

2026 Orthodox Wall Calendar

**“In building churches here on earth,
we create for ourselves eternal
habitations in heaven.”**

*– St. John of Shanghai
and San Francisco*





**“In this great city a temple has been raised...
one befitting the majesty of the Orthodox faith.”**

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Nativity Fast	2  Nativity Fast	3  Nativity Fast	4  Entrance of the Theotokos Nativity Fast	5  Nativity Fast	6  Nativity Fast
7  Nativity Fast	8  Nativity Fast	9  Nativity Fast	10  Nativity Fast	11  Nativity Fast	12  Nativity Fast	13  Nativity Fast
14  Nativity Fast	15  Nativity Fast	16  Nativity Fast	17  Nativity Fast	18  Nativity Fast	19  St. Nicholas Nativity Fast	20  Nativity Fast
21  Nativity Fast	22  Nativity Fast	23  Nativity Fast	24  Nativity Fast	25  Nativity Fast Christmas Day	26  St. Herman of Alaska Nativity Fast	27  Nativity Fast
28  Nativity Fast	29  Nativity Fast	30  Nativity Fast	31  Nativity Fast		Order a new calendar for 2027 Do it now — before the rush	

DECEMBER 2025



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“Churches are not needed by God... it is we who are in need of them.” — St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  Nativity Fast New Year's Day	2  Nativity Fast	3  Nativity Fast
4  Nativity Fast	5  Nativity Fast	6  Nativity Fast – Strict Fast	7  Nativity of Christ Holy Nights (Svyatki)	8  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	9  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	10  Holy Nights (Svyatki)
11  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	12  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	13  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	14  Circumcision of the Lord Holy Nights (Svyatki)	15  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	16  Holy Nights (Svyatki)	17  Holy Nights (Svyatki)
18  Theophany Eve Fast	19 Theophany of the Lord Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Wednesday Fast	21  Wednesday Fast	22 Friday Fast	23  Friday Fast	24 Friday Fast
25 Friday Fast	26 Friday Fast	27 Friday Fast	28  Friday Fast	29 Friday Fast	30  Friday Fast	31 Friday Fast

JANUARY 2026



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“Love your church and visit it more often.”

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America, 1907

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week	2  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week	3  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week	4  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week	5  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week	6  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week	7  Publican&Pharisee Fast-free Week
8 New Martyrs Remembrance	9 Presidents Day	10	11  Wednesday Fast	12	13  Friday Fast	14 Meatfare Saturday
15 Meeting of the Lord	16  St. Nicholas of Japan Cheese-fare Week	17  Cheese-fare Week	18  Cheese-fare Week	19  Cheese-fare Week	20  Cheese-fare Week	21  Cheese-fare Week
22  Cheese-fare Week	23  Great Lent	24  Great Lent	25  Great Lent	26  Great Lent	27  St. Raphael of Brooklyn Great Lent	28  Great Lent

FEBRUARY 2026



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“Go up to the mountain, bring wood, and build the temple.”

— St. John of San Francisco

Holy Trinity Chapel in Fort Ross, CA | Photo by Aleksandr Molodin, PhD, Architectural Historian & Orthodox Church Designer | Cell: (301)395-1515 | web: <https://molodin.org>

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Great Lent	2  Great Lent	3  Great Lent	4  Great Lent	5  Great Lent	6  Great Lent	7  2nd Soul Saturday (Lent) Great Lent
8  Great Lent	9  Great Lent	10  Great Lent	11  Great Lent	12  Great Lent	13  Great Lent	14  3rd Soul Saturday (Lent) Great Lent
15  Great Lent	16  Great Lent	17  Great Lent	18  Great Lent	19  Great Lent	20  Great Lent	21  4th Soul Saturday (Lent) Great Lent
22  Great Lent	23  Great Lent	24  Great Lent	25  Great Lent	26  Great Lent	27  Great Lent	28  Great Lent
29  Great Lent	30  Fast-free Week	31  Fast-free Week				

MARCH 2026



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“As ye gather around the temple, raise up among yourselves a spiritual house.”

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Great Lent	2 Great Lent	3 Great Lent	4 Great Lent
5 Palm Sunday Great Lent	6 Great Lent	7 Annunciation of the Theotokos St. Tikhon of Moscow	8 Great Lent	9 Great Lent	10 Great Lent	11 Great Lent
12 Holy Pascha Bright Week – Fast-free	13 St. Innocent of Moscow Bright Week – Fast-free	14 Bright Week – Fast-free	15 Bright Week – Fast-free	16 Bright Week – Fast-free	17 Bright Week – Fast-free	18 Bright Week – Fast-free
19	20	21 Radonitsa (Day of Rejoicing)	22 Wednesday Fast	23	24 Friday Fast	25
26	27	28	29 Wednesday Fast	30		

APRIL 2026



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**“We must be true Christians, not giving in to the spirit of the times,
making the Church the center of our lives.”**

— Archbishop Averky (Taushev), Archbishop of Syracuse and Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Cathedral in Holy Trinity Monastery, NY | Photo by Aleksandr Molodin, PhD, Architectural Historian &
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31  Pentecost Trinity Fast-free Week					1  Friday Fast	2
3 St. Basil Martysz	4 St. Basil Martysz	5	6  Wednesday Fast	7	8  Friday Fast	9 Memorial Day for Departed Soldiers
10	11 St. Innocent of Moscow	12	13  Wednesday Fast	14	15  Friday Fast	16
17	18	19	20  Wednesday Fast	21 Ascension of the Lord	22  St. Nicholas (Spring) Friday Fast	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27  Wednesday Fast	28	29 	30 Trinity Saturday

MAY 2026



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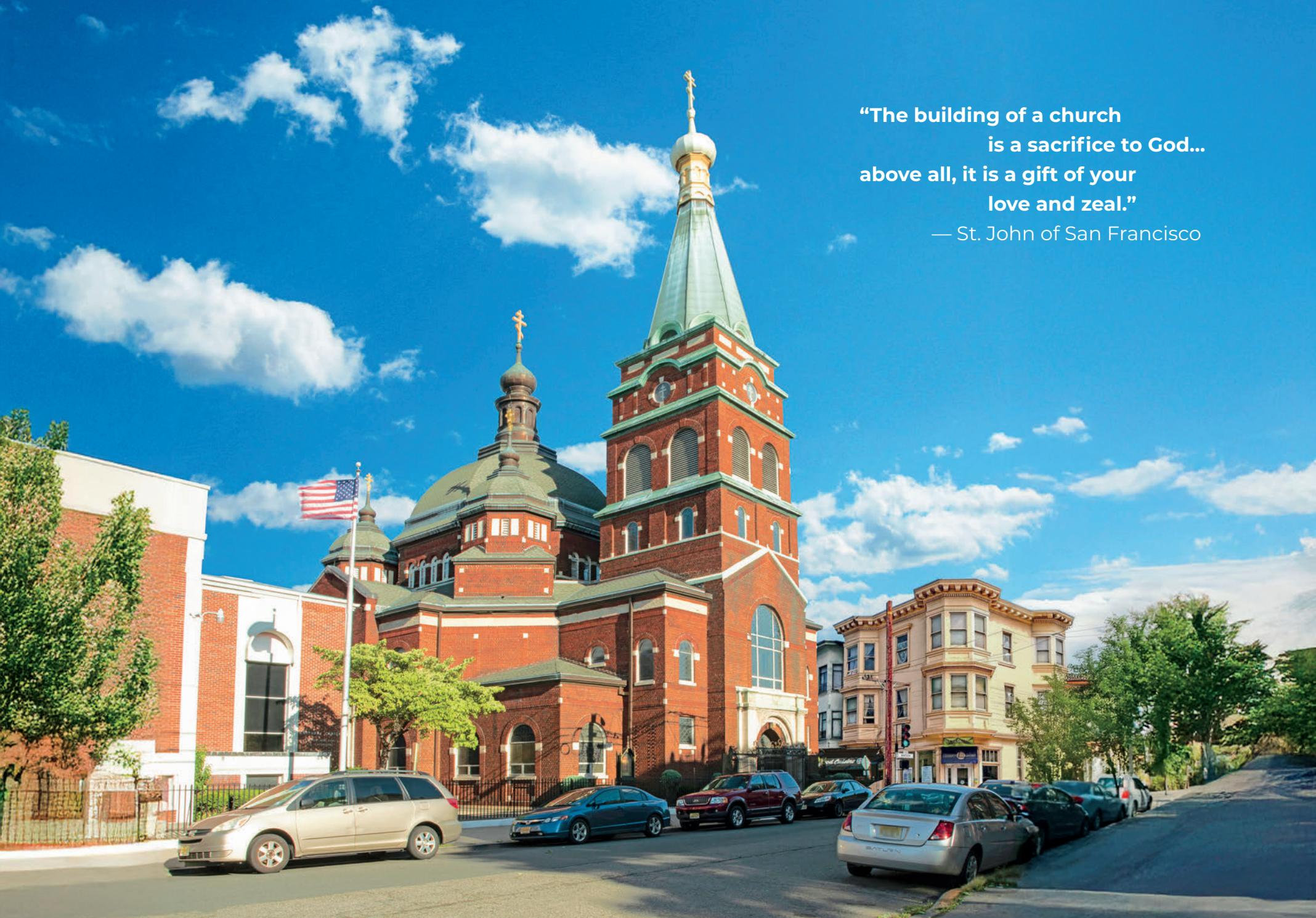
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A photograph of the SS Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Cathedral in New Jersey. The church is a large, ornate brick building with a prominent green copper roof and a tall, slender steeple topped with a golden cross. To the left, there is a smaller dome and another cross. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the church. The building is surrounded by a street with parked cars, including a gold minivan, a blue sedan, a red SUV, and a silver sedan. To the right, there are other buildings, including a yellow one with bay windows. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

**“The building of a church
is a sacrifice to God...
above all, it is a gift of your
love and zeal.”**

— St. John of San Francisco

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Day of the Holy Spirit Trinity Fast-free Week	2  Trinity Fast-free Week	3  Trinity Fast-free Week	4  Trinity Fast-free Week	5  Trinity Fast-free Week	6  Trinity Fast-free Week
7	8  Apostles' Fast	9  Apostles' Fast	10  Apostles' Fast	11  Apostles' Fast	12  Apostles' Fast	13  Apostles' Fast
14  Apostles' Fast	15  Apostles' Fast	16  Apostles' Fast	17  Apostles' Fast	18  Apostles' Fast	19  Apostles' Fast Juneteenth	20  Apostles' Fast
21  Apostles' Fast	22  Apostles' Fast	23  Apostles' Fast	24  Apostles' Fast	25  Apostles' Fast	26  Apostles' Fast	27  Apostles' Fast
28  Apostles' Fast	29  Apostles' Fast	30  Apostles' Fast				

JUNE 2026



**“The names of those who took part
in the building of the temple
shall be inscribed in the eternal books of God.”**

— St. John of San Francisco



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  Apostles' Fast	2  St. John of Shanghai & SF Apostles' Fast	3  Apostles' Fast	4  Apostles' Fast Independence Day
5  Apostles' Fast	6  Apostles' Fast	7  Nativity of St. John Apostles' Fast	8  Apostles' Fast	9  Apostles' Fast	10  Apostles' Fast	11  Apostles' Fast
12 Sts. Peter & Paul	13	14	15  Wednesday Fast	16	17  Friday Fast	18
19	20	21 Kazan Icon of the Mother of God Wednesday Fast	22  Wednesday Fast	23	24  Friday Fast	25
26	27	28 St. Vladimir Wednesday Fast	29  Wednesday Fast	30	31  Friday Fast	

JULY 2026



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**“We live surrounded by those of alien creeds; in the vast sea of other religions,
our Church stands as a small island of salvation...”**

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1
2	3	4	5 	6	7 	8 St. Jacob Netsvetov
			Wednesday Fast		Friday Fast	
9	10	11	12 	13	14 	15 
			Wednesday Fast		Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast
16 	17 	18 	19  Transfiguration of the Lord	20  St. Alexander Hotovitzky	21 	22 
Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast
23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28  Dormition of the Theotokos	29
Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	Dormition Fast	

AUGUST 2026



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**"A church is a consecrated and holy place,
wherein the grace of God ever abideth."**

— St. John of San Francisco

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2  Wednesday Fast	3	4  Friday Fast	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9  Wednesday Fast	10	11  Beheading of St. John Friday Fast	12
13	14	15	16  Wednesday Fast	17	18  Friday Fast	19
20	21 Nativity of the Theotokos	22	23  Wednesday Fast	24	25  Friday Fast	26
27  Elevation of the Holy Cross Elevation of the Cross Fast	28	29	30  Wednesday Fast		Order a new calendar for 2027	

SEPTEMBER 2026



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**"The Orthodox Church is universal:
'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.'
We are called to share our spiritual wealth with others."**

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 	3
					Friday Fast	
4	5	6	7 	8	9  St. John the Theologian	10 Pokrov Memorial Saturday
			Wednesday Fast		St. Tikhon of Moscow	
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14  Protection of the Theotokos	15	16 	17
			Wednesday Fast		Friday Fast	
18	19	20	21 	22	23 	24
			Wednesday Fast		Friday Fast	
25	26	27	28 	29	30  Martyred Innocent	31
			Wednesday Fast		Friday Fast	

OCTOBER 2026



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**“Draw near unto this holy temple without fear, with boldness;
form one united family... As you gather around the temple, you...”**

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4  Kazan Icon of the Mother of God Hm. Seraphim of Uglich	5	6  Friday Fast	7 Demetrius Saturday
8	9	10	11  Wednesday Fast Veterans Day	12	13  Hm. John Kochurov of Tsarskoye Selo Friday Fast	14
15	16	17	18  Wednesday Fast	19	20  Friday Fast	21
22	23	24	25  Wednesday Fast	26 Thanksgiving Day	27  Friday Fast	28 
29  Nativity Fast	30  Nativity Fast					

NOVEMBER 2026



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**“Help us to build a church and to open a school for our children,
that they may not lose their faith and heritage here in America.”**

— St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 	2 	3 	4  Entrance of the Theotokos	5 
		Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast
6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	11 	12 
Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast
13 	14 	15 	16 	17 	18 	19  St. Nicholas
Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast
20 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25  Nativity Fast Christmas Day	26  St. Herman of Alaska
Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast
27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	Order a new calendar for 2027	
Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast	Nativity Fast		

DECEMBER 2026



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For more than a quarter of a century, I have been studying Orthodox church architecture throughout the United States — not only its outward forms and styles, but also the deeper spiritual meaning that dwells within these sacred places. This year's calendar is dedicated to some of the most remarkable churches and chapels I have encountered — houses of prayer that moved me not only with their beauty, but also with their spirit and history.

May it bring you inspiration and serve you well throughout the year.

The calendar is blessed by Bishop Matthew of Sourozh, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA and Canada, Bishop of Sourozh.

Alongside my research, I design Orthodox churches and chapels, and I am always glad to offer guidance — from the very first sketches to the careful oversight of construction. For any Christian, building a house of worship is among the most meaningful and enduring undertakings of this earthly life. It is a sacred gift — to God, to our own souls, to those dearest to us, to our community, and to generations yet to come. In many ways, it may be the most profound and lasting calling we are ever given. If you feel that call stirring in your heart, I would be honored to walk with you — to help give shape and form to something both holy and enduring.

Each year I prepare a new Orthodox calendar. You may now request your free 2027 edition using the link below — do not delay, and I will send it to you as soon as it comes off the press.

You are also warmly invited to follow me on social media, where I share thoughts, stories, and reflections on Orthodox life and sacred architecture in America. I would be glad to stay connected with you there.

Wishing you a blessed, peaceful, and grace-filled year ahead.

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