

The Great Fast

My soul, abstain from harmful passions, from envy and hatred and all malice; and feed upon the spiritual food that brings thee heavenly joy. (Tuesday Matins, 1st Week)

Great Lent is the “school of repentance.” It is roughly equivalent to an “annual tithing” in which we offer ourselves back to God so as to be received with love as was the prodigal son. As such, Great Lent is a gift from God, guiding us toward a way of life we may be reluctant to assume on our own, suffering as we often are from spiritual apathy or a simple lack of focus. Great Lent is also goal-oriented, for it leads us on a spiritual pilgrimage of preparation toward the “night brighter than the day” of Pascha and the Risen Lord. Great Lent is “sacred” and “soul-profitting.” It is a key component in the Orthodox Way of living out the Christian life we have been committed to in holy Baptism.

During Great Lent we will recover the essential practices of **prayer, almsgiving and fasting**. These practices are the tools that can assist us in returning and remaining close to God. Liturgical services unique to Great Lent immerse us in a way of communal prayer that is solemn and penitent; but which also lighten and unburden the soul through the mercy and grace of God so abundantly poured out upon us through these inspired services. You leave the church tired in body perhaps, but brighter inside – in the mind and heart. Great Lent invites us to see our neighbors as children of God and of equal value in the eyes of God, and thus deserving of our attention, patience and care. Charity can be distributed through material means or through an encouraging and warmly-spoken word. Great Lent liberates us from the excessive appetites of our bodies through the discipline of fasting. Our diet becomes essentially vegan as we seek to be less weighed down by a body overly-satiated with food and drink. This is healthy for both soul and body. The human person does not live by bread alone as the Lord taught us as He Himself fasted in the desert for forty days. We also fast from entertainment, bad habits, obsessions, useless distractions, vulgar language and the like. We try to simplify life and redeem our newfound time through more focused and virtue-creating tasks. If approached seriously, perhaps we will be able to carry some of this over into the paschal season – and beyond. What can we do? How do we not squander this time set aside for God?

Prayer: Make provision to be in church for some of the Lenten services. Start with the first week of Great Lent and the Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete. Assume or resume a regular Rule of Prayer in your home. Read the psalms and other Scripture carefully and prayerfully. Pray for others.

Charity: [works of mercy] Open your heart to your neighbor. If you believe that Christ dwells within you, then try and see Christ in your neighbor. Make your presence for the “other” encouraging and supportive. Restrain your ego for the sake of your neighbor. Help someone in a concrete manner this Great Lent.

Fasting: Set domestic goals for the manner in which you will observe the fast. Test yourselves. Resist minimalism. If you “break” the fast, do not get discouraged or “give up,” but start over [breaking the fast is simply a time to learn about what not to do as much as what to do]. Assume that your Orthodox neighbor is observing the fast. Seek silence. Allow for a different atmosphere in the home.

Jesus set the example of fasting for forty days. We imitate Him for the same period of forty days. If it was hard for Him, it will be hard for us; but not as hard as it was for Him. Jesus went to the Cross following His “holy week” in Jerusalem. We follow Him in our holy week observance and practices. Jesus was raised from the dead following His crucifixion, death and burial. We seek the resurrection of our spiritual lives here and now as we await our own death at the appointed time and the resurrection of the dead at the end of time.

“Taking Lent seriously” (Fr. Alexander Schmemmann’s phrase) is a concrete sign of taking God seriously. Our surrounding culture is not serious about taking anything too seriously. When serious issues arise, however, people have a difficult time dealing with them. Yet Jesus was very serious. Especially when it came to issues of life and death – and God and salvation, and so forth. Great Lent helps us to focus on these very themes, therefore making it meaningful and important for our lives.

—Father Steven Kostoff, Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Practical help for Lent

Below are some practical ways in which the Church supports us in the spiritual work of the springtime of Great Lent. The list is partial and meant to be helpful. It is not a list to weigh you down with more to do. On the other hand, Lent is a time of the year, a tithing of our year. If we expect to benefit we need to apply some time and patience. Make a plan to live in Lent. The list below is not an attempt to inspire anyone—it's just info. For inspiration, there are plenty of books, articles, and sermons available.

• **Fasting/Abstaining:** Fasting means “not eating.” During Lent there are some days in which we do not eat if possible, or as little as possible (Wednesdays and Fridays). We also abstain from certain foods, never forgetting that St. Paul said that “food does not commend us to God.” He doesn't need it; we do. We are also encouraged to “mind our business” and not pay attention to how others fast (see I Cor. 8). Some of us are surprised or discouraged that when we fast we actually get hungry; then a bit cranky. Our bodies (more like our desires) don't like it and we want to stop. This is part of the process. Stick with it. During Lent we abstain from all meat, dairy and eggs (children, expecting and nursing mothers are not expected to keep a strict fast, although perhaps they might abstain from meat and dairy on Wednesdays and Fridays). According to the Tradition, those who are able eat but one meal a day Monday—Friday. Those who can fast strictly on Wednesdays and Fridays. We have wine and olive oil on weekends. For a more complete review of all of this, see *The True Nature of Fasting*, by Bishop Kallistos Ware at the following website:

www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith9199.

• **Works of Mercy:** Also known as almsgiving. Works of mercy include the giving of money to the poor, but may be many other things as well, such as visiting shut-ins, doing regular, meaningful and deliberate acts of kindness, visiting nursing homes, working at a shelter or soup-kitchen, giving away your extra shoes, coats, shirts, towels, etc. to the poor. We remember that we shall be judged by our works to the “least” of the brethren of Christ (see Matt. 25).

• **Prayer/Silence:** Time for outer, and more importantly, inner silence is essential for prayer to take wings. At least for the first, fifth and Holy Week shut off the TV. If

WWIII breaks out you'll know about it. Try not to use the TV, radio or the infinite variety of podcasts that are available for background filler because you don't like the quiet. The silence gives you a chance to get your attention off the thoughts (which never stop anyway) and pray. Like fasting, when you work on silence, an inner voice might start to complain. Turn your attention to prayer, and away from the thoughts (logismi).

• **Spiritual Reading:** Suggested Scripture—Genesis, Isaiah, Hebrews. Suggested books—*Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy*, *Great Lent*, *Path to Salvation*, *Path to Sanity*. *The Divine Liturgy* by Hieromonk Gregorios. There are countless good books. Find one.

• **Confession:** Lent is spring-cleaning for the soul. Confession is very much part of our Lenten efforts. Prayer, fasting and works of mercy will reveal our sins to us in a most surprising way. We confess, repent (change our nous, our mind, our way), and receive Divine help.

• **Daily Matins:** 7:30 AM Tuesday through Friday. Come for all, come for part. The hymns and prayers will start your day right, keep you connected to Lent, and illumine your understanding of the season.

• **Liturgy of the Presanctified:** This is a service of Vespers, combined with preparation and reception of Holy Communion. The Holy Mysteries have been “presanctified” at the previous Sunday Liturgy, and set aside so that we may be strengthened in our ascetic struggles by Divine help, and by praying together. A meal and spiritual reading will follow the service. We have the Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday at 6:15 PM as well as on Fridays at 10 AM, and sometimes at 6:15 PM. To prepare, fast from Noon. Those who can, should try to fast all day. A meal will be served following the Service.

• **First Week/Clean Week:** *Matins* at 7:30 AM, the *Sixth Hour* at Noon, the glorious and challenging *Canon of St. Andrew of Crete* at 7 PM will be served Monday through Thursday. Presanctified on Wed. and Fri. Traditionally, Orthodox people have always treated this week as extremely holy. Not only do we turn off the TV, the ipods, the radio, we try to fast as strictly as we can for the first three days. Obviously, those who are working hard may not be able to participate so fully. Each person or family will find the best way to mark these days of joyful sorrow.

• **PHOTO-DIRECTORY COMING SOON:** Look for it right after Pascha •

INFORMATION

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Minutes of the Parent Meeting, 2/12/2012

Fr. Lawrence, Alexandra Harrison, Serge & Lara Anderson, Esther Carr, Michael Dovey, and Lisa Moroz were present. We discussed ideas on our teens (and younger as well) might be involved in parish life, meet youth from other parishes, learn more about the church, volunteer in the broader community and just have some fun together. Some of the ideas are geared toward youth of all ages and some are geared more towards the teens: Snow trip (sledding and possibly snow shoeing) for Saturday, March 10; Parish Work Party on March 17; Movie Night and BBQ on April 20; regular monthly movie nights, hosted here at the Hall for teens, by Michael Dovey; Invite neighboring parishes; Giants Game in May (Fr. Lawrence volunteered to look into purchasing a block of tickets); Baseball or kickball games at the park; Dance (invite other parishes); create a musical band, ask Preston Booker, Tom Pellizzer or one of the other parish musicians to get something started; Hike at Sugarloaf; Astronomy evening at Sugarloaf; Docent led talk followed by a moonlight BBQ or Potluck; Visit the Bale Grist Mill in Calistoga/St. Helena followed by a hike and lunch at Bothe Park; Other local living history events such as the sawmill in Cazadero; Kayaking on the river; Calistoga Monastery work party; BBQ building party for here; Basic car maintenance class (how to change oil, a flat, etc.; Spring Lake Fridays-after-work afternoon picnics; Hosting the Agape Meal (Garett Paul Hamner will help arrange this so it happens on a semi-regular basis); Sunday school teaching assistants; Summer Camp July 1-7 (Joe Anderson can promote it by visiting the Church School classes and sharing his positive experiences); Field trip to St. Herman's Monastery in Platina/St. John in Manton; Camping Trip to Shasta area with St. Andrew's/Riverside Youth trip; Project Mexico End of June/ Beginning of July. Furthering our sense of community, parents can make an effort to get together socially so the kids become more connected. Dinners, backyard BBQs and picnics at local parks and wineries are some suggestions. —*Minutes taken by Lisa Moroz*

Father Alexander Elchaninov, on Confession:

Fr. Alexander writes that confession of sins “springs from an awareness of what is holy, it means dying to sin and coming alive again to sanctity.” It begins with “a searching of the heart.” It moves to a sincere “contrition of the heart.” It expresses itself in the “oral confession of sins,” accomplished “with precision, without veiling the ugliness of sin by vague expressions.” It is fulfilled in the resolution never to sin again, although realizing that we will fall [into a sin] because we are not God. It is sealed by our subsequent sufferings to remain steadfast in our struggle against sin. He continues, **“Do not put it off. A weak faith and doubts are no obstacle.** Go to confession without fail, repenting of weak faith and doubts, admitting them as a sign of your helplessness and sinfulness. Only the blessed, those whose spirit is full of strength, possess complete faith; how can we, impure and unbelieving, hope to possess their faith? If we had it, we would be saintly, strong, godlike, and would not need the help offered us by the Church. And so, you too—do not decline this help.” Such confession is at the heart of our spiritual efforts, especially during the Lenten Season.

Cooks are needed to prepare meals for after the Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgies. Call or see Fr. Lawrence

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CATECHISM, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3:30 PM.** Join with the Catechumens in their study of the teachings of the Orthodox Church as they prepare for Baptism. The class meets in St. Seraphim Church from 3:30 until 4:45 PM. All are welcome. For the catechumens, Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Baptism—and the experience of the Resurrection of Christ in their own lives. Those of us that experienced Holy Baptism/Chrismation, and partake of the Holy Mysteries should especially be mindful that our efforts (praying, fasting, attending services, being kind, joy, patience, etc.) may encourage and help our catechumens. On the other hand, if we are not very pious, careless with our words and fail to keep a good Lenten practice in our own lives, we may discourage and hinder the catechumens during this crucial time of new growth and understanding.
- **OUR CATECHUMENS:** We rejoice in receiving two new catechumens after Vespers on Saturday evening, February 25: Kathie Franotovich and Jean Share. Please pray for all of the catechumens: George Barsi, Edwin Fauble, Sean, Vipassana, Athena and Tatiana Esbjörn-Hargens, Elizabeth Kelly, Prisca Roselle, Karen Hubbard, Rosalyn Andronico and Isaiah McCloud.
- **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** We congratulate those newly or re-elected to the Parish Council: Serge Anderson, Petar Griovski, Bonnie Alexander, Maaza Belata, Ole Kern, Nick Nicholson. They join those who have another year on their term: Vladimir Baer, Sergei Moroz, Denise Pellizzer and Preston Booker.
- **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP:** Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 PM at Barbara Owens' home. We will be reading from the book called "The Synaxarion" (compilation of lives of saints) on Elder Ambrose of Optina, October 10 (pages 332-337) and on the Synaxis of the Optina Elders, October 11 (pages 345-366). I plan to scan the pages we will be reading so that they are available to anyone without needing to purchase the entire first volume of the Synaxarion. We will decide in March how we want to follow up on this beginning. There are many options already available in our bookstore. —Bobbi Griovski
- **RIDE MINISTRY:** There are a number of parish members that are in need of a ride to the Saturday evening Vespers and the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy. If you are able to help out, please contact Karen Prisca Roselle at (707) 431-8021 or (510) 735-1306.
- **A REQUEST:** The parish clergy request that when receiving Holy Communion women not wear lipstick or lip gloss or anything on the lips. Even if the lipstick/gloss is blotted prior to receiving Holy Communion, still a residue is left upon the spoon. This is both unsightly and unpleasant and perhaps, unsanitary. The chemicals in the lipstick are not only harmful to the gold or silver plating on the spoon and in the Holy Chalice and the icons, but a recent article on the SF Chronicle warns its readers that some lipsticks might also be poisonous and have traces of lead: www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/14/MN411N7H33.DTL#ixzz1mgrg6pVj.
- **HAVING PRAYERFULLY FOCUSED** your attention for an hour and a half during the Divine Liturgy, it is an understandable temptation to "take a break" once Communion has been accomplished. However, the time of reverence has not passed until the last of the faithful partake and the Chalice returns to the Holy of Holies. An illustration: during the Lenten Presanctified Liturgy, for example, when the already sanctified Body and Blood are taken in procession, the faithful fully prostrate themselves in silence. What would then be appropriate for Sunday, since, according to the First Ecumenical Council, we do not kneel on Sundays? Please, stand quietly after Holy Communion—our elderly may sit as they need, of course. As you stand, reverently contemplate the presence of the Body and Blood while the Chalice is being offered, giving thanks to God for being able to receive this great Gift.
- **PARISH WORK PARTY:** Saturday, March 17, starting at 9 AM. Projects: clean up area behind the Parish Hall, finish installing drip lines by playground, storage building work, etc.
- **"PASSIA" (Lenten Sunday Vespers) Service Schedule:** March 11, at 6PM in Menlo Park, Nativity of the Theotokos, 1220 Crane Street. March 18 at 6PM in Fremont, Saint Christina of Tyre. 3721 Parish Ave. March 25 at 6 PM in San Francisco, Christ the Savior Church. 490 12th Avenue at Anza. April 1st at 6PM in Saratoga, Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church. 14220 Elva Ave. Saratoga, CA. 95070.
- **HELP FURNISH THE HALL:** Sponsor a dinner place setting (or several). \$20 each. See the offering envelopes at the Candle Desk, or see Bobbi Griovski for more information.

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 26 - Cheesefare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 1:15 PM, <i>Forgiveness Vespers, and the beginning of Great Lent</i> 	27 - Clean Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 12 Noon, 6th Hour • 7 PM, Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 12 Noon, 6th Hour • 7 PM, Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Canon of St. Andrew of Crete • 12 Noon, 6th Hour • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified & Meal/Reading 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 12 Noon, 6th Hour • 7 PM, Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, 9th Hour & Liturgy of the Presanctified w/the Canon to St. Theodore 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Vigil for Sunday of Orthodoxy
4 - Sunday of Orthodoxy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, <i>Liturgy & Procession with the Icons</i> • Noon, Agape Meal 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified & Meal/Reading 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • <i>Fr L in Calistoga all day for Confessions</i> • 6 PM, Vigil (Matins) for the 40 Martyrs 	9 - 40 Martyrs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, 9th Hour & Liturgy of the Presanctified 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Vigil
11 - St. Gregory Palamas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal • 12:45, <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified & Meal/Reading 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Work Party • 11 AM, Baptism • 1 PM, Choir Concert at Museum • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Vigil
18 - Veneration of the Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 7 PM, <i>Women's Book Group (readings on the Optina Elders, at home of Barbara Owens)</i> 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified & Meal/Reading 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • <i>Fr L in Calistoga all day for Confessions</i> • 7 PM, Parish Council Meeting 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (no catechism) • 5 PM, Vigil for the Annunciation of the Theotokos
25 - Annunciation Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal • 1:15 PM, Vespers/Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified & Meal/Reading 	29 - PARISH RETREAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Matins & Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, Liturgy of the Presanctified (starts about noon) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 PM Akathist Hymn/Matins to the Theotokos 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM, CHOIR REHEARSAL for Holy Week & Pascha • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Vespers

• Needed: cooks to prepare meals for after the Presanctified Liturgy on Lenten Wednesdays. See or call Father Lawrence

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APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - St. Mary of Egypt • 9–10 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon: Agape Meal	2	3 • 7:30 AM, Matins	4 • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified & Meal/Spiritual reading	5 • 7:30 AM, Matins	6 • 7:30 AM, Matins • 6:30 PM, Matins for Lazarus Saturday & Final class for Catechumens	7 - Lazarus Saturday • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday • Noon: Church cleaning/polishing brass, decorating • 5 PM, Vigil for Palm Sunday (bless palms)
8 - Entrance into Jerusalem • 9–10 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy and Procession after • Noon: Agape Meal • 12:45 PM, Choir rehearsal	9 - Great & Holy Monday • 6:30 AM, Bridegroom Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified	10 - Holy Tuesday • 6:30 AM, Bridegroom Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified	11 - Holy Wednesday • 6:30 AM, Bridegroom Matins • 6:15 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified	12 - Holy Thursday <i>Strict Fasting</i> • 11:30 AM, Vesperal Liturgy (Mystical Supper) • 7 PM, Matins (12 Gospel readings)	13 - Holy Friday <i>Strict Fasting</i> • 9 AM, Royal Hours • 3 PM, Great Vespers of Holy Friday • 7 PM, Matins and the Lamentations, Psalter Reading all night	14 - Holy Saturday, Strict fast • Noon, Exorcisms • 12:45, 9 th Hour • 1 PM, Vesperal Liturgy & Baptisms • 5 PM, Reading of Acts • 11:30 PM, Nocturn • Midnight: Pascha
15 - Holy Pascha • 12 AM, Paschal Matins and Liturgy • 1 PM, Paschal Vespers, potluck BBQ to follow	16 - Bright Monday • 9 AM, Matins and Paschal Liturgy	17 - Bright Tuesday • 9 AM, Matins and Paschal Liturgy	18- Bright Wednesday • 10 AM, Kazan Skete, Paschal Liturgy • 6 PM, Paschal Vespers	19- Bright Thursday • 6 PM, Paschal Vespers	20- Bright Friday • 5 PM, BBQ and Movie Night	21- Bright Saturday • 9 AM, Paschal Liturgy • 5 PM, Great Vespers
22 - Thomas Sunday • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon: Agape Meal • 2 PM, Wedding	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24	25 • 6 PM, Vespers	26 • Fr L in SF all day for Diocesan Council Meeting • 7 PM, Parish Council Meeting	27	28 • 5 PM, VIGIL
29 - Holy Myrrhbearers • 9–10 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon: Agape Meal • 2:30 PM, Wedding	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	May 1	2 • 6 PM, Vespers	3	4	5 • 9 AM, Work Party • 5 PM, Great Vespers

April Calendar
to be updated

• Weddings: April 22—marriage of Franchesca Schaaf and Ryan Panteleiman Duval. April 29—marriage of Alexandra Harrison and Joseph Marino