

First Week of Great Lent

Pure Monday, February 15 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 PM

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Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, February 19 at 7:00 PM

Akathist Hymn—First Week

Saturday, February 20 at 6:00 PM

Vigil and Confessions

Sunday, February 21 — Sunday Of Orthodoxy

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Second Week of Great Lent

Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline

Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, February 26 at 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Akathist Hymn—Second Week

Saturday, February 27

Vigil and Confessions

Sunday, February 28 — St. Gregory Palamas Sunday

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Third Week of Great Lent

Monday, March 1 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline

Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 5 at 7:00 PM

Akathist Hymn—Third Week

Saturday, March 6 at 6:00 PM

Vigil and Confessions

Sunday, March 7 — Sunday of the Cross

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Fourth Week of Great Lent

Monday, March 8 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline

Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 12 at 7:00 PM

Akathist Hymn—Fourth Week

Saturday, March 13 at 6:00 PM

Vigil and Confessions

Sunday, March 14 — St. John Climacus Sunday

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Fifth Week of Great Lent

Monday, March 15 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline

Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 PM

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete & the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 19 at 7:00 PM

Akathist Hymn—Fifth and Final Week

Saturday, March 20 at 6:00 PM

Vigil and Confessions

Sunday, March 21 — St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sixth Week of Great Lent

Monday, March 22 at 7:00 PM

Great Compline

Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 25—Great Feast of the Annunciation

6:30 PM — Annunciation Liturgy

Holy Week: March 27–April 4, 2010

A separate Holy Week Brochure will give the schedule for Holy Week Services

GREAT LENT

A TIME OF PREPARATION

Confession: Every Orthodox Christian should participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during Great Lent and prior to the Holy Wednesday Unction Service and Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy. ***Do not neglect this important sacrament of the Church.***

Fasting: Great Lent is a traditional time of fasting in the Orthodox Church. The fast should be more intense during the first and fourth weeks of Lent and during Holy Week and in particular on Holy Friday. Fasting and abstinence are important parts of our spiritual preparation. Even if you do not fast any other time of the year, you should make every effort to participate in this time self denial and spiritual growth.

Attending the Services: Every Orthodox Christian should attend as many of the Lenten services as possible. Great Lent only comes once a year. Our participation is a small thing in consideration of what our Lord has done for us.

Almsgiving: During Great Lent, we put aside alms for poor and needy people throughout the world as we give to the Food For Hungry People Program of our Archdiocese. Let us not forget to give our alms during this important time of the year.

DONATIONS... are needed for flowers, candles, incense, olive oil, etc. during Lent and Holy Week. Special offerings for altar items are also welcomed.

Great Lent Schedule

February 15 – March 26, 2010

Let us begin the fast with joy!

Let us prepare ourselves for spiritual efforts!

Let us cleanse our soul and cleanse our flesh!

Let us abstain from every passion

as we abstain from food!

Let us rejoice in virtues of the spirit

and fulfill them in love!

That we all may see the passion of Christ our God,

And rejoice in spirit at the holy Pascha!

– from Forgiveness Vespers

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