

Great Feast Days

of the Holy Orthodox Church

The following Feast Days should be attended by all Orthodox Christians whenever possible. These are great highlights in the story of our salvation that we are privileged to experience in the eternal present of the kingdom of God through the holy services of the Church. Note: Services begin on the eve of the Feast Day itself - indicated by ().

- September (7)-8:** **The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos**
Commemorating the Birth of the Virgin Mary from Joachim and Anna
- September (13)-14:** **The Elevation of the Precious & Lifegiving Cross**
Commemorating the Finding of the True Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
- November (20)-21:** **The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple**
Commemorating the Virgin Mary's entrance into the Temple as a child
- December (24)-25:** **The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
Commemorating the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Virgin Mary
- January (5)-6:** **The Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
Commemorating the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ by St. John
- February (1)-2:** **The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple**
Commemorating the Dedication of Christ at the Temple (Meeting with St. Simeon)
- March (24)-25:** **The Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos**
Commemorating the announcement of the conception of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Variable:** **The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)**
The Sunday before Great and Holy Pascha (Includes Lazarus Saturday)
- Variable:** **The Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
Commemorating the Lord's Ascension forty days after Pascha
- Variable:** **Great and Holy Pentecost**
Commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Pascha
- July (19)-20:** **Parish Patronal Feast Day: Holy Prophet Elijah**
The Commemoration of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah
- August (5)-6:** **The Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
Commemorating the revelation of Christ to His foremost apostle on Mt. Tabor
- August (14)-15:** **The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos**
Commemorating the Death or "Falling Asleep" of the Virgin Mary

Other Important Feast Days:

(Dec. 31)-Jan. 1: **The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ (+ St. Basil)**

June (28)-29: **The Holy Foremost of the Apostles Peter and Paul**