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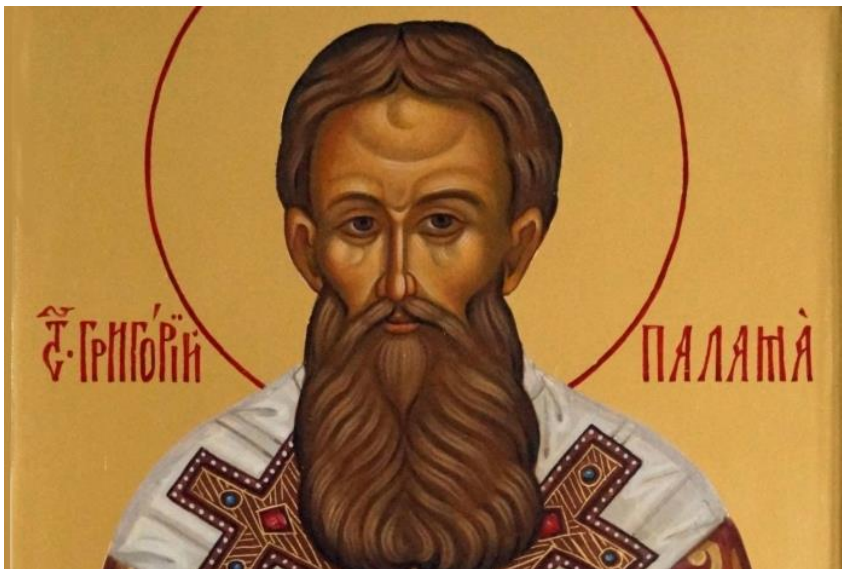
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Saturday & Sunday, March 27-28, 2021

Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm

Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

2nd Sunday of Great Lent • St. Gregory Palamas



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VARIABLE HYMNS

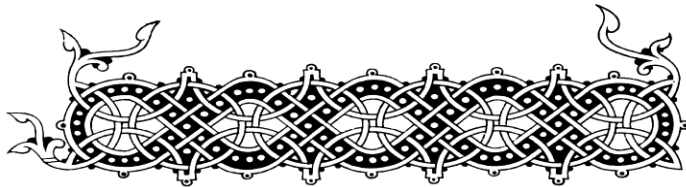
Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: ‘Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind!’

[Saturday] **Troparion for the Departed (Tone 2):** Keep Thy servants in remembrance, O Lord, since Thou art good, and do Thou forgive their every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for Thee who art able to grant rest even unto those that have departed hence.

[Sunday] **Troparion for St. Gregory Palamas (Tone 8):** O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

Lenten Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 8): O Champion Leader, to thee I offer thanks of victory! O Theotokos, thou hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast invincible power, O Theotokos, thou truly can set me free from all danger. Set me free and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O bride without bridegroom!

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.



THE EPISTLE

For Second Saturday of Great Lent

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O ye righteous. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven.

The Reading from the Epistle the Hebrews (3:12-16)

Brethren, take care lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end, while it is said, “Today, when you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” Who were they that heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses?

THE GOSPEL

For Second Saturday of Great Lent

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (1:35-44)

At that time, Jesus rose and went out to a lonely place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him pursued Him, and they found Him and said to Him, “Everyone is searching for Thee.” And He said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out.” And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. And a leper came to Him beseeching Him, and kneeling said to Him, “If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.” Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to a priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

THE EPISTLE

For the Second Sunday of Great Lent

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more!

The Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (1:10-2:3)

Thou, “O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail.” But to which of the angels did He say at any time, “Sit on My right hand,

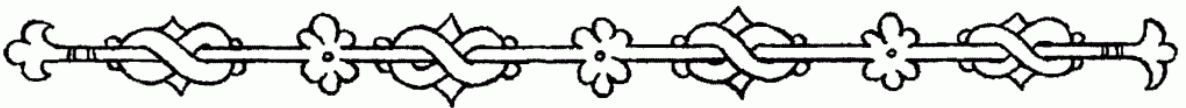
until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?” Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

THE GOSPEL

For the Second Sunday of Great Lent

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”



Hymn to the Theotokos for the Liturgy of St. Basil (Tone 6): All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of man. O sanctified temple and spiritual Paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child, our God before the ages! He made thy body into a throne and thy womb he made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace; Glory to Thee!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This weekend at All Saints:

- **Children's church school**, Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- **Zoom meeting with Nathan and Gabriella Hoppe** (missionaries in Albania), Sunday during children's church school.
- **Fr. Pat's Zoom Bible class**, Sunday at 1pm.

This week:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** Morning Prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, March 31:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm.
- **Saturday, April 3:** Divine Liturgy, 10am, followed by the OCF young adult retreat (see announcement below). Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, April 4: Veneration of the Holy Cross.** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am; followed by church school.

OCF YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

On Saturday, April 3, All Saints Church is pleased to host an annual Lenten retreat for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, a group of Chicago-area Orthodox college students and young adults. It is open to anyone ages 18-25, with a \$10 registration fee. To register, please visit www.ocf.net/district-retreats.

ST. LAZARUS INITIATIVE

We want to provide an opportunity for people to meet, reconnect, or form deeper bonds with others in the church community. Our aim is for small groups, online or in person, to participate in various activities such as meals, prayers, discussions, etc. Please see one of our crew (Paul or Elizabeth K, JoAnne, Bob W., Sarah S., Kadisha B.) for more information and to get a survey. We are hoping to involve as many people as possible including catechumens and inquirers.

LENTEN COIN BOXES

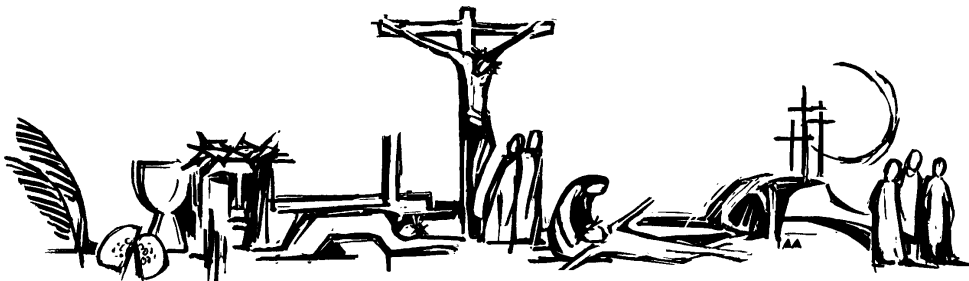
Once again please remember to fill the **coin boxes** that are on the Greeters' table that are supplied by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, in accordance with our archdiocese, to feed the hungry around the world. **Please use these boxes all during Lent and turn them in at Pascha to be blessed.** Please replace the coins with a check marked "For the Poor" in the memo line, or submit paper money. If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Prov. 19:17)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee
Sat Mar 27	Jim K	Pat K		
Sun Mar 28 <i>St. Gregory Palamas</i>	Polycarp	Pat K	Sandy A	Domitille N
Sat April 3	Sd Joseph	Domitille N		
Sun April 4 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Joseph L.	Domitille N	Azizeh C	Alina S.
Sat April 10	Jim K.	Cristina P		
Sun April 11 <i>St Gregory Palamas</i>	Doug J	Cristina P	Nancy L	Lydia A
Sat April 17	Sd Joseph	Dn Walid		
Sun April 18 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Polycarp	Dn Walid	Domitille N	Zach C

Until further notice, we will not be holding potluck meals after evening services. However, if individuals and families would like to bring their own meals and eat together in the church hall, you are welcome to do so. We will continue to have coffee and pre-packaged snacks available after morning liturgies.

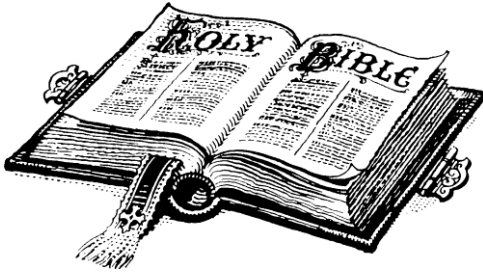


:: Homily on Fasting, by St. Gregory Palamas ::

In this time of fasting and prayer, brethren, let us with all our hearts forgive anything real or imaginary we have against anyone. May we all devote ourselves to love, and let us consider one another as an incentive to love and good works, speaking in defense of one another, having good thoughts and dispositions within us before God and men. In this way our fasting will be laudable and blameless, and our requests to God while we fast will be readily received. We shall rightly call upon Him as our Father by grace and we can boldly say to Him, *“Father, forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”* (Matt. 6:12).

Another of the evil one’s methods of making our toil in fasting and prayer fruitless is to persuade us to accomplish them hypocritically for the sake of vainglory. This is why the Lord commands us in the Gospel, saying, *“Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly”* (Matt. 6:6). He did not say to encourage us to excuse ourselves from gatherings and prayers in church, because in that case the prophet and psalmist would not have said to Him, *“In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee”* (Ps. 22:22), or, *“I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations”* (Ps. 57:9), or, *“I will pay my vows before them that fear thee, Lord”* (Ps. 22:25).

How incomparable is His love for mankind! With these words the Lord makes clear to us the distinction and decision He will make at the future Judgment, so that from now we might lay hold of the better choice and portion. To those who live for vainglory and not for Him, He will definitely say, in accordance with His words in the Gospel, *“You received your reward during your lifetime,”* just as Abraham said to that rich man in the flames, *“Thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things”* (Luke 16:25). Those who look towards Him as they practice virtue He shall, it says, reward openly, which means that in the sight of the whole world He will give them in return His blessing, an inheritance, pleasure and pure joy for ever and ever. He wants nobody to miss this, and everybody to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4), so He makes clear now, as I said before, His impartial and unalterable choice, showing that only those who despise the glory that comes from men are sons of God.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH 28–APRIL 3, 2021

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Sunday, March 28: St. Gregory Palamas

John 20:19-31 / Hebrews 1:10-2:3 / Mark 2:1-12

Monday, March 29: St. Mark, Bishop of Arethusa

Isaiah 8:13-9:7 / Mark 4:35-41

Genesis 6:9-22 / Proverbs 8:1-21

Tues., March 30: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Caesar, Epaphroditos, Apostles of the 70

Isaiah 9:9-10:4 / Mark 5:1-20

Genesis 7:1-15 / Proverbs 8:32-9:11

Wednesday, March 31: St. Innocent, Enlightener of Siberia & Alaska

Isaiah 10:12-20 / Mark 5:21-43

Genesis 7:6-9 / Proverbs 9:12-18

Thursday, April 1: St. Mary of Egypt

Isaiah 11:10-12:2 / Mark 6:1-13

Genesis 7:11-8:3 / Proverbs 10:1-22

Friday, April 2: Theodora the Virgin-martyr of Palestine

Isaiah 13:2-13 / Mark 6:14-29

Genesis 8:4-21 / Proverbs 10:31-11:12

Saturday, April 3: Theodosia and Irene the Martyrs

Hebrews 10:32-38 / Mark 2:13-17

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