In the Christian (Eastern) Orthodox Church, Great Lent marks the forty days leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (the 40 days before Holy Week, which is the week when Christian Orthodox followers remember Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection). The first day of Great Lent is called Clean Monday. Lent is a time for prayer, penance, good-will, fasting and drawing closer to God. Holy Week is a period of intensified prayer, penance and fasting leading to Pascha (Easter).