



ST. JOHN THE WONDERWORKER SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 304 BLAIR BLVD., EUGENE, OREGON 97402

Important 2016 Dates

In order that certain important commemorations and events do not spring on us when we are not prepared, here is a list of important 2016 dates. These are all dates that it would be wise to regard as a Sabbath: a time to set aside for Christ and spiritual fellowship – requesting time off work if possible – in order to join together with the brethren and *to be* in Christ.

The Apostle Paul calls us to awaken from our slumber and redeem the time “because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:14-16). The Church, through her incessant and loving call to prayer, provides the wake up call. It is transformative, restorative, and healing to gradually shed the concerns of the world and to assume the mind (*phronema*) of Christ, wherein the priorities of the Church become our priorities, the disposition of the Church becomes our disposition, and the Feasts of the Church become the cause for our celebration.

Of course, this is a *goal* and I fully understand that one’s work schedule may not allow for full participation in everything on this list. However, it is for this reason that the list has been prepared: to assist in developing priorities throughout the year as one manages both one’s time and one’s work and family schedule.

In order to assist those who are able to request time off work, there are **three lists**. One is a list according to the order of the **dates as they occur throughout the calendar year**. Another is a list of those **dates ranked by order of relative priority**. The final list is this same list of **dates by relative priority with all of the Sunday commemorations and evening services removed**, given that so many people have Sundays and evenings off work.

For the second and third list, the top priority dates are commemorations and events in which all Orthodox Christians should participate; the lower priority dates are important times during which Orthodox Christians gather, but should not be valued over higher priority dates. Note that for all Feasts and Great Feasts here mentioned, “Morning Liturgy” presumes a Vigil *the evening before*. Also, for us it goes without saying that every Sunday is the day to set aside and commemorate the Lord’s Resurrection: for two millennia Christians have kept vigil on Saturday evenings and joyously celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning.

Finally, try to be present and pray in church on the feast of your Patron or Slava saint. I strive to select the services of those saints that are patrons of our parishioners when we finalize each month’s church calendar and we have Matins and Vespers Monday-Friday throughout the week. It is worth looking up what day of the week the feast of your Heavenly Intercessor falls in 2016 so that you can prepare in advance.

In order to avoid ambiguity with dates, only New Calendar (Gregorian) dates have been used here, although it is otherwise normally our custom to provide Old Calendar dates alongside New Calendar dates.

Thank you.

In Christ,

Fr. Daniel

8/21 November 2015

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael † the other Bodiless Powers

List of Important Dates As They Occur Throughout the Calendar Year

January 6 (*Wednesday*): Eve of Nativity: Morning Royal Hours & Liturgy

January 6 (*Wednesday late evening*): Nativity (CHRISTMAS) (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Vigil *with* Liturgy – ***All the Faithful should be present***

January 7 (*Thursday*): Nativity (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Day of Rest

January 9 (*Saturday*): Visit of Bishop Maxim – ***All the Faithful should be present***

January 14 (*Thursday*): Circumcision of Christ (Feast) & New Year: Morning Liturgy

January 18 (*Monday*): Eve of Theophany: Morning Royal Hours & Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters

January 19 (*Tuesday*): Theophany (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters at the Willamette River!

January 31 (*Sunday*): Annual Parish Assembly during trapeza – ***All Members of St. John's should participate***

February 15 (*Monday*): Meeting of the Lord (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

February 22-25 (*Monday-Thursday*): Sts. Sebastian & Mardarije Institute in San Diego

March 13 (*Sunday*): Forgiveness Sunday – ***All the Faithful should be present***

March 14-18 (*Monday-Friday*): First Week of Great Lent (Clean Week) evening services (including Canon of St. Andrew of Crete)

April 7 (*Thursday*): Annunciation (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Evening Liturgy

April 14 (*Thursday*): Evening Matins including Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete & Life of St. Mary of Egypt

April 24 (*Sunday*): Palm Sunday (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

April 25-April 28 (*Monday-Thursday*): Holy Week evening services (7 pm)

April 28 (*Holy Thursday*): Morning Liturgy

April 29 (*Holy Friday*): Morning & Afternoon & Evening services: ***All the Faithful should be present***

April 30 (*Holy Saturday*): Morning/Afternoon & Evening services: ***All the Faithful should be present***

April 30 (*Saturday very late evening*): PASCHA (F^{EST} OF F^{EST}S) Services beginning at 11:30 pm – ***All the cosmos is in attention!***

May 1 (*Sunday*): PASCHA Agape Vespers

May 2-6 (*Monday-Saturday*): Bright Week morning Paschal Matins, a few Liturgies, and 5:30 pm Paschal Vespers

June 9 (*Thursday*): Ascension (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

June 19 (*Sunday*): Pentecost (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy & Afternoon Kneeling Vespers – ***All the Faithful should be present***

July 2 (*Saturday*): Commemoration of St. John the Wonderworker (OUR KRSN^A SL^AVA) Liturgy – ***All the Faithful should be present *THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIV. OF ST. JOHN'S REPOSE***

July 4-8 (*Monday afternoon-Friday morning*): ST. JOHN THE WONDERWORKER F^AMILY C^AM^P...*make this your summer vacation and spiritual retreat!*

July 7 (*Tuesday*): Nativity of the Baptist (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy at F^AMILY C^AM^P

July 11 (*Monday*): Apostles Peter & Paul (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Evening Vigil *with* Liturgy

August 19 (*Friday*): Transfiguration (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

August 28 (*Sunday*): Dormition (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

September 11 (*Sunday*): Beheading of the Baptist (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

September 21 (*Wednesday*): Nativity of the Theotokos (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

September 27 (*Tuesday*): Exaltation of the Cross (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

October 14 (*Friday*): Protection of the Theotokos (Feast): Morning Liturgy

December 4 (*Sunday*): Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple (GREG^{AT} F^{EST}): Morning Liturgy

December 19 (*Monday*): St. Nicholas the Wonderworker: Morning Liturgy

December 25 (*Sunday*): St. Herman of Alaska: Morning Liturgy

