Twelve Great Feasts Checklist for 2020 - 2021

The Orthodox Church’s New Year begins on September 1st – 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 8th)

☐ 2. Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (September 14th)

☐ 3. Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple (November 21st)

☐ 4. Nativity of Our Lord (December 25th)

☐ 5. Theophany of Our Lord (January 6th)

☐ 6. Entry of Our Lord into the Temple (February 2nd)

☐ 7. Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos (March 25th)

☐ 8. Palm Sunday* (April 25th)

BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS PASCHA: THE FEAST OF FEASTS* (May 2nd)

☐ 9. Ascension of Our Lord* (June 10th)

☐ 10. Pentecost* (June 20th)

☐ 11. Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6th)

☐ 12. Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15th)

*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.