**Byzantine Catholic Church Calendar for Great Lent 2019**

**CRS Ricebowl**

(Byzantine, Ukrainian, Ruthenian, Romanian, Bulgarian,

Russian, Italo-Greek and Melkite Catholic Churches)

*Pre-Lent*

February 3rd **Sunday of Zacchaeus**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 \*

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

February 10th  **Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Second Timothy 3:10-15 \*

Gospel: Luke 18:10-1

February 17th **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: First Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

February 24th **Sunday of the Second Coming (Meat-Fare Sunday)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Romans 14:19-23; 16:25-27 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-13

March 3rd  **Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-fare Sunday)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

*Great and Holy Lent*

March 4th Beginning of the Holy Forty Days Fast

March 10th  **First Sunday of the Great Fast (Sunday of Orthodoxy)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

 Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40; 12:1-2 Gospel: John1:43-51

**CRS Ricebowl**

Week One: March 10th – March 17th

Featured Country: **Guatemala**

A Story of Hope: [Guatemala](https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-1)

Catholic Social Teaching Principal (CST) : Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/life-and-dignity-of-the-human-person.cfm>

CST 101 Video/ Life and Dignity of the Human Person

<https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-life-and-dignity-human-person>

March 17th  **Second Sunday of the Great Fast (St. Gregory Palamas)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 Gospel: MARK 2:1-12

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Week Two: March 17th – March 24th

Featured Country: Uganda

A Story of Hope: [Uganda](https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2)

CST Principle: Option for the Poor

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/option-for-the-poor-and-vulnerable.cfm>

CST 101 Video/CRS: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

<https://www.google.com/search?q=cst+101+option+for+the+poor+and+vulnerable&rlz=1C1CHFX_enUS601US604&oq=CST+101&aqs=chrome.4.69i57j0l5.22598j0j1&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

March 24th  **Third Sunday of the Great Fast (Veneration of the Cross)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy:** Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

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 Week Three: March 24th – March 31st

Featured Country: Sri Lanka

AStory of Hope: [Sri Lanka,](https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3)

CST Principle: Call to Community, Family and Participation <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/call-to-family-community-and-participation.cfm>

CST 101 Video/ CRS: Call to Community, Family and Participation

<https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-call-family-community-and-participation>

March 31st **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. John of the Ladder)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

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Week 4: March 31st – April 7th

Featured Country: **Sierra Leone**

A Story of Hope: [Sierra Leone](https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4) https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4

CST Principles: Rights and Responsibilities

[www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/rights-and-responsibilities.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/rights-and-responsibilities.cfm)

CST 101: Rights and Responsibilities

<https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101?tab=rights-and-responsibilities>

 April 4th Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

 April 6 Akathistos Saturday

April 7th  **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. Mary of Egypt)**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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Week 5: April 7th – April 14th

Featured Country: **Gaza**

A Story of Hope: [Gaza.](https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5)

CST Principal: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Worker <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/the-dignity-of-work-and-the-rights-of-workers.cfm>

CST 101 Video/CRS: <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-dignity-work-and-rights-workers>

April 13th Lazarus Saturday

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8 Gospel: John 11:1-45

*Great and Holy Week*

April 14th **Palm (Flowery) Sunday – Entrance Into Jerusalem/**Annunciation to the Mother of God

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18 Gospel: John 12:1-18

April 15th  **Great and Holy Monday**

**Readings for Pre-Sanctified Liturgy**

Epistle: Romans 11:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 24:3-35

April 16th  **Great and Holy Tuesday**

**Readings for Pre-Sanctified Liturgy**

Epistle: Ephesians 1:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46: 26:1-2 ————————

April 17th  **Great and Holy Wednesday**

**Readings for Pre-Sanctified Liturgy**

Epistle: Second Corinthians 5:1-10 Gospel: John 6:35-39

April 18th  **Great and Holy Thursday**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: First Corinthians 11:23-32 Gospel: Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-18; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75; 27:1-2

April 19th  **Great and Holy Friday**

April 20th **Great and Holy Saturday**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20

April 21st **Pascha- Feast of the Resurrection of Christ**

**Readings for the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Truly Risen!