

# **'He Hastened to Be at Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost'**

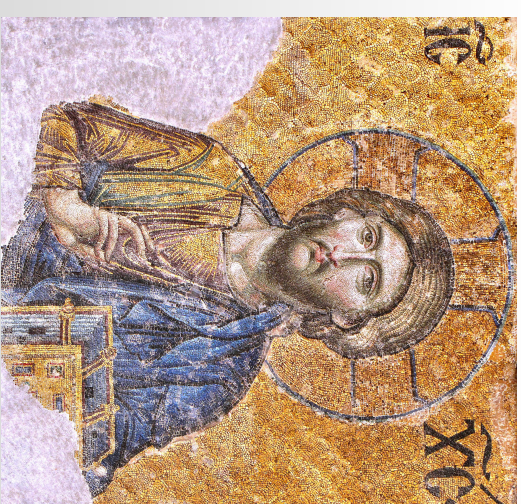
**Orthodox Christian Life: The Great Feasts of the Church**



“For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.”

- Acts 20:16

The Christian Church has always, since apostolic times, observed feast days in the spiritual joy of the Lord, and fasting in preparation (especially for Holy Pascha).



The twelve primary major feasts of the Church year are 'bookmarked' by the birth and falling asleep of the Theotokos.

The Nativity of the Theotokos, 8 September [O.S. 21 September ]

The Exaltation of the Cross, 14 September [O.S. 27 September]

The Presentation of the Theotokos, 21 November [O.S. 4 December]

The Intercession [Protection] of the Theotokos 1 October [O.S. 14 October]

The Nativity of Christ (Christmas), 25 December [O.S. 7 January]

The Circumcision of Christ 01 January [O.S. 14 January]

The Baptism of Christ (Theophany, also called Epiphany), 6 January [O.S. 19 January]

The Presentation of Christ at the Temple (Candlemas), 2 February [O.S. 15 February]

The Annunciation, 25 March [O.S. 7 April]

The Entry into Jerusalem (Flowerly/Willow/Palm Sunday), the **Sunday before Pascha**

The Ascension of Christ, forty days after Pascha

**Holy Pentecost**, fifty days after Pascha

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 24 June [O.S. 7 July]

the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 29 June [O.S. 12 July]

The Transfiguration of Christ, 6 August [O.S. 19 August]

The Dormition of the Theotokos, 15 August [O.S. 28 August]

The Behheading of St John the Baptist 29 August [O.S. 11 September]



## Holy Lent

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee - Beginning of Triodion

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sunday of the Last Judgment - Meatfare

Sunday of Forgiveness - Cheesefare

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas

Sunday of the Adoration of the Holy Cross

Sunday of St. John of the Ladder

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Lazarus Saturday

Palm Sunday

Holy Monday - Presanctified Liturgy / Bridegroom service

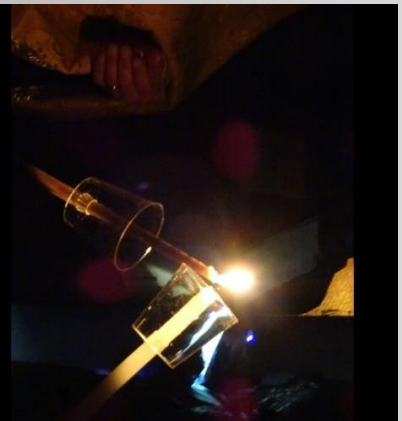
Holy Tuesday - Presanctified Liturgy / Bridegroom service

Holy Wednesday - Presanctified Liturgy / Holy Unction

Holy Thursday - Institution of the Eucharist Liturgy / Passion Gospels

Holy Friday - Royal Hours / Apokathelosis / Lamentations

Holy Saturday - Divine Liturgy (harrowing of Hades)



## Holy Week

## Holy Pascha

# Questions / Discussion