

Easter Services 2024

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Holy Week Begins

Palm Sunday Service

The Temporary Triumph of the Light before its Obscuration

Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:00 am

Please join us for this holiday Mass with the blessing and procession of the palms to commemorate the triumphal entry of the Light into the Heavenly City. Palm Sunday marks an important initiation of our mystical participation in Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Eucharist

The Mystery of the Eucharist

Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:30 pm

The Eucharist is preceded by the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet in commemoration of the Last Supper. A procession of the most holy sacrament exposed in the monstrance is enacted, as well as the blessing of holy oils for the year.

Good Friday Service

The Mystery of Suffering: Human and Divine

Friday, March 29, 2024 7:30 pm

This Gnostic service is restored from the Gnostic Acts of John and contains the sacred dance often translated as the Hymn of Jesus. Scholars believe that this simple dance is a mystery ritual and may be one of the earliest Christian rituals.

Holy Saturday Vigil

The Descent of the Light before its Rising

Saturday, March 30, 2024 7:30 pm

This service includes the Blessing of the New Fire with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the Blessing of the Baptismal Water, Baptisms and concluding with the Easter Praeconium. Holy Saturday celebrates the timeless story of the Harrowing of Hell from the Acts of Pilate. In this story, enacted in Passion Plays throughout Christendom, the spirit of Christ descends into the underworld to rescue Adam and Eve and a host of ancient spirits from the bondage of the Archon.

Festival of the Risen Light

The Inner Resurrection

Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:00 am

In this Festival of the Risen Light, we celebrate the Resurrection of our own spiritual natures, as exemplified in the story of the resurrection of Jesus. The triumphant culmination of the archetypal events of Holy Week brings a precious opportunity to enter the dimension of the sacred in a mystical apotheosis and transformation of consciousness.