

**Great Lent Pan-Orthodox Lenten Service—
Sundays, March 4th & 11th**

Every Sunday evening during Great Lent there will be a special lenten vespers service held within the different Orthodox churches in the Northland. The next service—in honor of St. Gregory Palamas—will be on March 4th at St. Michael's in Hibbing at 5 p.m., followed by March 11th's service—in honor of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross—at St. George's at 5. As always, there will be a guest homilist and a light lenten meal for the faithful. Please come and join us!

Presanctified Liturgies

Presanctified Liturgies are special lenten services usually served on Wednesdays and Fridays where one can take communion in the evening. We will be alternating these services on Wednesdays with Holy Twelve Apostles. The next presanctified services will be on Wednesday, March 7th, at Twelve Apostles at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, March 14th at St. George's at 6.

One may take communion on Wednesday evening if one is 1) already fasting the entire week (from Monday to Sunday morning) and 2) one does not eat or drink anything on Wednesday from noon until communion. Please follow the guidelines concerning the rule of confession that apply to St. George parishioners as well. —Fr. K.

Pasty Sale and Work Schedule

The Choir's spring pasty sale will begin on Friday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. with potato peeling.

On Saturday, March 3rd, at around 8:00 a.m. will be the making of pasties. We are trying a new pasty making schedule.... so hope it works.

On Sunday, March 4th, following coffee, we will peel the remaining potatoes from Friday night. On Monday morning at around 8:00 a.m., March 5th, we again will make pasties to fill our pre-placed orders.

Pasty Sale and Work Schedule cont'd

Lunch will be served on Saturday and on Sunday after peeling. Monday's workers will have lunch during the day.

If need be, in order to fill all orders, Tuesdays could be another day for making pasties. We will not know until all orders are in as to how many we need.

As you know this is a big project and needs lots of faithful and dedicated workers to be a success.

Hope to see you Friday, March 2nd or Saturday, March 3rd or Sunday, March 4th or on Monday, March 5th. It is a lot of work so we all need to work together to be successful. Join us when you can. Thanks - Hvala!

—St. George Choir

**Spiritual Renewal Retreat this Great Lent
with Guest Priest**

From Friday, March 15th through Sunday March 18th, Fr. Barnabas Powell—the producer of the video series *Journey to Fullness* (which our parish watched last year during Great Lent)—will be coming all the way from his vibrant parish in Georgia to speak with us in the Northland at hosted events. We hope that his talks will inspire personal Christian growth and teach us new ways to make Orthodoxy more visible in our local community. Here is the schedule of Fr. Barnabas' speaking engagements:

On Fri., March 15th at Holy Twelve Apostles after the Salutations service at 6 p.m.

On Sat., March 16th at Holy Twelve Apostles during the *Spiritual Renewal Retreat* from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

On Sat., March 16th at St. George's at Vespers at 6 p.m. (Fr. Barnabas will be our guest homilist)

And on Sun., March 17th at St. Basil's in Chisholm at the Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers service at 5 p.m. (Fr. Barnabas will be the guest homilist)

We hope you can join us!

The Rules for Fasting During Great Lent

During Great Lent we fast according to the following *official* rule:

1) On weekdays we prepare lenten food without oil (no fish).

2) On Saturdays and Sundays, we prepare lenten food with oil (still no fish).

3) Fish is eaten only one time during this 2018 Great Lent—on Palm Sunday.

—Fr. K.

**A Note from Fr. Kristijan about Fasting
for Great Lent**

It is my dear wish to see children ages 7-12 fast at least one week in order to receive communion during this 40 day lenten period.

Those who are thirteen and older (from adolescence to adulthood), who are not fasting the entire 40 days but would still like to take communion, should fast according to the current prevalent (albeit *unofficial*) rule held for adults in the Serbian Orthodox Church, which presently are:

1. To fast one week before communion (starting on Monday). The first half of the week—Monday to Wednesday—we can have fish and oil.

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2. For the second half of the week—Thursday to Saturday—we fast more strictly, “na vodi,” without fish and oil.

Those who fast the entire 40 days of Lent may take communion every Sunday after coming to confession.

Confession During Great Lent

We remind the faithful that the practice of Confession before Communion is just as important as fasting in our preparation for communing. Confessions will be heard starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Please be in church early, no later than 9:45 a.m., so that we can preserve church order and start the service on time. Additional opportunities for confession will be before Presanctified Services

Confession During Great Lent cont'd.

on Wednesdays as well as before and after Saturday evening vespers services. If one cannot make it for these times, please contact me for an appointment.

-Fr Kristijan

Kolo Meeting

The Kolo will hold its next monthly meeting on Sunday, March 11, after Liturgy.

Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 11, after the Liturgy.

House Blessings

Fr. Kristijan is now blessing homes with holy water. If you are interested in having him bless your home, please contact him by email at fr.kristijan@gmail.com or cell at 576-4720.

Kolo Dues

Kolo dues for 2018 (\$12) are being accepted by Donna Benson.

Bakalar Supper Soon

The Choir's Easter Lenten Bakalar Dinner will soon be here. Please make sure to place March 30th on your 'Must-Remember-To-Go-To' list. Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. in our church hall. No reservations are needed. Come and enjoy a good Lenten meal!

Calendar Reminders

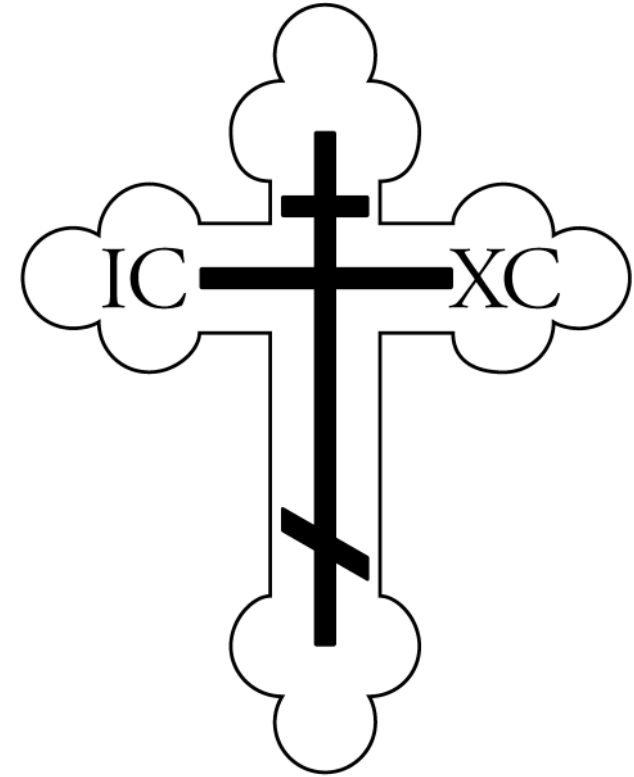
- Fri., Mar. 2**—**Potato peeling** for pasties at 5 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 3**—**Pasty making** starting at 8 a.m. (a lenten lunch will be served for the workers); Vespers at 5 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 4**—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; After the service, **potato peeling** for pasties (a lenten lunch will be served for the workers); **Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers service at St. Michael's-Hibbing** at 5 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 5**—**Pasty making** starting at 8 a.m. (a lenten lunch will be served for the workers)
- Tue., Mar. 6**—Finishing, if need be, the remaining pasty orders
- Wed., Mar. 7**—**Presanctified Liturgy** at Holy Twelve Apostles at 6 p.m. (with light lenten meal in the hall)
- Sat., Mar. 10**—Vespers at 5 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 11**—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; **Kolo meeting** after Liturgy; **Executive Board meeting** after Liturgy; **Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers service at St. George's** at 5 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 14**—**Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George's at 6 p.m. (with light lenten meal in the hall)

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