

# ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lenten Monastery Pilgrimage Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Church School 11:30AM Crafty Creators	2 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	3	4 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	5 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking	6 Finding of the Precious Cross 10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	7 Trip to Project Mexico 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
8 Adopt a Seminarian St Gregory Palamas 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Youth Choir	9 Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	10	11 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	12 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking	13	14 Memorial Saturday 8:30AM Memorial Saturday Liturgy 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
15 Charity Collection Sunday of the Cross 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Church School	16 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	17 St Patrick Bishop of Armagh Ven. Alexis, the Man of God	18 St. Nicholas of Zicha & South 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	19 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking	20 10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	21 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
22 St John of the Ladder 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Youth Choir	23 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	24 6:00PM Vigil for Annunciation	25 Holy Annunciation 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Vespers & Liturgy for Annunciation	26 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking 6:00PM Matins w/ Canon of St Andrew of Crete	27 6:00PM Matins w/ Akathist to the Theotokos	28 6:00PM Great Vespers for the Resurrection
29 St Mary of Egypt 8:30AM 3rd & 6th Hours 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	30 7:00PM Orthodox Christianity 101	31 St Innocent of Alaska 6:00PM Holy Unction	1 10:30AM Father's Cafe (Hybrid) 6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck	2 9:00AM Auxiliary Baking/Cooking	3 11:00AM Sacrament of Confession 4:00PM Sacrament of Confession 6:00PM Sacrament of Confession	4 Lazarus Saturday 9:00AM Hours & Divine Liturgy 6:00PM Vigil for Palm Sunday

## Greeters

Evening	Morning
	Mar 1 Marina S, Val L
Mar 4 Viorica R	Mar 6 Valerie L
Mar 7 Lisa B	Mar 8 TBD
Mar 11 Viorica R	
Mar 14 Valerie L	Mar 14 Viorica R
	Mar 15 Marina, Susan
Mar 18 Iryna & John T	Mar 20 Valerie L
Mar 21 Lisa B	Mar 22 Susan M, Val L
Mar 24 Iryna & John T	
Mar 25 TBD	
Mar 26 Viorica R	
March 27 Valerie L	
Mar 28 Lisa B	Mar 29 Marina/ Val
Mar 31 TBD	

Questions? Contact Valerie L

## Divine Liturgy Readers

Mar 1 - Nate C  
Mar 8 - George R  
Mar 14 - Linda K  
Mar 15 - Rdr Jim S  
Mar 22 - Rdr Roman S  
Mar 25 - Erik W  
Mar 29 - Rdr John K

Questions?  
Contact Bill Moision

## Candle Stand

Mar 1 - Anthony B  
Mar 8 - Gene F  
Mar 15 - Dmitriy P  
Mar 22 - Vincent P  
Mar 29 - Florin T

Questions?  
Gene F

## Counters

Mar 1 - Dmitriy P, Terry M  
Mar 8 - Margie H, Marina S  
Mar 15 - Jaclyn W, Elena S  
Mar 22 - Ed L, Linda K  
Mar 29 - Mike W, Ken T

## Altar Servers

### Morning

Mar 1 Ed L, Mike W, Ed L, Andrew C, Oliver C  
Leo K, Ethan M, Liam S  
Mar 6 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 8 Sbdn Ken, Ed L, Mike W, Michael G, Yeriel R  
Andrew C, Oliver C, Nicholas G  
Mar 14 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 15 Sbdn Ken, Mike W, Ed L, Yeriel R, Michael G  
Nicholas G, Liam S  
Mar 20 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 22 Sbdn Ken, Mike W, Ed L, Yeriel R  
Andrew C, Oliver C, Leo K, Emmanuel P

Mar 29 Sbdn Ken, Mike W, Ed L, Michael G, Yeriel R,  
Nicholas G, Ethan M, Liam S

### Evening

Mar 4 Sbdn Ken, Mike W, Ed L  
Mar 7 Sbdn Ken  
Mar 11 Mike W, Ed L  
Mar 14 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 18 Sbdn Ken, Mike W, Ed L  
Mar 21 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 24 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 25 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 26 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 27 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 28 Sbdn Ken, Mike W  
Mar 31 Sbdn Ken, Mike W

## Handmaidens

Mar 1 1 Anna 2 Rebekah 3 Nina 4 Peyton Mar 15 1 Layla 2 Sophia 3 Tessa 4 Peyton  
Mar 8 1 Alina 2 Layla 3 Emily 4 Tessa Mar 22 1 Nina 2 Alina 3 Sava 4 Rhea  
Mar 29 1 Rebekah 2 Anna 3 Rhea 4 Sava

## Koliva/Kutya

Mar 14 - Viorica R

## Prosphora

Mar 1 Pdn George (+2)

Mar 11 George R

Mar 20 Pdn George

Mar 4 George R

Mar 14 Pdn George

Mar 22 Pdn George

Mar 6 George R

Mar 15 Pdn George (+2)

Mar 24 (litya) George

Mar 8 Pdn George (+1)

Mar 18 George R

Mar 25 Pdn George

(+# extra loaves for Sundays - Presanctified - George R)

Mar 29 Pdn George (+1)

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

### Electronic Sign

Carmen B

## Commemoration Loaves

Mar 1 - Ken T

Mar 15 - Tanya F

Mar 8 - Pat S

Mar 22 - Justin G

Mar 29 - FREEZER

Questions? Contact Fr Michael

## Scrip

Mar 1 - Erik W

Mar 15 - Valerie L

Mar 8 - Carmen B

Mar 22 - Gene F

Mar 29 - Erik @

Questions? Contact Erik W

## 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.