

Church Year

1	7-Sep	Nativity of the Theotokos		Sky blue	
2	13-Sep	Elevation of the Cross		Green & red	greenery w/ red flowers (roses/carnations)
3	20-Nov	Presentation of the Theotokos			pointsettas (red, add white); decorate in stages
		<i>15 Nov to 24 Dec</i>	<i>Advent</i>	Red	
		<i>St. Andrew's(30th N)</i>			
		<i>St. Nicholas (6th D)</i>			
4	24-Dec	Christmas	8 d	Gold	
			12 d		
5	5-Jan	Epiphany		Sky blue	green leaves (up until 14th)
6	1-Feb	Presentation of the Lord		Sky blue	<i>Bless candles</i>
		<i>Varies</i>	<i>Great Lent</i>	40 d	Dark purple/violet
		<i>Exaltation of the Cross(3rd Sunday)</i>		Red	
7	24-Mar	Annunciation		Sky blue	
		<i>Lazarus Saturday</i>			<i>Church clean-up</i>
8	Sun. b/f Easter	Palm Sunday			palm fronds
		<i>Wed. b/f Easter (oil)</i>			palms down
		<i>Great &amp; Holy Fri. Matins (Thurs. evening b/f Easter)</i>			
*		<i>Fri. b/f Easter</i>	9:00 AM	Royal Hours	
			3:00 PM	Epitaphios out, place Beir on it; pass out red carnations	
			6:00 PM	Lamentation Service; Epitaphios back of altar	
				Baptisims; priest wears white; lilies (b morning); red & white streamers	
*		<i>Sat. b/f Easter</i>			
*		<i>Varies</i>	<i>PASCHA</i>	3* d	White
9	40 days after Easter	Ascension	40 d	Gold	
10	50 days after Easter	Pentacost	50 d	Green	
		<i>St. Gabriel's (13 July)</i>		Sky blue	
11	5-Aug	Transfiguration		Gold & blue	<i>Bless grapes</i>
12	14-Aug	Falling-asleep of the Theotokos		Sky blue	<i>Bless flowers</i>

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Orthodox advent: 6 purple & 1 white candles

Martyrs: Red

Resources: How about Advent (Archdiocese bookstore)  
A Guide to the Domestic Church (Newton Press)

### CHURCH COLORS:

White	The color of light, manifests purity, joy, innocence, victory, glory and truth. It is used during the Easter Season which we call the Paschal season.
Red	Manifests the fire of divinity, the spirit of martyrdom, and the spirit of ardent love. It is used for feasts dedicated to the Holy Cross, during the season of the Pre-Christmas Advent Fast, and on special days honoring the Apostles and martyrs and on Thursday in Holy Week for the Service of the Institution of the Lord's Supper.
Gold	Manifests royalty, true spiritual wealth and the Kingdom of God. It is used as a standard liturgical color and during times of transition from one season to the next.
Green	Manifests life, growth, freshness and a spirit of hope. It is used on Epiphany and following and at Pentecost.
Purple	Manifests a spirit of humility, repentance, and true sorrow. It is used during the penitential season of Great Lent.
Blue	Manifests heaven. It is used on the Fest of the Virgin Mary, who is called Platitera, or she who is wiser than the heavens, since she held in her womb, the uncontainable God.

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