



## **April Services & Holy Week Schedule** **Greek Orthodox Church Durban**

As we approach the radiant Feast of Holy Pascha, we are called to walk prayerfully with Christ through the remaining days of Lent and His saving Passion. These sacred services prepare our hearts to witness the Resurrection  

 **All Holy Week services (April 13–20) will be held at Durban North Greek Orthodox Church**

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### **Friday, April 4 – Akathyst Hymn**

 **Time:** 16:00

**Venue:** Durban North Greek Orthodox Church

A beautiful Lenten hymn of praise to the Theotokos, chanted in reverence during the final Friday of the Salutations.

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### **Sunday, April 6 – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

 **Time:** 8:30 AM Matins | Followed by the Divine Liturgy

*This final Sunday of Great Lent honours the great repentant Saint Mary of Egypt, reminding us of the boundless mercy of God through repentance.*

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### **Lazarus Saturday – April 12**

 **Time:** 8:30 AM Matins | Followed by the Divine Liturgy

*Christ raises Lazarus from the dead, pointing toward His own Resurrection.*

### ◆ Palm Sunday – April 13

#### **Morning Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 8:30 AM Matins | Followed by the Divine Liturgy

#### **Evening Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 18:00 – Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service

*We joyfully welcome Christ as King before journeying with Him to the Cross.*

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### ◆ Holy Monday – April 14

🕒 **Time:** 18:00 – Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service

*We remember the withered fig tree and Christ's teaching on spiritual fruitfulness.*

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### ◆ Holy Tuesday – April 15

🕒 **Time:** 18:00 – Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service

*We hear the parable of the Ten Virgins, calling us to spiritual vigilance.*

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### ◆ Holy Wednesday – April 16

🕒 **Time:** 18:00 – Holy Unction (Sacrament of Healing)

*Anointing for the healing of soul and body as we prepare for Pascha.*

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### ◆ Holy Thursday – April 17

#### **Morning Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 8:30 AM Matins | Followed by the Divine Liturgy

*Commemoration of the Mystical Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist.*

#### **Evening Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 18:00 – Service of the Twelve Gospels

*The solemn reading of Christ's Passion.*

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### ◆ Holy Friday – April 18

#### **Morning Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 9:00 – Royal Hours

#### **Evening Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 17:30 – Epitaphios (Lamentations Service)

*We mourn at the Tomb of Christ with hymns of profound beauty.*

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### ◆ Holy Saturday – April 19

#### **Morning Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 8:30 – Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

*Anticipation of the Resurrection begins as light enters the Church.*

#### **Evening Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 23:00 – Midnight Office leading into the Paschal Vigil

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### ✦ Holy Pascha – Easter Sunday – April 20

#### **Midnight Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 00:00 – Resurrection Service & Divine Liturgy

*“Christ is Risen!” – Join us in the joy of the Resurrection!*

#### **Morning Service:**

🕒 **Time:** 11:00 – Vespers of Love (Agape Service)

*Gospel proclaimed in many languages, sharing the Good News with all.*

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### ◆ Sunday, April 27 – Sunday of All Saints

🕒 **Time:** 8:30 AM Matins | Followed by the Divine Liturgy

*Celebrating all the Saints who shone forth through the Resurrection.*