

# Twelve Great Feasts Checklist for 2020 - 2021

The Orthodox Church's New Year begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> – with the first of the Great Feasts coming just one week later. Here is a list of all twelve, so you can plan ahead and mark your calendars. You will want to refer to the COA monthly calendar for service times, including vigils which often precede the feasts on the evenings before.

- 1. Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8<sup>th</sup>)
- 2. Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (September 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 3. Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple (November 21<sup>st</sup>)
- 4. Nativity of Our Lord (December 25<sup>th</sup>)
- 5. Theophany of Our Lord (January 6<sup>th</sup>)
- 6. Entry of Our Lord into the Temple (February 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 7. Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos (March 25<sup>th</sup>)
- 8. Palm Sunday\* (April 25<sup>th</sup>)

## **BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS PASCHA: THE FEAST OF FEASTS\* (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- 9. Ascension of Our Lord\* (June 10<sup>th</sup>)
- 10. Pentecost\* (June 20<sup>th</sup>)
- 11. Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6<sup>th</sup>)
- 12. Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15<sup>th</sup>)

**\*NOTE:** An asterisk denotes one of the movable feasts, which vary year-to-year depending upon the date of Pascha. All other feasts are “fixed” (same date each year). Pascha – the singular Feast of Feasts – is not counted among the twelve Great Feasts.