

Each day of Holy Week, there's a special service (or more) that we Orthodox Christians celebrate together. As you attend each service, encourage your children to spy out the following items/events. Print these pages, cut them in half, then stack and assemble them into a little booklet, and staple it together. We purposefully did not number these, so that you can add pages for services you will attend that are not listed here, and/or exclude the pages of services you will not be able to attend. Encourage your children to follow along, marking the icon following each item after it happens. (They could use colored pencils, markers, pens, small dot stickers, or whatever works best for your family.)

# Things to See and Do in Holy Week

**This book belongs to:**

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## Palm Sunday:

Look for the icon of today's feast 👁️👁️

Wave palm fronds/pussy willows/palm crosses

Listen for the epistle reading about rejoicing in the Lord always ✉️

Listen to the Gospel reading about Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem 📜

Sing the Creed 🎵

Sing "Our Father..." 🎵

Receive communion 🍷

Sing "Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore!" 🎵

Walk in a procession 👣

Sing "Hosanna In the Highest! Blessed is He That Cometh In the Name of the Lord!" (how many times?)



## Sunday Night Bridegroom Matins:

Sing Alleluia (how many times?) 🎵



Listen for 6 Psalms in a row □□□□□□

Find the icon of Christ as the Bridegroom 🖼️

Sing "Behold the Bridegroom Comes at Midnight" 🎵

Listen for the Gospel reading about Jesus and the fig tree 📜

Listen to the parable of the servants and the vineyard 💡

Listen for how St. Joseph (with the many-colored coat) points us to Christ 💡

Sing "Thy Bridal Chamber..." Ask Christ to make your soul like beautiful wedding clothes 🎵

Bow your head to pray 🙏

Make prostrations 🙇🙇🙇

Venerate the icon of Christ as Bridegroom 🍷

## Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins:

Sing Alleluia (how many times?) 🎵



Listen for 6 Psalms in a row ◻◻◻◻◻◻

Find the icon of Christ as the Bridegroom 🖼️

Sing "Behold the Bridegroom Comes at Midnight" 🎵

Listen to the Gospel reading. Jesus says, "Woe!" to the scribes and Pharisees (how many times?) 📖



Listen for what animal shows how Jesus would act if the Jewish people would come to Him 💡

Listen for how the three holy youths inspire us to prepare to meet Christ 💡

Sing "Thy Bridal Chamber..." Ask Christ to make your soul like beautiful wedding clothes 🎵

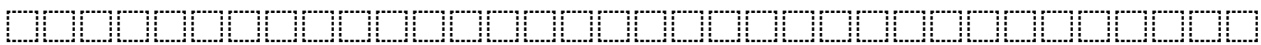
Bow your head to pray 🙏

Make prostrations 🙏🙏🙏

Venerate the icon of Christ as Bridegroom 🍷

## Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Matins:

Sing Alleluia (how many times?) 🎵



Listen for 6 Psalms in a row ◻◻◻◻◻◻

Find the icon of Christ as the Bridegroom 🖼️

Sing "Behold the Bridegroom Comes at Midnight" 🎵

Listen for the Gospel reading when Jesus tells what will happen to Him 📖

Listen for the stories of two women who anointed Jesus 💡

Sing "Thy Bridal Chamber..." Ask Christ to make your soul like beautiful wedding clothes 🎵

Bow your head to pray 🙏

Listen for the Hymn of Cassiani 💡

Make prostrations 🙏🙏🙏

Venerate the icon of Christ as Bridegroom 🍷

## Holy Wednesday Matins:

Sing Alleluia (how many times?) 🎵



Listen for 6 Psalms in a row ◻◻◻◻◻◻

Find the icon of The Mystical Supper 🖼️

Sing "When the Glorious Disciples..." 🎵

Listen for the Gospel reading when Jesus says, "This is my body which is given for you" 📖💡

Listen for the Gospel reading when Jesus says, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant" 📖💡

Sing "Thy Bridal Chamber..." Ask Christ to make your soul like beautiful wedding clothes 🎵

Bow your head to pray 🙏

Make prostrations 🙇🙇🙇

Venerate the icon of The Mystical Supper 🍷

## Holy Thursday Liturgy:

Listen for Judas being compared to Christ 💡

Sing "O Gladsome Light!" 🎵

Listen to the story of the time when God spoke to Moses in thunder

Listen to the story of when God spoke to Job in a whirlwind 🌀

Listen for the prophecy of Isaiah about God helping us 🔥

Listen to the Epistle about Holy Communion ✉️

Listen to the Gospel about the Last Supper 📖

Sing "Of Thy Mystical Supper..." 🎵

Sing the Creed 🎵

Sing "Our Father..." 🎵

Receive communion 🍷

Sing "Of Thy Mystical Supper..." 🎵

**The Twelve Passion Gospels Service:**

Listen for 6 Psalms in a row

Sing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia" 🎵

Listen to twelve Gospel Readings            

After each Gospel, sing "Glory to Thy longsuffering, O Lord!" 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

Watch twelve candles being lit             


Watch your priest remove the cross and prostrate during the procession with the Cross 👁️ 👤

Listen for "Today He is suspended on a Tree who suspended the earth over the waters." 💡

Listen for the Beatitudes. How many times do you hear "Blessed are..."? 💡

See the church get dark 👁️ 👁️

Bow your head to pray 🙏

Venerate the Cross 🗝️





Leave church quietly 🙏

**The Four Royal Hours Service(s) of Holy Friday:**

3 Psalms each hour

1 Old Testament reading each hour    

1 Epistle reading each hour

1 Gospel reading each hour    

40 "Lord have mercy"s each hour

Kneel for "Today He is suspended on a Tree..." 🙏

Listen for the Beatitudes. How many times do you hear "Blessed are..."? 💡

Say the Creed ○



Venerate the bier/Plashchanitsa and receive a flower 🌹🌸

## Holy Saturday Liturgy:

Smell the incense while the choir chants some Psalms 🕯️

Listen for words about Hades sighing 💡

Sing "O Gladsome Light" 🎵

Listen for the story of God creating the world 💡

Listen for the story of Jonah 💡

Listen for the story about the three holy youths 💡

Sing "Praise the Lord, sing and exalt Him above all the ages" 🎵

Sing "As Many of You as Have Been Baptized into Christ..." 🎵

Listen for the Epistle reading

Sing "Arise O God and judge the earth" while the colors are changed from black to white 🎵 👁️

Listen for the Gospel reading 📖

Listen for a different hymn at the Great Entrance than usual 💡

Sing the Creed 🎵

Sing "Our Father..." 🎵

Receive communion 🍷

Venerate the bier/Plashchanitsa and receive a flower 🍷🌸

Eat the blessed rolls and drink the wine/juice at the back of the church 🍞🍷👄

## Paschal Services and Liturgy:

Venerate the bier/Plashchanitsa in the dark 🍷

Listen for the Canon of Holy Saturday 💡

Watch the dark church for your priest's Paschal candle as he sings "Come Receive the Light" 🕯️

Sing "Thy Resurrection O Christ our Savior" and light your candle 🎵 🕯️

Join the procession 👣

Listen to your priest knock on the door of the church and hear, "Who is this King of Glory?" 💡

See the doors of the Church open, and it is full of light 👁️

Listen for "Christ is Risen!" many times and in many languages 💡

Listen for the sermon of St John Chrysostom about the joy of this day 💡

Sing "The Angel Cried" and "Christ is risen from the dead..." 🎵

Listen for the Epistle and Gospel readings 📖

Receive communion 🍷

Watch for the blessing of the Artos (bread) 👁️

Go and kiss the Cross and receive a red egg and enjoy your Paschal feast! 🥚👄🧀🍷

How many times in this service do you hear "Christ is Risen!" 💡

