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To all parishioners

March, 3rd 2011.

Dear brothers and sisters we would like to inform you about upcoming Lenten service schedule that would be in place until Pasha (Easter). Great fast begins on Monday, 7th of March. First and last week of lent are strict fast, during all other weeks food prepared on oil is allowed. We encourage you all to be persistent in fasting during the Great Lent, as this fast is a chance to strengthen our will and our spiritual life. During the Lent there will be a regular service schedule on Sundays, but also **pre sanctified** liturgy will be held every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Faithful who take confession and are fasting may receive Holy Communion on both of these days (Sundays and Wednesdays). On Wednesdays faithful should not drink or eat after noon in order to be ready to receive most precious body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We pray that during the lent we will see an increase in Divine Liturgy attendance. When attending Divine Liturgy we ask you to be involved both spiritually and by singing. Divine Liturgy is an act of all people present in the temple at the time of service, so we all should be active not passive, and offer God our prayers by singing with others.

Also father Radovan will be visiting our parishioners for home blessings during this lent. All interested should email or contact father Radovan. (Before priest arrives in your home, you should have a bowl of clean drinking water in a bowl, candle, and icon of your family saint set on the table. Then priest will conduct the ceremony of water blessing and home blessing. During ceremony priest is praying for the all that live in the household and for their salvation from temptations, and for the house to be protected from all evil operations. Sanctified water faithful that use every morning during the Lent or to make Slava bread.)

We wish you blessed and fruitful upcoming Lenten season, and pray that we will together celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord.

Fr. Radovan Petrovic and Church Board

p.s. during Lent on Sundays at 5pm there will be pan orthodox vespers held in various orthodox churches in Denver metro area. Every Sunday host will be different Orthodox Church (see calendar for info). This is great opportunity to meet with other orthodox brothers and sisters and share spiritual experiences. Our parish will host pan orthodox vespers on April 3rd. for more info visit **www.stjohndenver.org**