The Illustrated Orthodox Calendar Collection 2027

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THE ILLUSTRATED COLLECTION

50 original color compositions, each supplied as a CMYK PDF, editable Word DOCX, editable Excel XLSX and 300-PPI lossless WEBP. There are 200 matching calendar files. Every design has its own generated principal illustration, color palette and typography pairing. The collection also uses 13 carefully reviewed feast medallions. Titles and calendar content are in English.

WHAT EACH DESIGN SHOWS

Twelve designs are full-page liturgical feast or teaching wheels: 01, 04, 05, 11, 15, 19, 31, 36, 38, 42, 49 and 50. These show Pascha, the Twelve Great Feasts and five principal fasting periods; they do not contain 365 day cells. The other 38 designs contain all 365 civil dates in their stated twelve-month interval, together with a feast reference and major fasting-season highlights. They include illustrated month grids, architectural panels, a botanical year, processional arrangements, vertical date lists and New/Old Calendar comparisons.

PERIODS AND CALENDAR SYSTEMS

All displayed dates are Gregorian civil dates. Designs 01, 04, 48, 49 and 50 use September 2026–August 2027; the remaining designs use January–December 2027. The September–August display in Old Calendar design 49 is a civil display interval. The Old Calendar ecclesiastical year itself begins 14 September 2026 and ends 13 September 2027 in civil dates.

NEW, OLD AND COMPARISON EDITIONS

42 designs use New Calendar fixed feasts with the traditional Orthodox Paschalion. Designs 10, 24, 35, 39 and 49 use Old Julian fixed feasts expressed as Gregorian civil dates. Designs 45, 46 and 47 compare New/Old fixed-feast dates. Their wheel or calendar highlights follow New Calendar dates, while the separate comparison lists provide Old Calendar dates. The three movable Great Feasts and Pascha use the same 2027 civil dates across these editions. Old Calendar Nativity on 7 January 2027 corresponds to 25 December 2026 Julian; it does not mean 25 December 2027 Julian.

VERIFIED PASCHAL DATES

Great Lent: 15 March–23 April 2027. Lazarus Saturday: 24 April. Palm Sunday: 25 April. Holy Week: 26 April–1 May, expressed as civil days. Holy Pascha: Sunday 2 May. Ascension: Thursday 10 June. Pentecost: Sunday 20 June. All Saints Sunday: 27 June. Pascha is the Feast of Feasts and is counted separately from the Twelve Great Feasts. The twelve comprise nine fixed feasts plus Palm Sunday, Ascension and Pentecost.

FASTING PERIODS

The New Calendar Apostles' Fast is 28 June 2027 only; the Old Calendar dates are 28 June–11 July. Dormition Fast is 1–14 August New Calendar, or 14–27 August in Old Calendar civil dates. Nativity Fast is 15 November–24 December New Calendar, or 28 November–6 January in Old Calendar civil dates. In a civil-year calendar, the opening January days belong to the fast begun in the preceding November. In design 49, the displayed Nativity Fast runs 28 November 2026–6 January 2027. Shading summarizes major fasting periods; it does not encode all Wednesdays/Fridays, single-day fasts, dietary allowances or local dispensations.

READING THE WHEELS

The feast crown is a sequential index of celebrations, arranged in liturgical order beginning with the September feasts. Equal sectors are not a measure of the length of a month or season, and the twelve feasts are not mapped one-to-one to twelve months. Design 02 divides the thirteen celebrations into two civil half-years. The separate rings in the teaching wheels represent independent daily, weekly and annual cycles; a radial alignment does not assign an annual feast to a particular weekday.

DAILY AND WEEKLY PRAYER CYCLES

The daily ring follows Vespers, Compline, Midnight Office, Matins, First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour and Ninth Hour. It describes the liturgical sequence and does not prescribe fixed local clock times. The liturgical day begins in the evening with Vespers. The abbreviated weekly ring recalls the Resurrection on Sunday; Angels on Monday; the Forerunner on Tuesday; the Cross on Wednesday and Friday, with the Theotokos in hymnography; the Apostles and St Nicholas on Thursday; and Saints and the departed on Saturday. Local parish schedules and commemorations are separate from this teaching diagram.

PRINTING THE PDF

The PDF is the print master. Calendar text and native lines/shapes remain vector objects with embedded fonts. The separate illustrations are real raster images placed at at least 300 actual pixels per inch, without enlarging them beyond their native 300-PPI limit. Images and vector colors are ICC-converted to CMYK, with an Artifex CMYK SWOP output profile. Raster color images use JPEG compression at quality setting 97; transparency masks and vector components remain lossless. This is not a claim of PDF/X certification.

SIZE AND PRINT SETTINGS

Print at the stated A4, A3, 16×20-inch or 20×16-inch size and orientation using Actual size / 100% when supported. Each design is supplied in its own intended format; the 50 designs are not 50 paper-size variants. Reducing a large poster to A4 also reduces its lettering. The pages have inset borders and do not require full-bleed artwork. A print shop can convert the PDF to its specific press profile if required. The PDF is a finished page, not a fillable AcroForm; use a PDF object editor for PDF edits or the supplied native Office files for routine customization.

EDITING WORD

Word preserves titles, month names, weekdays, dates, feast labels, wheel sectors, lines, color fields and the brand as native editable text and shapes. The page composition is grouped. Select it and choose Group > Ungroup to edit individual shapes and pictures, or select an individual object within the group. Dates remain native editable textbox text. Each illustration is a separate movable and replaceable picture. The calendar is not pasted in as one full-page image. A picture's internal brushwork is raster artwork, so it is not a collection of individually editable vector brushstrokes. Use the Selection Pane to reach small objects, retain the page size, and install the bundled fonts before editing. Longer replacement text may require wider boxes or smaller type.

EDITING EXCEL

Each workbook contains Calendar and Events. Calendar uses native editable DrawingML text and shape objects plus separate picture objects. The visible date numbers are text objects. Events contains editable typed dates, observance names, calendar systems, source URLs and notes. Editing Events cells does not automatically redraw Calendar; edit the visible Calendar labels separately and keep the two consistent. The workbooks are unprotected and contain no macros. Changing a year does not automatically recalculate weekday placement or Orthodox feast dates.

OFFICE VERIFICATION AND COMPATIBILITY

The deliverables include native Office objects rather than flattened page screenshots. Word files are checked through native document rendering. Excel files are checked for complete native text, shapes, pictures, date cells, links and print geometry. The independent spreadsheet preview engine used in production does not fully reproduce standard DrawingML layering and some custom vector paths, so those preview differences are recorded in the quality report. Check the final Calendar print preview in your installed Excel version before a production print run, especially after editing. Office files use RGB colors; the supplied CMYK PDF is the controlled print master.

WEBP RESOLUTION AND LINKS

Every WEBP is a lossless sRGB raster exported at 300 pixels per inch for the stated page dimensions. Pixel sizes and resolution metadata are recorded in design-manifest.csv. Examples: 16×20 inches produces 4800×6000 pixels; 20×16 inches produces 6000×4800. The generated principal art remains within its real native-resolution print limit. Raster WEBP does not contain independently editable date objects or an active hyperlink. The offline gallery demonstrates how to wrap each displayed WEBP in the requested website link.

PRINTCALENDAR365 BRAND

The calendar icon and PrintCalendar365™ wordmark appear on every design. The wordmark is linked in PDF, Word and Excel to https://printcalendar365.com/orthodox-easter-calendar/. Some editors require Ctrl+click or a follow-link command while editing. The included HTML gallery links each image to that same page and provides local download buttons for its four matching files.

COLOR AND CONTENT SCOPE

Colors are editorial choices for readability and visual distinction, not a universal Orthodox vestment-color prescription. The calendar key identifies Pascha, feasts or the ecclesiastical-year start, and the principal fasting periods where shown. These are selected feast-and-season calendars, not a full daily list of saints, Scripture readings or parish service times. The illustrations are newly generated and reviewed decorative interpretations; all dates and labels are separately typeset from the verified dataset.

FILES AND REUSABLE SOURCES

The complete archive contains all 200 design files, the visual catalog, this guide, English and Turkish reading notes, design manifest, offline gallery, verified date/source data, fonts with licenses, original selected artwork, native scene definitions and authoring scripts. The five smaller ZIPs each contain ten designs in all four formats and their own local gallery. The separate Sources ZIP contains the reusable authoring material. Fonts and generated art are included as editable/replaceable resources; environment-specific authoring dependencies are explained in Sources/REBUILD-NOTES.txt.

RESEARCH SOURCES

Calendar data was verified on 27 November 2026 against official Orthodox church sources. Exact URLs and event/source mappings are retained in Data. The main references follow; the separate iconography and prayer-cycle source files provide further primary references.

Lenten and Paschal Cycle
https://www.oca.org/fs/paschal-cycle

Paschalion 2027
https://www.goarch.org/chapel/paschalion?year=2027

The Orthodox Faith: Church Year
https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/church-year

Icons of the Twelve Great Feasts
https://www.oca.org/fs/icons-of-twelve-great-feasts

Fasting and Fast-Free Seasons of the Church
https://www.oca.org/liturgics/outlines/fasting-fast-free-seasons-of-the-church

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday
https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/lazarus-saturday-and-palm-sunday

Feasts of the Church Year
https://www.oca.org/fs/icons-of-church-year

Lives of the Saints: June 27, 2027
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2027/06/27

Liturgical Colors in the Church
https://prod.goarch.org/web/greek-orthodox-archdiocese-of-america/-/liturgical-colors-in-the-church

Holy Pascha and Other Movable Feasts — Old Calendar
https://acrod.org/prayercorner/movablefeasts/

The Calendar of the Orthodox Church
https://prod.goarch.org/en/web/greek-orthodox-archdiocese-of-america/-/the-calendar-of-the-orthodox-church

The Orthodox Faith: Vespers
https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-daily-cycles-of-prayer/vespers

Hours, Compline and Nocturne
https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-daily-cycles-of-prayer/hours-compline-and-nocturne

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul — June 29, 2027
https://chicago.goarch.org/event/feast-of-ss-peter-and-paul/2027-06-29/

Scripture Readings — January 1, 2027
https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2027/01/01

Scripture Readings — December 6, 2027
https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2027/12/06

Scripture Readings — May 2, 2027
https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2027/05/02

DAILY / WEEKLY SOURCE NOTES

DAILY AND WEEKLY TEACHING RINGS
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The daily ring follows the traditional prayer sequence: Vespers, Compline, Midnight Office, Matins, First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour and Ninth Hour. The liturgical day begins in the evening, so Sunday's services begin with Saturday evening Vespers. Midnight Office is also called Nocturne or Nocturns. This ring teaches the sequence; it does not prescribe fixed local clock times. Services can be grouped, and parish schedules differ. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated according to the parish and feast schedule. [1, 2, 3, 5]

The weekly ring uses short captions for leading themes:

Sunday Resurrection of Christ
Monday Angels and bodiless powers
Tuesday Saint John the Forerunner and Baptist
Wednesday The Cross and Passion of Christ
Thursday The Apostles and Saint Nicholas of Myra
Friday The Cross and Crucifixion of Christ
Saturday All Saints and the faithful departed

These captions are abbreviated. They do not list every commemoration or hymn. The Theotokos also has a place in Wednesday and Friday hymnography. [3, 4]

Pascha is shown separately from the Twelve Great Feasts. Equal-size wheel sectors arrange the feasts for teaching; their size does not measure the length of a liturgical season. Decorative colors identify parts of the design and do not claim to be a universal Orthodox rule for vestments or fasting. [4; editorial design convention]

CALENDAR PERIODS

The page identifies whether fixed feasts follow the New Calendar or Old Julian Calendar, and all displayed dates are Gregorian civil dates. The movable cycle uses the traditional Orthodox Paschalion. Pascha in 2027 is 2 May.

September 2026–August 2027 editions display that stated civil interval. For Old Calendar design 49, the ecclesiastical new year falls on 14 September 2026 civil. Its Nativity is 7 January 2027 civil, corresponding to 25 December 2026 Julian. The page's September–August display interval is not a claim that the full Old Calendar ecclesiastical year ends on 31 August civil. The complete Old Calendar ecclesiastical year continues through 13 September 2027 civil. Dates and conversions are documented in calendar_data.json and the content audit; the verified source dataset has been retained unchanged.

SOURCES (checked 27 November 2026)

[1] Orthodox Church in America, The Orthodox Faith: Hours, Compline and Nocturne
https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-daily-cycles-of-prayer/hours-compline-and-nocturne

[2] Orthodox Church in America, The Orthodox Faith: Vespers
https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-daily-cycles-of-prayer/vespers

[3] Orthodox Church in America, Brad Vien, The Weekly Cycle, 28 October 2013
https://www.oca.org/wonder/the-weekly-cycle

[4] Orthodox Church in America, The Five Cycles
https://orthinc.oca.org/article/the-five-cycles
The article was available in official-domain search results on the check date; direct opening redirected to the Institutional Chaplaincy page. Sources 1–3 and 5 independently support the main daily and weekly teaching notes.

[5] Orthodox Church in America, Liturgics: Definitions and Sources
https://www.oca.org/liturgics/outlines/definitions-and-sources

Feast dates, fasting periods and calendar conversions:
See data/calendar_data.json for the original 17-source research record and qa/content_date_audit.json for the independent date and placement checks.