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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you all for your prayers for our son John. He is doing much better. I am sorry I could not provide an article for last month's newsletter, but our computer broke at the same time John went in hospital, and it took time to get it replaced. I hope and pray this finds everyone well.

So, we once again find ourselves at the beginning of Great Lent, wherein, we will be preparing for the great joy of the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over death and destruction through His glorious Resurrection. Lent is a time of hope, of some degree of internal housecleaning, a time of renewal, deepening, and of drawing closer to God. Look on it as a time of spiritual gain and growth, rather than a time of deprivation and difficulty. The outer observances are to aid us in our spiritual growth and healing, and are only useful when seen in that light, not as ends unto themselves.

Please remember, fast according to your strength and circumstances, and work hard not to judge others, especially according to outward appearances, which are usually deceptive. Look and seek to find what you CAN do, not what you CANNOT do...with this approach, you will find Lent much easier and more hopeful and joyful.

Also, remember to invite someone to church, for that is one of the best ways to grow our parish. God bless you each and all with a very Light and Joyful Lent, moving with great hope towards a glorious Pascha.

In Christ,  
Fr. John

**NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**March 12:** PC meeting

**March 19:** Sunday of the Holy Cross

**March 25:** Annunciation (No service, liturgy at Holy Trinity) and Greek Independence Day

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday school will begin after Father John's sermon and will end in time to bring the children in for communion.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY MARCH 5:**

Once again it will be held at Holy Trinity, with services starting at 5:00 PM. We have not been specifically notified of what Holy Apostles is to bring for the pitch-in, so you might consider a dessert or a liter of soft drink to bring to share.

**EASTER BREAD:**

Enclosed you will find the order form for the Easter bread. It is enclosed now because the due date for them to be turned in is by Sunday, **March 19**. The bakery is requesting orders to be turned in three weeks before delivery.

**EASTER CALENDAR IN APRIL:**

Please consider making a financial donation for the purchase of flowers that adorn our church during this wonderful time. We also need dyed Easter eggs, and 7 men to help with the procession, as well.

**PALM SUNDAY LITURGY APRIL 9:** Easter bread pickup day.

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON APRIL 9:** It will be held at OPA! in Avon, chaired by the Parish Council (see enclosed flier)

**HOLY UNCTION APRIL 12:** Service at 6:30 PM

**KOUVOUKLION DECORATING OF THE EPTAPHIOS APRIL 14:** Starts at 9:00 AM, and we will also be cleaning the church as well.

**HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 14:** Lamentations and perifora epitafiou at 7:30 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 15:** Resurrection services at 11:00 PM followed by a Paschal meal done by Angelus Kocoshis.

**BIBLE STUDY:**

We have seen that some people are interested in starting a Bible study. Rev. Fr. John is looking into getting *Orthodox Study Bible*. If you have any interest please talk to Elijah McKnight, or email him at [mcknight.elijah@gmail.com](mailto:mcknight.elijah@gmail.com). Please let him know what days and times might work for you so that he may coordinate it.

**SUMMER PICNIC:**

The Parish Council would like to once again have a summer picnic, since we missed this event last year. We are hoping that someone might suggest a place to have it held, and possibly sometime in June.

**STEWARDSHIP FORMS:**

Please remember to fill out the form and mail them to the church for our records.

**HOLY APOSTLES ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON****SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE SERVICES****LOCATION: OPA! (7900 E US HWY 36, AVON 46123)**

This year the luncheon is being dealt with a little differently. We have found that people have different dietary needs, as well as likes and dislikes. Therefore, this year you will be able to order off their full menu, and individually pay your own bill, verses prepaying. The owner Gus felt that would be easier, as well as making sure everyone enjoys what they will be ordering.

If you are interested in seeing their menu, click on this site [http://opaofindy.com/Opa\\_MenuWide.pdf](http://opaofindy.com/Opa_MenuWide.pdf).

It will still be necessary to make your reservation, so that OPA! can have the room set up for us. Please contact Debbie O'Reilly (317-252-4466 or [fox6060@comcast.net](mailto:fox6060@comcast.net)) with your count by **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**.