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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Meatfare Sunday ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Youth Choir	24 ■ 6:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	25	26 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid)	27 St Raphael of Brooklyn	28	1 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
2 Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Forgiveness Sunday Vespers	3 First day of Great Lent ■ 6:00PM Repentance Canon of St Andrew of Crete	4 ■ 6:00PM Repentance Canon of St Andrew of Crete	5 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Repentance Canon of St Andrew of Crete	6 Finding of the Precious Cross ■ 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Day ■ 6:00PM Repentance Canon of St Andrew of Crete	7 ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	8 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
9 Adopt a Seminarian Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Youth Choir	10 ■ 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	11	12 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	13 ■ 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Day	14 ■ 10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy	15 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
16 Charity Collection ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Church School ■ 6:00PM Host Lenten Sunday Vespers w/ Reception	17 St Patrick Bishop of Armagh Ven. Alexius, the Man of God ■ 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	18 St. Nicholas of Zicha & South Camarillo ■ 11:00AM Diamond Circle Meeting	19 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	20 ■ 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Day	21 ■ 6:00PM Holy Unction	22 Memorial Saturday ■ 8:30AM 3rd Hour & Memorial Divine Liturgy ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
23 Sunday of Orthodoxy ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy ■ 10:30AM Youth Choir	24 ■ 6:00PM Vigil for Annunciation	25 Holy Annunciation ■ 6:00PM Vespers Liturgy for Annunciation followed by Fish Potluck	26 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	27 ■ 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking Day	28	29 ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
30 ■ 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours ■ 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	31 St Innocent of Alaska ■ 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	1	2 ■ 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) ■ 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	3 ■ 6:00PM Matins with Canon of St Andrew of Crete	4 ■ 6:00PM Matins and Akathist	5 ■ 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection

Greeters

Evening

Mar 1 Valerie L
Mar 3 Iryna T
Mar 4 Joe T
Mar 5 Viorica R
Mar 6 John T
Mar 7 Valerie L
Mar 8 Valerie L
Mar 12 Viorica R
Mar 15 Joe T
Mar 19 Iryna T
Mar 21 John T
Mar 22 Valerie L
Mar 24 Iryna T
Mar 25 Viorica R
Mar 26 Valere L
March 29 John T

Morning

Mar 2 Marina S
Mar 9 Iryna/John T
Mar 14 Viorica R
Mar 16 Marina S
Mar 22 Viorica R
Mar 23 Joe T, Susan R
Mar 30 Marina S, Susan

Divine Liturgy Readers

Mar 2 - George R
Mar 9 - Rdr James S
Mar 16 - Rdr John K
Mar 22 - Erik W
Mar 23 - Roman S
Mar 25 - Linda K
Mar 30 - Dale F

Questions?
Contact Bill Moision

Candle Stand

Mar 2 - Dmitriy P
Mar 9 - George M
Mar 16 - Gene F
Mar 23 - Bill S
Mar 30 - Vincent P

Questions?
Gene F

Counters

Mar 2 - Joe T, Dmitriy P
Mar 9 - Ed L, Marina S
Mar 16 - Elena S, Margie S
Mar 23 - Marina S, Terry M
Mar 30 - Mike W, Ken T

Altar Servers

Morning

Mar 2 Ed L, Mike W, Michael G,, Yeriel R
Andrew C, Oliver C, Nicholas G
Mar 9 Ed L, Mike W, Michael G, Andrew C, Oliver C
Nicholas G, Leo K
Mar 16 Ed L, Mike W, Michael G, Yeriel R
Andrew C, Oliver C, Nicholas G
Mar 22 Mike W, Ed L
Mar 23 Ed L, Mike W, Andrew C, Oliver C, Leo K
Mar 30 Mike W, Ed L, Yeriel R, Andrew C, Oliver C

Questions? Contact Subdeacon Ken Telles

Handmaidens

Mar 2 1 Rebekah 2 Anna 3 Sophia 4 Layla Mar 16 1 Maggie 2 Layla 3 Tessa 4 Peyton
Mar 9 1 Nina 2 Alina 3 Sava 4 Rhea Mar 23 1 Peyton 2 Nina 3 Rhea 4 Sava
Mar 30 1 Anna 2 Rebekah 3.Maggie 4.Tessa

Koliva/Kutya

Mar 22 -Viorica R

Prosphora

Mar 2 Pdn George Mar 14 George R Mar 23 Pdn George
Mar 7 George R Mar 16 Pdn George Mar 24 (litya) George R
Mar 9 Pdn George Mar 19 Pdn George Mar 25 - Pdn George
Mar 12 George R Mar 22 George R Mar 26 George R
(6 extra loaves for Sundays - Presanctified - George R) Mar 30 Pdn George

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Electronic Sign

John T

Commemoration Loaves

Mar 2 - Mike W Mar 16 - Pat S
Mar 9 - Tanya F Mar 23 - Freezer
Mar 30 - Ken T

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

Scrip

Mar 2 - Gene F Mar 16 - Valerie L
Mar 9 - Carmen B Mar 23 - Erik W
Mar 30 - Erik W

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.