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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

March 12, 2023

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

(Icon of St. Gregory Palamas)

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:

Gregory Palamas Archbishop of Thessaloniki; Quadratus the Martyr & his Companions ; Anastasia of Alexandria

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Mode-Plagal 2nd)
When the angelic powers appeared at the tomb and soldiers guarding You became as though dead and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred Body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman bestowing the gift of Life. O You who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Feast:
Orthodoxy's great star, support and teacher of the Church, the beauty of the Monks, and invincible protector of the Theologians, O Gregory worker of miracles, the pride of Thessalonica, preacher of grace, forever do you intercede, that our souls may be saved.

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:

1. Choir
2. Altar boys
3. Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle before Communion)
4. Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)
5. Then the rest of the congregation

Kontakion:
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. The-otokos, 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.

Note on the Liturgy of St. Basil
On the five Sundays of Great Lent, the church celebrates the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. After the Great Entrance, after page 30, turn to page 63 for the special prayers that are part of he Liturgy of St. Basil. Once we get to page 80, then turn back to page 41 for the rest of service.

| Upcoming Services & Events | | |
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| 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. |
| Sunday, March 19 | 3rd Sunday of Great Lent—Veneration of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m. Procession of the Holy Cross at the end of the Divine Liturgy GOYA 5:00 p.m. | |
| Monday, March 20 | Compline 5:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | |
| Tuesday March 21 | Women’s Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.- Zoom | |
| Wednesday, March 22 | Paraklesis 10:00 a.m. 9th Hour 5:30 p.m. Dinner/discussion (Sponsored by YAH/ Welcome Ministry) | Pre- Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.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.*

Religious Education at St. John

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| Monday Night Bible Study | Women’s Bible Study |
| Leader: Fr. John | Leader: Fr. Stavros |
| March 13: Monday at 6:30 p.m. | March 21: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. |

Memorial:
Denise Bedran (40 days)

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.

Fr. Stavros will be at Holy Cross Seminary from March 16-18. He has been asked to take part in a program there. For any pastoral emergencies, please call Fr. John. - Thank you!



A simple swab and you can save a life!

The **Nursing Ministry** has partnered with BE THE MATCH and **AHEPA** for the opportunity to save lives by a simple swab. With one swab, we can determine if your bone marrow can save a patient's life.

Take the first step to being someone's hero. Become a marrow donor today! only takes 10 minutes. You could save a life. We will be providing swab kits on March 26th, in the social hall following the Liturgy.

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 "be at the ready" 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



Readings for Sunday, March 12

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Psalm 27.9,1

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-He said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Liturgical Notes

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent - St. Gregory Palamas

On the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent, which is called the “Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas,” we commemorate the memory of St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Salonica. He dedicated his life to Christ, even though he was raised in the royal palace of Constantinople. He withdrew to Mount Athos, where he lived an exemplary life of asceticism and scholarship. He defended the Faith against Garaam the Calabrian (who was against monasticism). He taught that divine grace is not created, but the uncreated energies of God are poured out through creation; otherwise, humanity could never have authentic communication with God. He was appointed Archbishop in 1349 and served with distinction; he died at the age of 63 and his relics rest in Salonica.

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 celebrated on the following Wednesdays of Great Lent: Wednesday, March 1; Wednesday, March 8; Wednesday, 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 Liturgy 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: Gerorge Voulgarus; Helen & Mike Mitchell; Marcelle T., Carlos R., 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, Toula Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Henderson, 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, Moriah, Andoni, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

Altar Boy Schedule

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| March 12 Teddy Kafentaris Andrew Thatcher Kris Christopher Vasilios Panos Jonah Blankenbaker | Captains John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Nicholas Carter James Magos Demetri Passalaris George Xenick Nicholas Magos PJ Zelatis | March 19 Christos Nenos Constantine Ameres Zachary George Alex Findlay Gianni Matassini Nathan Moran Michael Meadows |
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

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| March 12th Topic: Being a Good Friend The Paralytic Second Sunday of Lent | March 19 Topic: The Veneration of the Holy Cross Third Sunday of Great 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 12-18

And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay.
Mark 2:4

This miracle of the healing of the Paralytic is read on the second Sunday of Great Lent. The miracle is preceded by the paralyzed man being brought by four friends. Many times, we have focused on the importance of friendships. This verse focuses on the creativity of those friends to get to Jesus. Imagine first the thought of going on the roof to get to Jesus. Imagine the teamwork to hoist a paralyzed man up the walls of the house without him falling or getting injured. Imagine the risk in cutting a hole in the roof of a house that didn’t belong to them, because they were so desperately motivated to get their friend to Jesus. Being a Christian today is greatly aided by teamwork. When we have friends around to help us and encourage us, it makes being a Christian not only easier but more comforting, knowing that we are not making the journey alone. We also have to be a little bold in our expression of Christianity. We might not cut literal holes in the roof of a house, but we need to cut some holes in the fabric of society that is becoming increasingly anti-Christian, and perhaps for good reason, perhaps because the Christians aren’t acting like Christians. Perhaps we don’t need boldness in the form of radical action but it is bold enough just to stick to the tenets of Christianity in the face of constant temptation to abandon them.

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**

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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 |
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| 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, Prospophora (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 |
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| 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 |