

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Passion Services (Passias), or the Sufferings of Christ, are conducted solemnly throughout Ukraine on the first four Fridays of the Great Fast, but where it is difficult to gather on that day, they are conducted on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy or after vespers.

A "Golgotha" (a tall icon of the crucified Christ) is placed in the center of the Church, and in front but to the sides are placed tall candle holders. A pulpit with the Holy Gospel placed on it is set behind the Golgotha. When a separate Golgotha is not available, then a larger cross, draped in black cloth, is set in its place.

Passion services were introduced into the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church first during the leadership of the Metropolitan of Kyiv, Petro Mohyla (+1647 AD), in remembrance of the sufferings of Christ and the sufferings of the Ukrainian Church under her oppressors.

The Three Aspects of Fasting...

Prayer



Abstinence



Almsgiving



The Fast — is a period of spiritual strengthening. If we are not able to give God all our life, then let us dedicate the times of fasting to Him, without compromise — let us intensify our prayer, let us increase our charity, let us tame our passions, let us make peace with our enemies.

Fr. Alexander Elchaninov

Message from the Dean

*Dear brothers & sisters of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Community
in Edmonton!*

On behalf of our Ukrainian Orthodox clergy, who serve the congregations of this city faithfully, I wish to convey our sincere & fervent prayers for a blessed & edifying Holy & Great Fast.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion, we are pleased to invite you to our Lenten services which serve to turn our focus to communion with God & to increase our knowledge of the Orthodox faith through interesting & interactive lectures.

We look forward to worshipping with you!

*In Christ, the Saviour,
Protopresbyter Stephan Semotiuk*



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Invites you & your
family to attend...

Lenten Services 2023



The Holy & Great Fast &
Holy Week

*"O Lord & Master
of my life..."*

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
THE HOLY & GREAT FAST
2023**

**THE FIRST WEEK OF THE
HOLY & GREAT FAST:**

**"FORGIVENESS" VESPERS
(6:00 PM)**

SUNDAY, 26 February

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
(10951 — 107 Street)

**GREAT COMPLINE WITH THE
READING OF THE
GREAT PENITENTIAL CANON
OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE
(6:00 PM EACH EVENING)**

MONDAY, 27 February

St. Andrew Sobor
(9831 — 75 Street)

TUESDAY, 28 February

St. Elia Church
(11833 — 66 Street)

WEDNESDAY, 01 March

St. Michael Church
(12104 — 129 Avenue)

THURSDAY, 02 March

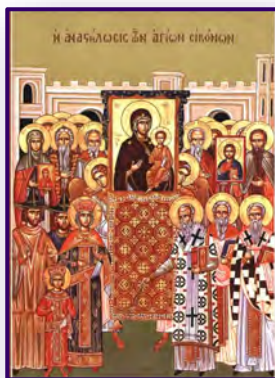
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
(10951 — 107 Street)

**LITURGY OF THE
PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
(9:30 AM)**

FRIDAY, 03 March

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
(10951 — 107 Street)

**THE TRIUMPH OF
ORTHODOXY
(1st Sunday of the Fast)**



05 MARCH

6:00 PM Vespers

**St. Anthony Church
(6103 — 172 Street)**

- Celebration with clergy & faithful of local Orthodox communities
- Procession of icons with participation of children & youth from local Orthodox communities
- Light lunch & fellowship in the church hall, following Vespers

Come to proclaim & celebrate the truths of the Orthodox Faith with your brothers & sisters of the Orthodox communities in Edmonton & area!

(If you would like to sing in the choir or would like your child to participate in the procession, please speak with your priest.)

**PASSIA SERVICES
(6:00 PM EACH SUNDAY)**

12 March

**2nd Sunday of the Fast
(St. Gregory Palamas)**

St. Elia Church
(11833 — 66 Street)

Lecture:

Priest Yuriy Suchevan

19 March

**3rd Sunday of the Fast
(Cross Veneration)**

St. Andrew Sobor
(9831 — 75 Street)

Lecture:

Priest Vasyi Maskal

26 March

**4th Sunday of the Fast
(St. John Climacus)**

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
(10951 — 107 Street)

Lecture:

Priest Dr. Timothy Chrapko

02 April

**5th Sunday of the Fast
(St. Mary of Egypt)**

St. Michael Church
(12104 — 129 Avenue)

Lecture:

Deacon Evan Panchuk

All faithful are invited to enjoy a light lunch & coffee after each Passia & are encouraged to participate in the lectures. We look forward to your questions & the discussion of vital aspects of our common inheritance—the Holy Orthodox Faith!