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Sunday	Mar 10	<i>41st Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Cheesefare - Forgiveness Sunday</i>
		9:00 am Church School
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Beginning of Great Lent		5:30 pm Vespers of Forgiveness / Rite of Forgiveness
Monday	Mar 11	<i>1st Day of Great Lent</i>
		7:00 pm Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete
Tuesday	Mar 12	<i>2nd Day of Great Lent</i>
		7:00 pm Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete
Wednesday	Mar 13	<i>3rd Day of Great Lent</i>
		4:00 pm Confession
		6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday	Mar 14	<i>4th Day of Great Lent</i>
		7:00 pm Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete
Saturday	Mar 16	<i>Martyr Sabinas</i>
		4:00 pm Confession
		5:30 pm Great Vespers
Sunday	Mar 17	<i>1st Sunday of Great Lent / Tone 1 / Triumph of Orthodoxy</i>
		Readings: Heb 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Jn 1:43-51
		9:00 am Church School
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
		5:00 pm Festal Vespers at St Michael's

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Mar 3

Attendance: (Adults 117, Children 36)	153
Operating	\$4,268.00
OCA Assessments	825.00
Uganda Children	90.00
Charities	147.00
Icons	97.00
Maintenance	190.00
Brunch (to Maintenance Fund)	403.00
Alexander Memorial to Icon Fund	255.00

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to all who helped in any way or contributed financially to the Preleuten Brunch held last Sunday. The meal was excellent.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, Nina Stehnach (Fr's frnds),

Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Joella (Lu D's daughter) Laura (Lu D's sis-n-law), Bradley (Tina C's son), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Birthdays: Dana Schlotzer (3/10), Elijah Moore (3/13), Bobby Wick (3/16).

Newborns: Mira (David & Maria).

Expecting: Tom & Stephanie, Bobby & Juliana.

Departed: Lillian Lussier (2/21, LuAnn D's mom), Eleanor Alexander (2/18, Tom's mom).

Our Seminarian: Deacon Brian Crivella & Family.

Our Missionaries: Peter & Sharon.

Newly Illumined: Nicholas, Maxime.

Observing Lent with our Children

Sister Magdalen reminds us in the SVS Press book, *Children in the Church Today* that being a wise parent “sometimes involves letting go temporarily of secondary aspects in order to concentrate on central things (faith, love, freedom, truth). We know that ‘secondary’ things contribute to the essentials, and we try to live in a way that makes this manifest, and to explain it to our young people. However, we may have to wait patiently while our children go through the experience of sorting out the central meaning of life for themselves.” This good counsel extends to all of the Lenten disciplines. Let’s go forward into this journey with enthusiasm, knowing that in due season we will “reap, if we faint not.”

Here are some ideas for how we can observe Lent in our families:

- Pick one service a week to go to, one that works with family obligations and schedules. Let your child pick his or her favorite service and then make attending it a special event by sharing a Lenten restaurant meal together afterwards. Kids love the one-on-one time, and we never know what our child will want to talk about after experiencing a Lenten service.

- Find ways to include the kids in ministry tasks, whether that be baking holy bread, decorating the temple, or bringing food to a shut-in.

- Talk about the meaning of Lent. After dinner, ask, why do we fast? Discuss the next Sunday’s theme.

- Pick an alms project. The Orthodox Christian Mission Center supplies families with coin boxes for missions — have your kids empty their pocket change into the boxes at dinner

- Put up this helpful fridge poster: “My Lenten Journey,” which tracks the time and suggests one simple way to keep Lent each of the 40 days.

- Read Orthodox kids books together, and listen to the music of the Church while traveling. A good book to read through during Lent is *The Bible For Young People*.

- Unplug your family — turn off the TV, unhook cable for 40 days, hide the X-box; instead, play table games, take walks, and read a good book out loud.

(Taken from OCA.org)

**Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers next
Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 pm at St Michael’s**