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY
4th April

Morning..... Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7.30 – 9.00 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION**)
Afternoon... The Sacrament of Healing (**HOLY UNCTION**) 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.
(Anointing with **HOLY OIL**)
Evening..... Matins of Holy Thursday 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY
5th April

Morning..... Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great 5.00 – 7.00 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION**)
Evening..... Service of the **HOLY PASSION OF CHRIST** 7.00 – 10.30 p.m.
(12 **GOSPEL READINGS** and Procession of **HOLY CRUCIFIX**)

HOLY FRIDAY
6th April

Morning..... The Service of the Great and Imperial Hours 7.30 – 9.30 a.m.
(Decoration of Holy Epitaph)
Afternoon.... Vespers – **REMOVAL OF THE LORD FROM THE CROSS** 3.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Evening..... The **LAMENTATION** Service 7.00 – 11.00 p.m.
(The Lamentation Hymns and the Procession of the **HOLY EPITAPH**)

HOLY SATURDAY
7th April

Morning..... Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 5.30 – 7.30 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION**)
Evening..... The Preparatory Service for the Holy Resurrection at 11.00 p.m.
(Sharing of the **HOLY LIGHT**)

EASTER SUNDAY
8th April

Midnight..... The Service of the Life-giving and Glorious **RESURRECTION** of our Lord, followed by the Paschal Matins and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 12.00 - 2.15 a.m.
(**HOLY COMMUNION** and distribution of **EASTER EGGS**)
Morning..... The Vespers of **LOVE** (during which the Holy Gospel will be read in several languages) will be held at the Cathedral of "The Annunciation of our Lady", 242 Cleveland Street, Redfern, *celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos of Australia*, with the participation of His Grace, and all the reverend Clergy of Sydney **11.00 a.m.** Our devout Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this **JOYFUL** Easter Service.

- **Holy Communion** is always administered just before the end of each Divine Liturgy Service. We are all encouraged to **come to Church much earlier** for our spiritual edification before receiving the Holy Eucharist.
- Our faithful are reminded that during all Holy Services **the Collection Trays** are situated mindfully at the Entrance of our Church. We all **give cheerfully** to the Church because the Church also helps **those who are in need and in pain**.
- Let us all please be **considerate of the neighbours** at all times when parking our car in the vicinity of the church.
- For the **visual participation** in the worship Services by the more than ten thousand faithful who will gather outside our church on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday, an appropriate **screen** will be positioned externally. Modern **technology** makes this possible. And the Church blesses its use.
- The **ANZAC Day** Service will be held at our War Memorial Church of St. Spyridon on Saturday 28th April at 9.00 in the morning. It is a very moving Service honouring Australia's fallen. Please wear your family's medals and come! It will be an honour.