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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

March 5, 2023

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)
Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)
Fr. John Stefero (Retired Priest In Residence)

(Icon of Sunday of Orthodoxy)

VISION:

Love God, Love your neighbor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an Orthodox Christian community.

MISSION:

The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to welcome and serve people with love, truth, joy and peace, and to create an environment that encourages all to seek salvation through Orthodox Christianity.

CORE VALUES:

Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

SYNAXARION:

Sunday of Orthodoxy; Removal of the relics of Nicephorus the Patriarch of Alexandria

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Mode -Plagal 1)
Co-eternal with the Father and Spirit is the Word Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation we the faithful both praise and worship Him. For in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the cross and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead by His all Glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Feast:
Before Your pure Icon we worship O Good one, entreating forgiveness of our many sins, O Christ our God. In the flesh by Your own will You ascended the Cross to rescue us from the enemy; therefore, with thanks we cry out to You: You have filled all things with joy O Savior, having come to save the world.

Apolytikion for St. John:
The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you O Forerunner the witness of the Lord is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the prophets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, even to those in Hades: that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the world, and grants to us His great mercy.

Welcome to all of our Visitors “Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7 We pray that your worship experience with us today will be inspirational and uplifting. Please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Welcoming Ministry and pick-up a “welcome packet” as you exit the church. We are happy that you are with us today!

Holy Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are in good canonical standing with the church and who have prepared through prayer and fasting. Everyone is invited to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Order for Holy Communion—With Sunday School back in session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

- Choir
- Altar boys
- Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle before Communion)
- Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)
- Then the rest of the congregation

Kontakion:
O Wisdom’s guiding star, provider of prudence, instructor of the foolish ones, and the defender of the poor: support and give understanding, O Master, to my heart. You give me words, who are the Father’s Word; for behold I shall not hold back my lips from crying out to You: O Compassionate One, have mercy on me who has gone astray.

Victorious Lady:
Ti I-per-ma-cho stra-ti-go ta ni-ki-ti-ri-a, os li-tro-thi-sa ton di-non ef-cha-ri-sti-ri-a, a-na-gra-fo si i po-lis sou The-o-to-ke. Al’os e-chu-sa to kra-tos a-pro-sma-chi-ton ek pan-di-on me kin-di-non e-lef-the-ro-son i-na kra-zo si: He-re nim-fi a-nim-fef-te.

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants, now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long. That we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

Upcoming Services & Events		
Sunday March 5	Sunday of Great Lent- Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m. AHEPA/Daughters	
Monday March 6	Compline 5:30 p.m. Young Adult dinner/ discussion	
Tuesday March 7	Women’s Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday March 8	9th Hour 5:30 p.m. Dinner/ discussion (Sponsored by	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Choir Ministry)
Thursday March 9	Adult Greek School Choir Practice	
Friday March 10	9th Hour 9:30 a.m. Salutations 6:30 p.m.	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 11	Young Adult Lenten Retreat - St. Pete	
Sunday March 12	2nd Sunday of Great Lent—St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.	
Monday March 13	Compline 5:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday March 15	9th Hour 5:30 p.m. Dinner/discussion (Sponsored by AHEPA/Daughters)	Pre- Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.
Thursday March 16	Adult Greek School Choir Practice	
Friday March 17	9th Hour 9:30 a.m. Salutations to the Virgin Mary- 3rd Stanza 6:30 p.m.	Pre- Sanctified Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to the Tampa Bay area or just visiting, we would love to get to know you better.

PLEASE TEXT THE WORD

"WELCOME" TO 813-790-5950

FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO GIVE US
YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND FROM THERE
YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO OUR ONLINE CONNECTION CARD

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW *hospitality* TO STRANGERS.
FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED *angels unaware.*
HEBREWS 13:2

Religious Education at St. John

Monday Night Bible Study	Women’s Bible Study
Leader: Fr. John	Leader: Fr. Stavros
March 7: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	March 7: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore -For Children Ages 2 thru 9
"Love at Lent" - A beautifully illustrated set of activity cards +3 prayer cards. Choose one each day of Great Lent and Holy Week and complete a task to reinforce the Lenten values of kindness, forgiveness, love, gratitude, and generosity.

Sunday of Orthodox Vespers in Tarpon Springs- TODAY
A Pan-Orthodox Vespers will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tarpon Springs today, beginning at 5:00 p.m. to commemorate the Sunday of Orthodoxy. All the Orthodox clergy (of all jurisdictions) of the Tampa Bay area will participate. A Lenten reception will follow the Vespers.

JOY Tweens- TODAY
Today, JOY Tweens have a fun offsite activity at Game Over Escape Rooms, where they will be working together to solve puzzles and find their way out of a challenging escape room! Please see the JOY Tweens Constant Contact for more details or contact Maraquet Edquid at 813-422-8963.

Young Adults
Our Young Adult Group will meet for dinner/discussion on Monday, March 6 (note different day this month) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Kourmolis Center. Young Adults are encouraged to come earlier and participate in the Great Complaine service beginning at 5:30 p.m. The group also meets informally for social events. If you are interested in getting notices via What's App, contact Aris Rogers at 813-309-5525.

March is *Θαλασσαιμία*/Cooley's Anemia Month

Fourth Annual ST JOHN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH and AHEPA Tampa Chapter #12 Project
Cooley's Anemia or "Θαλασσαιμία"/Thalassemia, is a rare but fatal genetic blood disorder. It mostly affects people of Mediterranean descent. In its most severe form, it requires bone marrow transplants but usually those who are diagnosed experience symptoms of fatigue, weakness, paleness, and slow growth. Many are unaware they are carriers of the genetic disease until either their child suffers from it or a DNA test result is acquired.

How can you help?

- Get tested since it affects people of Mediterranean descent
- Educate others to be tested and provide support
- Register to be a prospective bone marrow donor with a swab test or by the St John Nursing Ministry on March 26th .

AHEPA has partnered with Team Be The Match for children in need of bone marrow matches. Since April 2006, AHEPA has added 3,000 donors to the Registry. More than 4,000 patients around the world have searched our database and donors have been asked to & quot; be at the ready & quot; for a donation.

1. There will be a table in the Kourmoulis Church Hall with information.
a. March 5th
b. March 12th
c. March 19th
d. March 26th as a prospective donor swab testing

2. Website: <https://ahepa.org/programs/publichealth>

3. For more Information contact:
a. Mike Trimis (813) 784-4872 or MTrimis.AHEPA@gmail.com
b. Tom Georgas (813) 985-0236 or Georgas@verizon.net

Part-Time or Full-Time Nanny Needed in Seminole for 15 Month Old Girl
Beginning April 3rd, 2023, we need a nanny at our home in Seminole for our 15-month-old daughter. The hours would be approximately 9am to 5:30pm Monday-Friday. Dad works from home upstairs every day, and Mom works at home 50% of the time as well, so one or both of us would always be home with you. We are looking for experience in caring for toddlers. If you can speak Greek that would be a plus, but completely not necessary. We are trying to teach her the language young. We appreciate your time and help in searching for a great nanny for our daughter!
Please call or text us if you or someone you know may be interested.
Christopher & Patricia Marian
330-719-1789

Readings for Sunday, March 5

Prokeimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers. Daniel 3.26,27

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40
Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John 1:43-51
At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Liturgical Notes

Sunday, March 5 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

A grand procession with icons took place on March 11, 843 A.D. (which was the first Sunday of Great Lent that year), marking the permanent triumph of icons and their return to the churches after a 150-year absence. From this time, icons were defined as objects to be venerated and not worshipped. They are spir- itual mirrors through which we see the heavenly saints. Their restoration in our churches is a rue victory for Orthodoxy. Thus, on the first Sunday of Lent each year, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Triumph of Orthodoxy with a procession of icons, together with the reading of a Synodal Statement, authored in 843, marking their return to the church. If anyone has new icons that have not been blessed, please bring them to church on Sunday, March 5, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, and place them in the windows of the church. They will be blessed with Holy Water during the service.

Divine Liturgy to begin at 9:45 a.m. on the Sundays of Great Lent

Since the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is offered on each Sunday of Lent, and this Divine Liturgy is slightly longer than the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:45 a.m. from March 5-April 9. The Choir will begin the Doxology at 9:35 a.m.

Mondays of Lent - Great Compline

The service of the Great Compline will be read on the following Mondays of Lent—March 14, March 21 (4:30 p.m.), March 28, April 4 and April 11. This service lasts about an hour and consists of Psalms and hymns of repentance. Service Books for this service will be available.

Wednesdays of Lent – 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts (also called Pre-Sanctified Liturgy) will be held on the Wednesdays during Great Lent. This service consists of Vespers with Holy Communion that was “Pre-Sanctified” the previous Sunday. It is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion frequently during the season of fasting. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is preceded by the reading of the 9th Hour, a short service with penitential prayers as well as the recitation of the Creed, a pre-requisite for the reception of Holy Communion. Service books for this service will be available. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be celebrat- ed on the following Wednesdays of Great Lent: Wednesday, March 1; Wednes-day, March 8; Wednes- day, March 15; Wednesday, March 22; Wednesday, March 29; and Wednesday, April 5. Each ministry is encouraged to attend one Pre-Sanctified Liturgy as follows:

- Wednesday, March 1 Sunday School
- Wednesday, March 8 Choir
- Wednesday, March 15 AHEPA/Daughters
- Wednesday, March 22 Young at Heart/Welcome Ministry
- Wednesday, March 29 Philoptochos
- Wednesday, April 5 Bible Study/Young Adults

Fridays of Lent - 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy has Traditionally been celebrated on Wednesdays AND Fridays of Great Lent. The 9th Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy from 10:00-11:15 a.m. The Pre- Sanctified Litur-gy will be held on the Fridays of Lent as follows: Friday, March 3; Friday, March 10; Friday, March 17; Friday, March 24; Friday, March 31; and Friday, April 7.

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Marcelle T., Elena, Ricky& Michael Gordenina, Tina Chakonas, Felix R., Ivco; ; George Joseph; Anna, Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toulas Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Hen- derson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Alice Stoccardo, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna S. Dora K., Debbie P., Mary V., David V., Don Payne, Vasili, Mori- ah, Andoni, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

Altar Boy Schedule

March 5 Michael Snyder Zachary Carter Dorian Setzer-Torres Leo Lendaros Niko Kyrus Josh Roby	Captains John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Nicholas Carter James Magos Demetri Passalaris George Xenick Nicholas Magos PJ Zelatis	March 12 Teddy Kafentaris Andrew Thatcher Kris Christopher Vasilios Panos Jonah Blankenbaker
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

March 5th Topic: Icons/Sunday of Orthodoxy – First Sunday of Lent ALL of the Sunday School students will participate in the Procession of the Icons	March 12th Topic: Being a Good Friend The Paralytic Second Sunday of Lent
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If you do not receive our weekly Sunday School Constant Contact every Friday afternoon, please e-mail Vickie Peckham to let her know.
Her e-mail address is vickiepeckham@gmail.com

Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project

March 5-11

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abused suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward.

Hebrews 11:24-26

These verses from the Book of Hebrews are read on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of Lent. Moses was a Hebrew. At the time he was born, Pharaoh ordered that all Hebrew males be killed, so that the He-brews would not overrun the Egyptians. The mother of Moses put him in a basket and put him in the river, where he was discovered by Pharaoh’s daughter, who raised him as her own son. Moses, ethnically a Hebrew, could have remained as “royalty” in the house of Pharaoh, but left the fleeting pleasures of that life to become the leader of the Hebrews on behalf of God. Many times in life, we are tempted by the fleeting pleasures of sin. We don’t want to either be a disciplined disciple and for sure not a persecuted follower. These verses remind us that we are to keep our eyes on the reward, heaven, even if it means we will receive ill-treatment along the way. Keep your eyes on the eternal prize!

The Philoptochos Society of
St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
is sponsoring a Women's Retreat



**Behold, I am the
Handmaiden
of the Lord:**

Letting life be according to His Word
Fr. Stavros N. Akrotirianakis - Retreat Leader

Saturday, March 25 - Feast of the Annunciation
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All women are welcome, Orthodox or not

**Starting with Divine Liturgy, followed by lunch,
presentations and group discussions**

Donations Accepted

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

2418 W. Swann Ave. Tampa, FL 33609

Kindly RSVP by March 22 to office@stjohntpa.org

First Things First:

MAKING TIME FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST A SIX-WEEK LENTEN STUDY

Join us Wednesday evenings during Great Lent

March 1 First Things First: *Worship*
Dinner Sponsored by the Sunday School

March 8 First Things First: *Community*
Dinner Sponsored by the Choir

March 15 First Things First: *Love*
Dinner Sponsored by the AHEPA/Daughters

March 22 First Things First: *Learning*
Dinner Sponsored by the Young at Heart and Welcome Ministry

March 29 First Things First: *Service*
Dinner Sponsored by the Philoptochos

April 5 First Things First: *Priorities*
Dinner Sponsored by the Young Adults and Bible Studies

EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE:

6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
7:15 pm Lenten Dinner provided by one of our ministries
7:45 pm Presentation by Father Stavros
8:05 pm Small group discussion
8:30 pm Concluding remarks and closing prayer

GREAT LENT 2023
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
TAMPA, FL



Donations Needed for Great Lent and Holy Week

Great Lent begins February 27. We have many special celebrations during these weeks. We know that many of you would like to contribute to the decorating of our church and icons during this period. For your convenience, below is a list of items needed for the celebration of the Sacred Services of Lent and Holy Week. Please contact the church office to reserve your desired offering for the health of your loved ones or in memory of a deceased loved one.

Payment may be sent to the church office. Checks should be made payable to "St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church" with "Lenten Flower Donation" on the memo line. Online donations are also accepted, be sure to specify.

Lent	Wireless Microphones in the Church	Duracell or Energizer AA Batteries	Many
March 3	Salutations to the Virgin Mary - 1st Stanza	Flowers for Icon of Panagia	\$125
March 10	Salutations to the Virgin Mary - 2nd Stanza	Flowers for Icon of Panagia	\$125
March 17	Salutations to the Virgin Mary - 3rd Stanza	Flowers for Icon of Panagia	\$125
March 19	Veneration of the Holy Cross	Flowers for Tray for Procession	\$500
March 24	Salutations to the Virgin Mary - 4th Stanza	Flowers for Icon of Panagia	\$125
March 31	Akathist Hymn	Flowers for Icon of Panagia	\$125
April 9	Palm Sunday	Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday	\$125
		Palms Strips & Branches	\$300 total
Holy Week		Pillar Candles for Windows (20)	\$20 each
April 9	Palm Sunday	Flowers for Icon of Bridegroom in Narthex	\$125
	Bridegroom Service	Flowers for Icon of Bridegroom on Solea (2)	\$125 each
April 12	Holy Wednesday	Flowers for Icon of Last Supper	\$125
	Holy Unction	Olive Oil, Flour, Prosphora (2)	See Fr. Stavros
April 13	Holy Thursday	Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion	\$125
		Wreaths for Bottom of Cross (2)	\$200 each
		Wreath for Top of Cross	\$300
		Scattered flowers at base of cross	\$75
		Candles for Top of Cross (3)	\$20 each
April 14	Good Friday	16 Bags of Rose Petals for Myrrh-bearers	\$125
		Flowers for Epitaphios	Several
		Candles for Top of Cross (3)-Apokathelosis	\$20 each
		Candles for Top of Cross (3)-Lamentations	\$20 each
		Icon of Extreme Humility	\$125
April 16	Pascha	Flowers for Icon of Resurrection	\$125
		Flowers for Icon of Empty Tomb	\$125
		Silk Flower for Royal Doors	\$125
		Easter Lilies	\$30per Lily

Family Calendar for Great Lent 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 26 Matthew 6:21 Sunday of Forgiveness Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers Ask forgiveness of your family members	27 Psalm 95:6 Clean Monday Great Lent begins Canon of St. Andrew Holy Unction Service No screens today WORSHIP	28 1 Chronicles 16:29 Call your Godparents to wish them a Blessed Lent	March 1 Romans 12:1 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	2 Hebrews 12:28 Silently pray about how much God loves you	3 Psalm 63:3-4 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary	4 Psalm 150:6 Saturday of the Souls St. Theodore Divine Liturgy Pray for a loved one who has passed away
5 John 1:44-45 Sunday of Orthodoxy Divine Liturgy Bring an icon from home to have it blessed	6 Psalm 133:1 Great Compline	7 Romans 12:4-5 Secretly put a plant on a neighbor's porch	8 Proverbs 27:17 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for your priest	9 Galatians 6:2 Send a card to a friend who lives in another state	10 Matthew 18:20 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Make a list of five things you are thankful for	11 Hebrews 10:24-25 Forgive someone who hurt you
12 Mark 2:3-5 St. Gregory Palamas Divine Liturgy Give your Sunday School teacher a handmade card	13 John 13:34 Great Compline Make and send a get-well card to someone who is sick	14 John 3:16 Draw a picture of the Cross with the word "love" on it	15 Luke 10:27 Paraklesis Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for world leaders	16 1 Peter 4:8 Do an intentional act of kindness for someone at school	17 1 John 4:18-19 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Smile at everyone you walk by today	18 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Make a donation to a charity you love
19 Mark 8:34 Veneration of Holy Cross Divine Liturgy Bring a flower home from the cross	20 Philippians 4:9 Great Compline Learn the words to a new prayer	21 Isaiah 1:17 Read about the life of your patron saint	22 Psalm 119:73 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray your teachers	23 Titus 3:14 Choose a Bible verse and put it on your refrigerator	24 2 Peter 3:18 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Read a favorite Bible story with your family	25 Luke 1:35 Annunciation to the Virgin Mary Divine Liturgy Thank God for something in nature He created
26 Mark 9:23-24 St. John of the Ladder Divine Liturgy Draw a ladder and put a Lenten goal on each step	27 Ephesians 2:10 Great Compline Clean your room without being asked	28 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 Do a chore in your yard	29 John 1:16 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for first responders	30 Matthew 5:16 Find a charity where your family can volunteer	31 Psalm 100:2 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Akathist Hymn Visit someone who lives alone	April 1 1 Peter 4:10 Make and serve someone a Lenten meal today
2 Mark 10:45 St. Mary of Egypt Divine Liturgy Sing "Agios o Theos" in Church today	3 Matthew 6:33 Great Compline Make a plan for the Holy Week services you will attend	4 Colossians 3:17 Write the names of your family members to give the priest to pray over during Holy Week	5 Proverbs 3:5-6 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for people who feel alone	6 Philippians 2:4 Memorize a short bible verse	7 Proverbs 3:9-10 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Tell your family members what you love about them	8 John 11:27 Saturday of Lazarus Service of Proskomide Divine Liturgy Watch a faith based movie or show with your family
9 John 12:15 Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy Vespers Service of the Bridegroom Replace your old palm cross	10 Matthew 25:14-15 Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service of the Bridegroom Read the story about Joseph from the Old Testament	11 Luke 17:3-4 Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service of the Bridegroom Read the story of Kassiane the hymnographer	12 Psalm 147:3-4 Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Holy Unction Service of the Bridegroom Holy Unction Receive Holy Unction	13 John 15:12-13 Holy Thursday Liturgy of St. Basil 12 Gospels service Color eggs red for Pascha	14 Joshua 24:15 Holy Friday Royal Hours Unnailing from the Cross Lamentations Pray about Jesus on the cross	15 Acts 2:22-24 Holy Saturday Liturgy of St. Basil Resurrection Service Come see the leaves scattered at the morning liturgy
16 Psalm 51:10 PASCHA Agape Vespers Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!	17 2 Corinthians 4:16 Joyfully sing Christ is risen!	18 Ephesians 4:23 Crack your red eggs while saying "Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!"	19 Isaiah 41:1 Find a picture with the verse John 3:16 and print it out	20 Romans 12:2 Play with someone who feels left out	21 Colossians 3:10 Life-Giving Fountain Divine Liturgy Say a prayer for the gift of clean water	22 Isaiah 40:31 Make resurrection rolls