

**Great Lent Pan-Orthodox Lenten Services—  
Sundays, March 18th & 25th**

Every Sunday evening during Great Lent there are special lenten vespers services held within the different Orthodox churches in the Northland. The next service—in honor of St. John the Ladder—will be on March 18th at St. Basil's in Chisholm at 5 p.m., followed by March 25th's service—in honor of St. Mary of Egypt—at 5 p.m. (location TBA). 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 21st, at Twelve Apostles at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, March 28th 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.

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

From March 17-18th, 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 church 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. Branabas' speaking

**Spiritual Renewal Retreat cont'd.**

engagements:

On Sat., March 17th at Holy Twelve Apostles' during the *Spiritual Renewal Retreat* from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

On Sat., March 17th at St. George's at Vespers at 6 p.m. (Fr. Barnabas will be our guest homilist)

And on Sun., March 18th 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!

**Fr. Kristijan Out of Town**

From March 21-24th, Fr. Kristijan will be in Chicago attending the Annual Diocesan Assembly. If there is an emergency, please contact Fr. Tim at 343-5754.

**Bakalar Supper**

Does the smell of Bakalar make your mouth water? We hope it does as the Choir's annual Bakalar supper will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

All you can eat fish, salad and homemade bread "Pogaca" for \$12.00 per person. Carry-outs will be available following dinner. Call in your take-out orders to the church at 626-1856 or place your order at the time of dinner.

Carry outs are \$12.00 for Bakalar and Pogaca.

Hope to see you all during our Lenten Bakalar Supper. —St. George Choir

**Lazarus Sat- Palm/Willow Assembly (Mar 31)  
Palm Sunday-Children's Procession (Apr 1)**

Palm Sunday will be on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> this year. The day before Palm Sunday is always known as Lazarus Saturday. On that Saturday the Lord raised the four-day-dead Lazarus from the tomb, before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem the next day, Palm Sunday. In commemoration of this event, we will have Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. on Lazarus Saturday, March 31st.

**Lazarus Sat- Palm/Willow Assembly (Mar 31)  
Palm Sun-Children's Procession (Apr 1) cont'd.**

We plan to have a children's procession with pussy willows and palm spear bouquets the next day, in remembrance of the children who joyously held palms when the Lord triumphantly entered into Jerusalem.

We kindly ask those who can help assemble these individual bouquets to join us after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, March 31st, at 11:15 a.m. in the church hall.

Please do not forget to bring your children and grandchildren on Palm Sunday (April 1st) in order to receive their palms and participate in the children's procession!

**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 (April 1st).

**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,"

**About Fasting for Great Lent cont'd.**

without fish and oil. Those who fast the entire 40 days of Lent may take communion every Sunday after coming to confession. —Fr. K.

**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

**Health Donations**

*For the health of Lori Ulvi: Ally and Sue Rybos*  
*For the health of Tillie Skorich on the occasion of her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Tammera and Dixon Bastie*

**Bulletin Donation**

Janice Nelson

**Thank You's**

The Kolo would like to thank Dorothy Kiminski for her generous donation.

**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](mailto:fr.kristijan@gmail.com) or cell at 576-4720.

**Kolo Dues**

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

**Calendar Reminders**

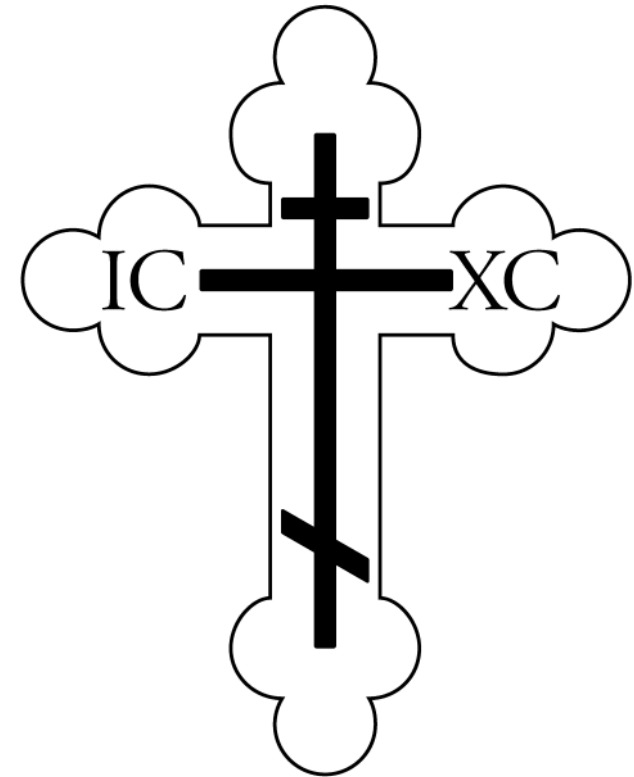
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- Wed., Mar. 21-24—Fr. Kristijan out of town (please contact Fr. Tim at 343-5754 in case of emergency)
- Sun., Mar. 25—Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers service at 5 p.m. (location TBA)
- Wed., Mar. 28—Presanctified Liturgy at St. George's at 6 p.m. (with light lenten meal in the hall)
- Fri., Mar. 30—Bakalar Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Sat, Mar. 31—Lazarus Saturday—Liturgy at 10 a.m. (Palm/Willow assembly after Liturgy); Great Vespers at 5 p.m.
- Sun, Apr 1—PALM SUNDAY—Liturgy at 10 a.m. (Children's Procession with Palms and Pussywillows—Please bring your children!)

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