

GREAT LENT STUDY – 2019

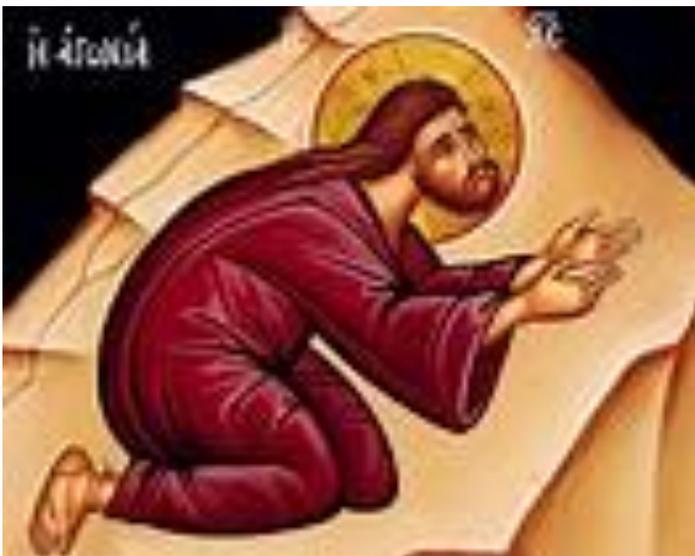
OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA

Lent is a spiritual journey and its destination is Easter... More effort goes into preparing Lenten dishes or Easter baskets than into fasting and participation in the spiritual reality of Easter... To take Lent seriously means then that we will consider it first of all on the deepest possible level – as a spiritual challenge which requires a response, a decision, a plan, a continuous effort. ~Alexander Schmemmann

Lent is a time for reflection, a time for finding quiet space in this fast-paced world to prepare ourselves for the joy of the Resurrection. It is a beautiful time to open ourselves to the wonderful prayers, services, and practices which prepares us for this magnificent Feast.

But do we really understand how very special this time of preparation is? The services are a treasure of deep messages for us. This year many of our group members have volunteered to guide us in studying the special messages of Sunday services, as well as those of Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week. Others will lead us in discussions of the Service of PreSanctified Gifts, the Service of Salutations [The Akathist], and The Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete.

Please join us as we take time for reflection and study to deepen our understanding of this very special time of year. Let us support each other as we renew our souls and bodies in preparation for the great celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.



We will meet on five consecutive **Fridays at 10:30am March 15th through April 12th**.

A Lenten luncheon will follow each session. Please bring something Lenten to share, as you are able.

Everyone is welcome!

The Lenten spring shines forth, the flower of repentance! Let us cleanse ourselves from all evil, crying out to the Giver of Light: "Glory to You, O lover of man! ~from Cheese-Fare Wednesday Vespers.