

Epiphany Proclamation 2017

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.



In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed". After the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to *this formula:

Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the First day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the Sixteenth day of April you will celebrate with Joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Twenty-Fifth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Fourth day of June the feast of Pentecost.

On the Eighteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the Third day of December, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

* Please note: "The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts" can be found in musical notation in the Roman Missal: Appendix I, Various Chants for the Order of Mass.