



Sts Michael & Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church 2024 Great Lent & Holy Week Schedule of Services

(For updates or changes to services, please check our website –
www.smg.org.au or Facebook/Sts Michael and Gabriel Orthodox Church)

Date		Service details
Saturday	09 March	<p><u>Saturday of the Souls</u></p> <p>1. Divine Liturgy: 9:00am (at SMG)</p> <p>2. Archdiocese Trisagion Prayers: 12:00pm</p> <p>Location: Antiochian Orthodox Pavilion at Rookwood Cemetery (Chapel of the Holy Resurrection; Oliver Ave Rookwood Cemetery)</p>
Sunday	10 March	<p><u>Sunday of Judgement (Meatfare Sunday)</u></p> <p>Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am</p> <p>Followed by Annual Meatfare Sunday BBQ</p>
Sunday	17 March	<p><u>Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)</u></p> <p>1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am</p> <p>2. Archdiocese Vespers Service for Sunday of Forgiveness</p> <p>Time: 6:00pm</p> <p>Location: St George Cathedral, Redfern</p>
Monday	18 March	<p>FIRST DAY OF GREAT LENT – GREAT LENT FAST STARTS TODAY</p> <p>Great Compline and 1st reading from Canon of St Andrew</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm</p> <p>→ <i>Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm</i></p>
Tuesday	19 March	<p>Great Compline and 2nd reading from Canon of St Andrew</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm</p>
Wednesday	20 March	<p>Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion)</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm</p> <p><i>Followed by fellowship & supper. Bring a plate.</i></p>
Thursday	21 March	<p>Great Compline and 3rd reading from Canon of St Andrew</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm</p>
Friday	22 March	<p>1st Akathist to the Theotokos</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm</p> <p>→ <i>Akathist in Arabic at 5:45pm</i></p>
Sunday	24 March	<p><u>Sunday of Orthodoxy</u></p> <p>1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am followed by the procession of The Icons</p> <p>*** Reminder . . . bring an icon from home for the procession ***</p> <p>2. Archdiocese Vespers Service for Sunday of Orthodoxy</p> <p>Time: 6:00pm</p> <p>Location: St Mary's, Mt Pritchard</p>
Monday	25 March	<p><u>Annunciation of the Theotokos</u></p> <p>1.Divine Liturgy for The Annunciation</p> <p>Time: 10:00am</p> <p>2. Great Compline</p> <p>Time: 7:00pm</p> <p>→ <i>Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm</i></p>

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Tuesday	26 March	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	27 March	Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion) Time: 7:00pm <i>Followed by fellowship & supper. Bring a plate.</i>
Thursday	28 March	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Friday	29 March	2nd Akathist to the Theotokos Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic at 5:45pm
Saturday	30 March	SMG Annual Lenten Retreat Details to be announced shortly
Sunday	31 March	<u>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</u> Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am Followed by Falafel Sunday Lunch – Falafel for Gaza (all proceeds raised for Gaza)
Monday	01 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm → Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm
Tuesday	02 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	03 April	Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion) Time: 7:00pm <i>Followed by fellowship & supper. Bring a plate.</i>
Thursday	04 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Friday	05 April	3rd Akathist to the Theotokos Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic at 5.45pm
* * Reminder – daylight saving ends on Sunday 07 April, adjust your clocks back 1 hour * *		
Sunday	07 April	<u>Sunday of Veneration of The Holy Cross</u> 1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am followed by the procession of the Holy Cross Followed by Mixed Pizza/ Zaatar Sunday Lunch 2. Sunday Evening Arabic Service. Time: 6.00pm
Monday	08 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm → Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm
Tuesday	09 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	10 April	Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion) Time: 7:00pm <i>Followed by fellowship & supper. Bring a plate.</i>
Thursday	11 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Friday	12 April	4th Akathist to the Theotokos Time: 7:00pm → Akathist in Arabic 5:45pm

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Sunday	14 April	<u>Sunday of St. John Climacus of the Ladder</u> Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am Followed by Falafel Sunday Lunch
Monday	15 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm → <i>Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm</i>
Tuesday	16 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	17 April	Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion) Time: 7:00pm <i>Followed by fellowship & supper. Bring a plate.</i>
Thursday	18 April	Small Compline with full reading of the Canon of St Andrew Time: 7:00pm
Friday	19 April	5th (final) Akathist to the Theotokos – the full Akathist Hymn is chanted tonight Time: 7:00pm → <i>Akathist in Arabic at 5:45pm</i>
Sunday	21 April	<u>Sunday of St Mary of Egypt</u> Matins: 9.00am, Divine Liturgy: 10.00am
Monday	22 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm → <i>Great Compline in Arabic at 6:00pm</i>
Tuesday	23 April	Great Compline Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	24 April	Presanctified Liturgy (with Holy Communion) Time: 7:00pm <i>Followed by fellowship & supper. Bring a plate.</i>
Thursday	25 April	Small Compline with full reading of the Life of St Mary of Egypt Time: 7:00pm
Friday	26 April	Small Compline with Cannon of St Lazarus Time: 7:00pm
Saturday	27 April	<u>Lazarus Saturday</u> 1. Divine Liturgy Time: 9:00am <i>Followed by Decoration of the Church for Palm Sunday</i> 2. Great Vespers Time: 6.00pm
Sunday	28 April	<u>Palm Sunday – Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem</u> 1. Matins: 9.00am; Divine Liturgy: 10.00am <i>Followed by the Palm Sunday procession</i> 2. Bridegroom Matins Time: 7:00pm

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HOLY WEEK		
Monday	29 April	Great & Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy Time: 7.00am (morning service) Bridegroom Matins Time: 7:00pm
Tuesday	30 April	Great & Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy Time: 7:00am (morning service) Bridegroom Matins Time: 7:00pm
Wednesday	01 May	Great & Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy Time: 7:00am (morning service) Holy Unction Service (service of the Holy Oil) Time: 7:00pm
Thursday	02 May	Great & Holy Thursday Vespereal Liturgy of St Basil the Great Time: 7:00am (morning service) Service of the 12 Passion Gospels Time: 7:00pm
Friday	03 May	<u>Great & Holy Friday (Good Friday)</u> 1. Service of the Royal Hours Time: 9.00am – 11.00am 2. Holy Friday Vespers: Removal of Christ from the Cross Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm <i>Followed by decoration of the Bier.</i> 3. Holy Saturday Matins: Burial of Christ and the Lamentations Time: 7:00pm
Saturday	04 May	<u>Great & Holy Saturday</u> 1. Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy Time: 9.00am ** Remember to bring coloured eggs to be blessed on Pascha night 2. Great and Holy Pascha Service Time: 8:00pm
Sunday	05 May	<u>Great and Holy Pascha. Christ is Risen!</u> 1. Divine Liturgy Time: 10:00am 2. Archdiocese Agape Vespers of Love Time: 6.00pm Location: St Nicholas, Punchbowl; 11 Henry St, Punchbowl Followed by Paschal greetings with His Eminence Metropolitan Basilios at 7.00pm (** No Arabic Evening Liturgy at SMG this evening**)