



St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church

The Twelve Great Feasts

The following Feast Days should be attended by all Orthodox Christians whenever possible. These are great highlights in the story of our salvation that we are privileged to experience in the eternal present of the kingdom of God through the holy services of the Church. Note: Services begin on the eve of the Feast Day itself - indicated by ().



The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

September (7)-8:

Commemorating the Birth of the Virgin Mary from Joachim and Anna.



The Exaltation of the Life-Creating Cross

September (13)-14:

Commemorating the Finding of the True Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

November (20)-21:

Commemorating the Virgin Mary's entrance into the Temple as a child.



The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

December (24)-25:

Commemorating the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Virgin Mary.



The Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

January (5)-6:

Commemorating the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ by St. John.



The Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

February (1)-2:

Commemorating the Dedication of Christ at the Temple
(Meeting with St. Simeon)



The Annunciation of the Most-Holy Theotokos

March (24)-25:

Commemorating the announcement of the conception of
our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

August (5)-6:

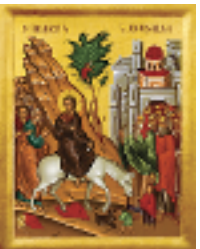
Commemorating the revelation of Christ to His foremost
apostle on Mt. Tabor.



The Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos

August (14)-15:

Commemorating the Death or "Falling Asleep" of the
Virgin Mary.



Palm Sunday: The Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem

The **Sunday before** Great and Holy Pascha (Includes
Lazarus Saturday)



The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Commemorating the Lord's Ascension **forty days after**
Pascha.



Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit **fifty days**
after Pascha.