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PROGRAM OF SERVICES MARCH 2026

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| DATE | FEAST | SERVICE | TIME |
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| Sunday 01/03 | First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy) | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 7:30-11:00am |
| | | Lenten Vespers | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Monday 02/03 | St Nicholas Planas | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday 03/03 | Martyrs Eutropios, Cleonikus and Basiliskus | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Youth Group: Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:15pm |
| Wednesday 04/03 | St Gerasimos (of the Jordan) | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:00-8:30pm |
| Thursday 05/03 | Konon the Gardener | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:00pm |
| Friday 06/03 | 2 nd Salutations to the Theotokos, Finding of the Precious Cross | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-9:00am |
| | | Catechism Course & Reception into the Orthodox Church for adults who wish to enter the Orthodox Faith | 6:00-7:00pm |
| | | 2 nd Salutations to the Theotokos | 7:00-8:30pm |
| Saturday 07/03 | 7 Hieromartyrs of Cherson | Matins & Divine Liturgy in the English language | 7:30-9:30am |
| | | Vespers | 5:00-5:45pm |
| Sunday 08/03 | Second Sunday of Great Lent (St Gregory Palamas) | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 7:30-11:00am |
| | | Lenten Vespers | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Monday 09/03 | 40 Martyrs of Sebastia | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday 10/03 | St Quadratus of Corinth and Companions | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Youth Group: Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:15pm |
| Wednesday 11/03 | St Sophronios of Jerusalem | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Sacrament of the Holy Unction (Anointing with Holy Oil) | 6:00-7:30pm |
| | | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-9:00pm |
| Thursday 12/03 | St Symeon the New Theologian | HOLY CONFESSION – A BLESSED OPPORTUNITY: Fr Antipas, a Confessor Father from the Holy Mountain of Mount Athos, who will be at Sts. Paraskevi and Barbara to offer the Sacrament of Holy Confession. No Appointment required. <i>“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”</i> | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:00pm |
| Friday 13/03 | 3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos, St Nicephoros | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-9:00am |
| | | Catechism Course & Reception into the Orthodox Church for adults who wish to enter the Orthodox Faith | 6:00-7:00pm |
| | | 3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos | 7:00-8:30pm |
| Saturday 14/03 | St Benedict | Matins & Divine Liturgy in the English language | 7:30-9:30am |
| | | Vespers | 5:00-5:45pm |
| Sunday 15/03 | Third Sunday of Great Lent (Veneration of the | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 7:30-11:00am |
| | | Lenten Vespers | 5:00-6:00pm |

| | Holy Cross) | | |
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| Monday 16/03 | Christodoulos of Patmos | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday 17/03 | St Alexios, the Man of God | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-9:00am |
| Wednesday 18/03 | St Cyril of Jerusalem | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-8:30pm |
| Thursday 19/03 | Sts Chrysanthos & Daria | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:00pm |
| Friday 20/03 | 4th Salutations to the Theotokos, Fathers of St Savvas | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-9:00am |
| | | Catechism Course & Reception into the Orthodox Church for adults who wish to enter the Orthodox Faith | 6:00-7:00pm |
| | | 4th Salutations to the Theotokos | 7:00-8:30pm |
| Saturday 21/03 | St James the Confessor | Matins & Divine Liturgy in the English language | 7:30-9:30am |
| | | Vespers | 5:00-5:45pm |
| Sunday 22/03 | Fourth Sunday of Great Lent (St John Climacus) | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 7:30-11:00am |
| | | Lenten Vespers | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Monday 23/03 | St Nikon the Hieromartyr | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday 24/03 | St Artemon the Hieromartyr | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Vespers for the Feast Day of the Annunciation of the Theotokos - presided by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady (242 Cleveland St, Redfern). All Welcome | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday 25/03 | Annunciation of the Theotokos | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 7:30-10:00am |
| | | Sacrament of the Holy Unction (Anointing with Holy Oil) | 6:00-7:30pm |
| Thursday 26/03 | Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 7:30-10:00am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:00pm |
| Friday 27/03 | Akathist Hymn – St Matrona | Presanctified Divine Liturgy | 7:30-9:00am |
| | | Catechism Course & Reception into the Orthodox Church for adults who wish to enter the Orthodox Faith | 6:00-7:00pm |
| | | Akathist Hymn | 7:00-9:00pm |
| Saturday 28/03 | St Hilarion the New | Welcoming Doxology for the Prime Minister of Greece , at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady (242 Cleveland St, Redfern). All Welcome. If you would like to attend, a bus will be available from St Paraskevi | 9:00am |
| | | Concert by the Greek National Opera , at the Darling Harbour Theatre (ICC Sydney, Darling Drive, Sydney). Tickets are required to attend. | 3:00pm |
| Sunday 29/03 | 5th Sunday of Great Lent (St Mary of Egypt) | Matins & Divine Liturgy | 6:00-9:00am |
| | | Greek National Day Celebrations , including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park (126 Elizabeth Street, Sydney), conducted by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia and attended by the Prime Minister of Greece. • Following the memorial service, the Traditional March from Hyde Park to the Sydney Opera House • Cultural program and traditional dancing on the forecourt of the Opera House shortly after the march If you would like to attend, a bus will be available from St Paraskevi | 11:00am onwards |
| Monday 30/03 | St John Climacus | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday 31/03 | St Hypatios of Gangra | Matins | 8:00-8:40am |
| | | Great Compline | 5:00-6:00pm |
| | | Youth Group: Bible Studies and Q&A in the English language | 6:00-7:15pm |