



## Orthodox Mission of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

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### *Great and Holy Week During the Pandemic* Week of April 12, 2020

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**Glory to Thy Long-Suffering, O Lord! Glory to Thee!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This is a Great and Holy Week like none other. The Services have been prepared and are ready to be prayed and sung by us. But we cannot gather physically to pray them and to sing the wonderful music together. Nevertheless, Brothers and Sisters, I remind you that we are yet one in community with one another insofar as we are one with Him.

I know that I will see most of you on Wednesday evening for the Presanctified Liturgy and Holy Unction. Glory to God! And, I know that I will see most of you again on the morning of Great and Holy Saturday at the end of the glorious Vespertine Liturgy of St. Basil. Glory to God again! It is at that Saturday morning Service when the tone and color of our worship turns from dark to light, and we have the first hint of the Resurrection of our Lord.

The other wondrous Divine Services of Great and Holy Week you should pray and sing safely at home. Reader Anthony and I will be at the church for all of them, but they will not be accessible for everyone due to their length, time and the need to shelter in place. I have put together a number of files, so that you can pray most of the services at home as we pray them in church. If you want to participate with the monks of Holy Cross Skete by means of their video streaming service, you certainly have my blessing to do so; I have it hyperlinked below. You can use the

texts for the propers and order of Divine Services that I have hyperlinked below to pray with them or together with your family.

- [Livestream the Divine Services of Holy Week from Holy Cross Monastery](#)
- [The Typika Service](#)
- **Great and Holy Thursday**
  - [Propers for the Liturgy of Great and Holy Thursday](#)
  - [Matins of Great and Holy Friday \(Passion Gospels\)](#)
- **Great and Holy Friday**
  - [Vespers Service for Home Use](#)
  - [Propers for Vespers of Great and Holy Friday](#)
  - [Matins of Great and Holy Saturday \(Lamentations at the Tomb\)](#)
- **Great and Holy Saturday**
  - [Propers for the Liturgy of Great and Holy Saturday \(AM\)](#)
  - [Paschal Matins \(PM\)](#)
- **Pascha**
  - [Divine Liturgy of Pascha](#)
  - [Propers for the Paschal Liturgy](#)

Remember that there is no salvation if we seek it for ourselves alone. It is our duty, our delight and our divine calling pray for the health and salvation of all human beings! At this time of crisis, it will continue to be our duty to pray for those who suffer and who die of the dreadful pestilence. Please keep to the discipline of saying prayers three times each day for those who suffer from the terrible COVID-19 virus. [Here is the hyperlink to the brief prayer service I have prepared for that purpose.](#) *May the Lord heal those who are ill, and may He receive the souls of those who have died, granting them mercy, peace, life and salvation.*

In Christ our true God,

Fr. Elias

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