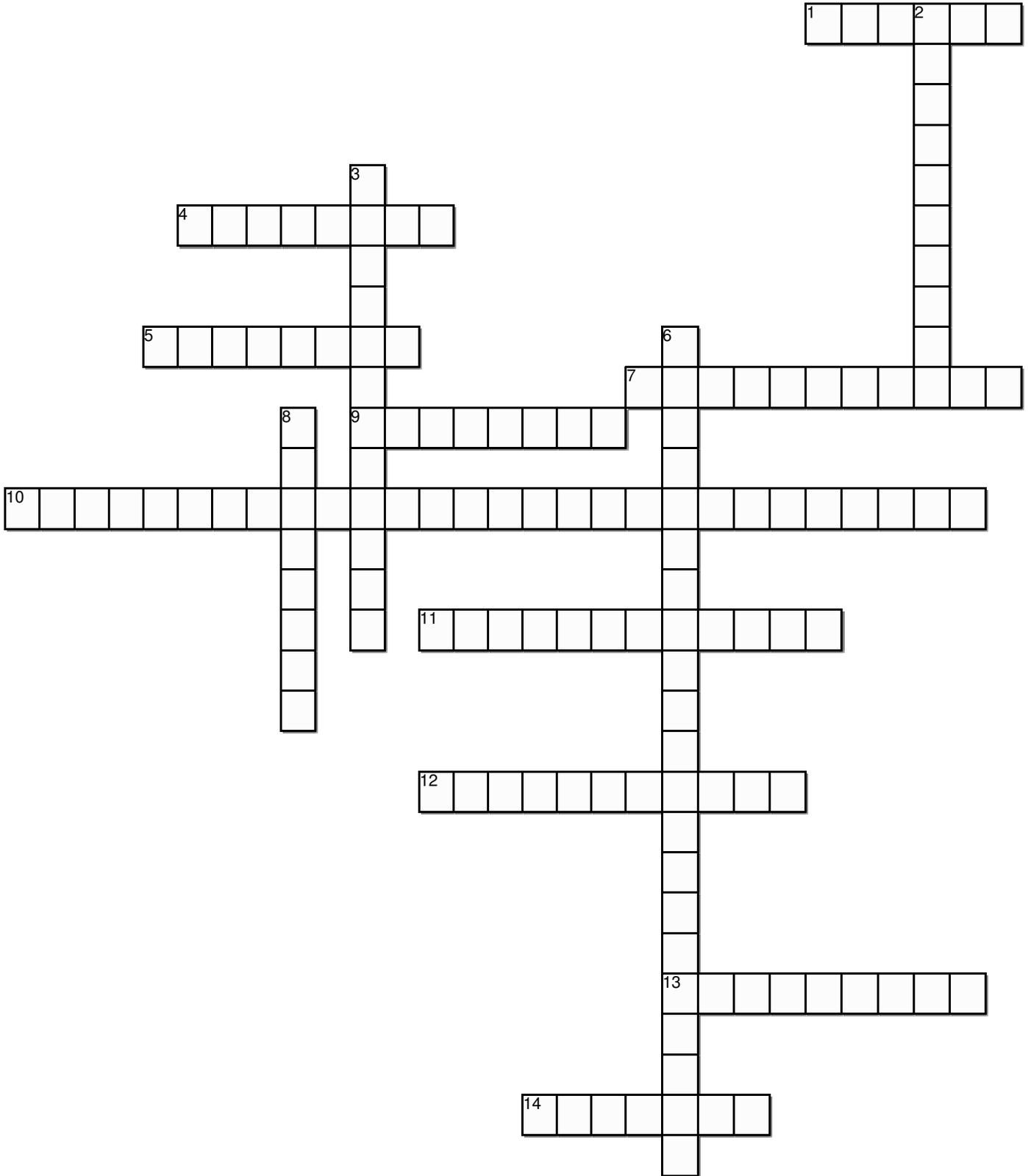Name: _____

Orthodox Christian Lenten Vocabulary

Complete the crossword below

Across

1. The celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when He defeated death.

4. The last day that Orthodox Christians eat meat before they begin the Great Lent fast.

5. A service of Psalms and prayers, prayed at the end of a day, to help Christians think about the day and ask God's help and blessing on the night ahead.

7. The happy week of celebrating Christ's resurrection, which begins on Pascha and ends on Thomas Sunday.

9. A hymn. In the case of Great Lent, "The Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God," is the hymn being prayed, which leads the people to remember how the Theotokos has helped others in the past and how she can help them now, as well, by her prayers.

10. A vespers service with Holy Communion in it which had been sanctified on the previous Sunday.

11. The name of the first day of Great Lent.

12. A full bow knees, hands, and head touching the ground.

13. The week right before Pascha, when Orthodox Christians participate in the last week of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life on earth through prayers and scriptures in the Divine services.

14. Not eating certain (or all) foods for a period of time. Orthodox Christians fast to remind themselves that spiritual things are more important than physical things.

Down

2. The last day that Orthodox Christians eat dairy products before they begin the Great Lent fast.

3. The funeral service for Our Lord; named after the Lamentations, or poem hymns, that are sung during the service.

6. A prayer first prayed by St. Ephraim the Syrian which is prayed especially during Great Lent and helps those who pray it to work on being free from basic sins that keep them from growing closer to God.

8. A time of preparing for Pascha that is divided in three parts: Before Lent, Great Lent, and Holy Week. ("Triodion" is also the name of a book of the variables for the services in this part of the Church Year.)