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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Publican & Pharisee 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Monthly Service for the Departed 10:30AM Youth Choir	26 No Fast 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	27 St Raphael of Brooklyn 7:00AM Weekday Divine Liturgy 9:00AM Auxiliary Cooking Day	28 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 7:00PM Adult Ed: Accounts of Healing in the Church	29	1	2 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
3 Prodigal Son 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Church School	4 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	5	6 Finding of the Precious Cross 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 7:00PM Adult Ed: Accounts of Healing in the Church	7 9:00AM Auxiliary Cooking Day	8	9 Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
10 Meatfare Sunday of Last Judgement Support our Seminaries 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Youth Choir & Teen Talk w/ Fr Michael	11 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	12	13	14 9:00AM Auxiliary Cooking Day	15	16 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
17 Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Vespers of Forgiveness	18 Beginning of Great Lent St. Nicholas of Zicha & South Canon 6:00PM Compline w/ Canon of St Andrew	19 11:00AM Diamond Circle Meeting 6:00PM Compline w/ Canon of St Andrew	20 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Compline w/ Canon of St Andrew	21 9:00AM Auxiliary Cooking Day 6:00PM Compline w/ Canon of St Andrew	22 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	23 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
24 Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Monthly Service for the Departed 10:30AM Youth Choir 6:00PM Vigil for Annunciation	25 Holy Annunciation 6:00PM Vespers Liturgy for Annunciation followed by Fish Potluck	26 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting	27 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	28 9:00AM Auxiliary Cooking Day	29 10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy	30 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Spring Bake Sale 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
31 St Gregory Palamas St Innocent of Alaska 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	1 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	2	3 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	4	5	6 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection

Greeters

Evening	Morning
Mar 2 Valerie L	Mar 3 Valerie L
Mar 9 Iryna/John T	Mar 10 Joe T
Mar 16 Valerie L	Mar 17 John/Iryna T
Mar 18 Viorica R	
Mar 19 Viorica R	
Mar 20 Viorica R	
Mar 21 Viorica R	
Mar 22 Viorica R	
Mar 23 Joe T	Mar 24 Valerie L
Mar 24 Iryna/John T	
Mar 25 Joe T	
March 27 Joe T	Mar 29 Valerie L
	Mar 30 Valerie L
Mar 30 Iryna/John T	Mar 31 John/Iryna T

Koliva/Kutya

Mar 30 -Viorica R

Divine Liturgy Readers

Mar 3 - Erik W
Mar 10 - Peter A
Mar 17 - Dale F
Mar 24 -Nate C
Mar 25 - Linda K
Mar 30 - TBD
Mar 31 - Rdr John K
Questions?
Contact Bill Moision

Candle Stand

Mar 3 -Art S
Mar 10 - Dennis S
Mar 17 - Dmitriy P
Mar 24 - Gene F
Mar 31 - Tony B
Questions?
Gene F

Counters

Mar 3 - Ed L Margie H
Mar 10 - Terry M, Joe T
Mar 17 - Ed L, Dmitriy P
Mar 25 - Terry M, Mary C
Mar 31 - Mike W, Ken T

Altar Servers

Morning

Mar 3 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B, Michael G,
Nicholas G
Mar 10 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B, Kelvin B, Andrew C
Oliver C
Mar 17 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B, Andrew C, Oliver C
Leo K
Mar 24 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B, Michael G, Kelvin B,
Leo K
Mar 29 Mike W
Mar 30 Mike W
Mar 31 Ed L, Mike W, Joel B, Michael G,
Nicholas G, Leo K

Questions? Contact Subdeacon Ken Telles

Handmaidens

Schedule TBD

Questions? Contact Desiree G or Sally M

Prosphora

Mar 3 Pdn George Mar 24 Pdn George Mar 29 (antidoron) George R
Mar 10 George R Mar 24 Litya George R Mar 30 - Jim S
Mar 17 Jim S Mar 25 Jim S Mar 31 - Pdn George
Mar 22 (antidoron) George R Mar 27 (antidoron) George R

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Electronic Sign

Carmen B

Commemoration Loaves

Mar 3 - Mike W Mar 17 - Ken T
Mar 10 - Pat S Mar 24 - Freezer
Mar 31 - Tanya

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Scrip

Mar 3 - Gene F Mar 17 - Valerie L
Mar 10 - Carmen B Mar 24 - Erik W
Mar 31 - Anna H

Questions? Contact Carmen B

Great Lent

The season of Great Lent is the time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. It is the living symbol of man's entire life which is to be fulfilled in his own resurrection from the dead with Christ. It is a time of renewed devotion: of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time of repentance, a real renewal of our minds, hearts and deeds in conformity with Christ and his teachings. It is the time, most of all, of our return to the great commandments of loving God and our neighbors.

In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent is not a season of morbidity and gloominess. On the contrary, it is a time of joyfulness and purification. We are called to "anoint our faces" and to "cleanse our bodies as we cleanse our souls." The very first hymns of the very first service of Great Lent set the proper tone of the season:

Let us begin the lenten time with delight ... let us fast from passions as we fast from food, taking pleasure in the good words of the Spirit, that we may be granted to see the holy passion of Christ our God and his holy Pascha, spiritually rejoicing.

Thy grace has arisen upon us, O Lord, the illumination of our souls has shown forth; behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the time of repentance (Vespers Hymns).

It is our repentance that God desires, not our remorse. We sorrow for our sins, but we do so in the joy of God's mercy. We mortify our flesh, but we do so in the joy of our resurrection into life everlasting. We make ready for the resurrection during Great Lent, both Christ's Resurrection and our own.