Lent Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which observance opens Lent in the Roman Catholic calendar described by the Archdiocese of New York?
   - A. Ash Wednesday
   - B. Epiphany
   - C. Pentecost
   - D. All Saints’ Day

2. In the Orthodox Church in America, what is the name for the Monday that begins Great Lent?
   - A. Bright Monday
   - B. Shrove Monday
   - C. Clean Monday
   - D. Whit Monday

3. The Church of England’s Common Worship rules allow an unbleached linen Lent array. Which liturgical color can it replace during Lent?
   - A. Green
   - B. Purple
   - C. White
   - D. Red

4. Which food gives Shrove Tuesday its nickname in the Church of England’s guide to English Lent customs?
   - A. Shortbread
   - B. Hot cross buns
   - C. Mince pies
   - D. Pancakes

5. What seasonal change does the United Methodist Church’s guide connect with lencten, the older word behind the name Lent?
   - A. Nights getting longer in autumn
   - B. Days getting longer in spring
   - C. Temperatures peaking in summer
   - D. Leaves falling as winter approaches

6. On which Sunday of Lent does the Church of England’s Common Worship allow the Mothering Sunday prayers to be used?

A. The fourth Sunday
B. The first Sunday
C. The second Sunday
D. The fifth Sunday

7. Which alternative vestment color does the Roman Catholic General Instruction of the Roman Missal permit on Laetare Sunday where it is customary?

A. Blue
B. Green
C. Red
D. Rose

8. The Orthodox Church in America’s guide describes an object placed in the middle of the church on the third Sunday of Great Lent. What is it?

A. A wreath
B. A baptismal font
C. A cross
D. A pair of altar curtains

9. In the Orthodox Church in America’s guide, when are the Communion gifts consecrated for the Lenten Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts?

A. At an earlier Divine Liturgy
B. At the beginning of the Presanctified service
C. After the Presanctified service ends
D. During a reading at that same service

10. In St. Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church’s description of Great Lent, what happens to the main altar curtain during the Divine Liturgy?

A. It stays closed for the readings and then opens again.
B. It stays open throughout the service.
C. It opens for the readings and then closes again.
D. It stays closed throughout the service.

11. Which schedule matches the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen’s guide to the Rite of Election and the scrutinies for the elect?

A. Rite of Election and all three scrutinies together on Lent’s first Sunday.
B. Scrutinies on Lent’s first Sunday, then the Rite of Election on its fifth Sunday.
C. Rite of Election on Lent’s first Sunday, then scrutinies on its third, fourth, and fifth Sundays.
D. Rite of Election on Lent’s third Sunday, then all three scrutinies on its fifth Sunday.

12. A Roman Catholic parish schedule lists the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper in Lent and starts the Triduum the next morning. Which edit fits the U.S. Catholic bishops’ guidance?

A. Start the Triduum at midnight after the evening Mass.
B. Mark the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper as the start of the Triduum.
C. Start the Triduum at the Good Friday liturgy.
D. Start the Triduum at the Easter Vigil.

13. A Church of England parish draft begins Passiontide on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Which calendar correction follows Common Worship?

A. Move its beginning to Ash Wednesday.
B. Move its beginning to the third Sunday of Lent.
C. Move its beginning to the first Sunday of Lent.
D. Move its beginning to the fifth Sunday of Lent.

14. An Orthodox Church in America editor needs to mark when the church first draws on the Lenten Triodion, its seasonal service book. Which entry belongs first?

A. Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
B. Sunday of the Prodigal Son
C. Sunday of the Last Judgment
D. Forgiveness Sunday

15. Which sequence fits the Orthodox Church in America’s account of the close of Great Lent and the next two observances?

A. Palm Sunday comes first, followed by the close of Great Lent and then Lazarus Saturday.
B. Lazarus Saturday comes first, followed by the close of Great Lent and then Palm Sunday.
C. Great Lent closes Friday evening, followed by Lazarus Saturday and then Palm Sunday.
D. Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday come before Great Lent closes.