

Good Friday 2022

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

2-00 p.m. (The Last Hour)

As customary, there is no music/hymns during the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

The Liturgy begins with the congregation kneeling to pray (in a profound silence) as the priest enters and prostrates himself before the Altar. There is no ringing of the bell to announce the beginning of the Liturgy – please kneel as Fr. Neil proceeds to the Altar.

The Good Friday Liturgy consists of four parts.

The Liturgy of the Word – immediately begins the Liturgy including the Passion Gospel which this year is the shorter version with no congregational responses but, if it is difficult to stand, please feel free to be seated.

The Solemn Intercessions – this year including a prayer for Ukraine.

The Veneration of the Cross – this year (as last year) there is no kissing of the cross-wood (or procession to the Crucifix). Fr. Neil will venerate/kneel before the Crucifix and then elevate the Cross for your veneration with the words, " Behold the Wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the World". To which all reply, "**Come let us worship**". After a short time the Crucifix will be reposed on its stand. Fr. Neil will then pray " We adore Thee O Christ and we bless Thee" to which all respond, "**For by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world**".

Holy Communion – Fr. Neil will prepare the Altar and the congregation receives the Blessed Sacrament from the Reserved Sacrament (from the Mass of the Lord's Supper of the previous evening) after which Fr. Neil reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and (after the Closing Prayer and Blessing) genuflects and all depart in silence. Please observe complete silence when leaving the church until you reach the bottom of the church steps.

EASTER VIGIL – tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8-00 p.m.