



ST CYRIL THE SIXTH COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH - 100 BERNARD RD. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218

ST. CYRIL VI MONTHLY BULLETIN

NEWS

*++ St Cyril Community would like to wish all our March birthdays a wonderful and blessed day.
++Blessed Great Fast to you all!*

CHURCH'S SEASON:

+ COMMEMORATION OF HH POPE ST CYRIL VI 3/9/25
+ FEAST OF THE CROSS 3/19/25

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"For God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

"Let us fast an acceptable and very pleasing fast to the Lord. True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood, and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting." **St Basil the Great**

GREAT FAST

++The 55 days of the Holy Great Fast are considered the most Holy days of fasting of the Coptic Church. Fifty-five days include the forty days, which were fasted by the Lord Himself, the Passion Week, and the first initial week to prepare us spiritually before this great season of renewal. We fast to commemorate His sufferings on the Holy Cross, for spiritual discipline and our salvation.

++When we fast we exercise self-control. Fasting provides an occasion to enrich the soul and elevate it to a higher level of spiritual discipline.

++Fasting of the soul is spiritual discipline. The importance of spiritual discipline can be found in the Holy Book of Proverbs 25:28, "Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control." This tells us that a man without self-control and discipline is defenseless and disgraced.

++During this Great Holy Fast let us all further develop our need for spiritual discipline. The Holy Book of Wisdom of Solomon 8:7 tell us, "Do you love justice? All the virtues are a result of Wisdom's work: justice and courage, self-control and understanding. Life can offer us nothing more valuable than these."

SERVICE TIMES

Vesper Prayers:

Friday, 3/7 & 3/21- 6:00pm

Divine Liturgy:

*Saturday, 3/8 &
3/22- 8:30am*

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