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**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

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**The Gospel according to Saint John**

**21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)**

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 2. St. Gregory Palamas. Forefeast of the Annunciation. Ven. Zachariah the Recluse. St. Artemius (Artemon), Bishop of Seleucia (1st-2nd c.). Ven. Zachariah, Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyrs Stephen and Peter of Kazan' (1552). St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th-9th c.).**

**TROPARIA (Tone 2)** When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst destroy hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

**(Tone 8)** O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of the theologians, / O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

**(Tone 4)** In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**KONTAKION**

**(Tone 8)** O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

***The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.***

**v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (1:10-2:3)** Brethren: And, "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

***Alleluia, Tone 2***

**v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

**v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 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 him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him 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, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning 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 questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question 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!" **Go to pg. 120 in the pew books for the rest of the Liturgy of St. Basil**

**Instead of "It is truly meet ... ,":** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. 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 your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

**COMMUNION HYMN** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**St. Gregory Palamas - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

This Sunday was originally dedicated to Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23). After his glorification in 1368, a second commemoration of Saint Gregory Palamas (November 14) was appointed for the Second Sunday of Great Lent as a second "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated

energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day.

*Kontakion of St. Gregory Palamas*

Holy and Divine instrument of wisdom, bright and harmonious trumpet of theology, with one voice, we praise you, O Gregory, preacher of God. Since your mind now stands before the First Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, that we may cry to You, "Hail Herald of Grace."

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Noah Gonser on his NCAA competition

His family

God's blessings & speedy recovery for Nik

Evanenko family

Fr. Tom, Fr. Roman, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka, Rose Mary, Angelo, Christine,

Aaron, Reggie, John, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, David,

Anna, Walt, Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Rose, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa,

Jeanette, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Mary, Anna & Alex

Alex & Magda Popoff

Feodosiy Oleg

Irina Sivergina

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

My precious husband Nicholas. I love & miss you so very much!

Connie

Peter Popoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

Adelaida, Vitaliy, Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina & Nikolay

Irina Sivergina

Joe Goodman's birthday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors.



**COFFEE & BAGELS** are served in the parish hall after Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to help serve or sponsor the coffee & bagels there is a signup sheet next to the kitchen window. Help is always appreciated.

**PAN-ORTHODOX YOUTH RETREAT – MARCH 29, 30, & 31 AT DORMITION MONASTERY**

Please see Matushka Lisa to make your reservation and to obtain a registration form.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** The special parish meeting scheduled for April 7 has been CANCELLED. God bless all of you who have increased your donations. This has helped the parish's financial situation. Donations have been increasing since the Annual Meeting in January and the letter was sent to the parish families. Please keep up the good work of God by each of us doing our part.

**MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN!** Gerry Batcos fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, March 19. His funeral was held from church on Friday, March 22 with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Pray that Gerry enjoy the light of Christ's face in His heavenly kingdom. Also, remember his wife Irene, daughters Pamela and Stephanie with her husband David and their children and all their family in your prayers. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

**DONATIONS FOR THE FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS** are needed for next Sunday, March 31. There are envelopes at the candle stand as well as forms if you would like to donate toward flowers in memory or honor of a loved one.

**COIN BOXES** have been placed on the tables in the church hall to help support the OCA Missions here in the US and around the world. Please be generous.

**PRAY FOR YOUR PRAYER PARTNER** throughout Lent especially. At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.



**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **baby items, wipes & formula** for the month of March. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** 12:30 pm **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – ST GREGORY PALAMAS**  
Great Vespers with Litiya for the Annunciation of the Birthgiver of God

**Monday, Mar 25** 6 pm **ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
Pan-Orthodox Vespers with Divine Liturgy at St. George

**Wednesday, Mar 27**  
10 am Lenten Hours  
11:15 to 12:15 Adult Education  
6 pm Presanctified at St. Nicholas followed by a Lenten potluck (bring a lenten dish to pass)

**Thursday, Mar 28** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Friday, Mar 29**  
6:30 pm Presanctified at St. Mary Magdalene  
7:30 pm Flint OCF meeting at St. Mary Magdalene  
Teen Retreat starts a Dormition Monastery

**Saturday, Mar 30** **Memorial Saturday**  
4:45 pm Trisagion with the reading of the names of the fallen asleep  
5 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday, Mar 31**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

9:30 am

Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy followed by Church School

40 day Parastas for Helen Ethington

**Offerings for the week March 17, 2019**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 11,254.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$ 8,018.00</b>

*82 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**Here's the shortest and easiest path to salvation: Be obedient, restrained, don't judge, and guard your heart and mind against wicked thoughts. Think well of everyone and bear in mind that the Lord loves them. Because of these humble thoughts, the grace of the Holy Spirit will dwell in your heart and you'll say: 'The Lord is merciful'.**

**- St Silouan the Athonite**