

# **Divine Liturgy**

March 12, 2023

**Second Sunday of Great Lent**

**St. Gregory Palamas**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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### **Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of March 12, 2023

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas.** Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (818). Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500 B.C.). St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (604). Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (1021).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Today's coffee hour is hosted by The Dorosh and Kon Families

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

**Wednesday, March 15**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, March 17**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Akathist - to our Lord's Passion

**Saturday, March 18**

**Memorial Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 19**

**Sunday of the Cross**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, March 22**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, March 24**

**Eve of Annunciation**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Lenten Fish Dinner

7:00 pm - Vigil for Annunciation

**Saturday, March 25**

**Annunciation**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Festal Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 26**

**St. John Climacus**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Monday, March 27**

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 29**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, March 30**

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

**Friday, March 31**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, April 1**

7:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

**Akathist Saturday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
4:30 pm - General Panikhida  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 2**

**St. Mary of Egypt**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, April 5**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, April 7**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Lenten Fish Dinner

7:00 pm - Compline (Lazarus)

**Saturday, April 8**

**Lazarus Saturday**

8:00 am - Baptism of Andrew Goth  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 9**

**Palm Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Monday, April 10**

**Holy Monday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 11**

**Holy Tuesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Holy Wednesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 13**

**Holy Thursday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 14**

**Holy Friday**

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

**Saturday, April 15**

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 am - Vespers Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets & Agape meal

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Sunday, April 16**

**Monday, April 17**

**Bright Monday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, April 22**

**Sunday, April 23**

**St. Thomas Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Union Cemetery

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, April 29**

**Sunday, April 30**

**Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Catasauqua

# Divine Liturgy

March 12, 2023

**Second Sunday of Great Lent**

**St. Gregory Palamas**

**Tone 6      Troparion**                    *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

**Tone 8      Troparion**                    *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

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

**Tone 8      Kontakion**                    *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing thy praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since thou now standest before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to thee: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"

**Tone 4      Kontakion**                    *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors! So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: "Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!"

## **Tone 5      Prokeimenon**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

*Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

## **Tone 1      Prokeimenon      (St. Gregory Palamas)**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)

## **Epistle**

Read by Tricia Metz

**(Hebrews 1:10-2:3)** And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

**(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Gregory Palamas))** For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the

throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

## **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)*

*He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."(Ps. 90:2)*

## **Tone 2**

*The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

## **Gospel**

**(Mark 2:1-12)** And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"



**(John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory Palamas))** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)*

### **Hymn to the Theotokos**

All of creation rejoices in thee, 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 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!

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 12, 2023**

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of William Romanowski

## **Crosses**

In Memory Of JoAnne Konsevitch

Offered by Gordon, Val, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Memory of +Elena Maksina in St. Petersburg, Russia

Offered by Fr. Tom (Batushka) & Matushka Evelyn Edwards

## **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory of +Elena Maksina in St. Petersburg, Russia

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## **Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)**

For Health Of Anne Clarke Brady

Offered by Cousins Fr. Tom & Matushka Evelyn Edwards

## **Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist**

For Health Of Anne Clarke Brady

Offered by Cousins Fr. Tom & Matushka Evelyn Edwards

## **Altar Candles for Great Lent**

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan



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## 2023 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



### Menu

Baked or Fried Haddock  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Vegetable Roll  
Beverage  
Choice of Home Baked Desserts

### Basket Raffle

Drawing on Friday  
April 7 at 6:00pm

You don't need to be  
present to win.

### Vendors

Treasures of Russia  
boutique for authentic gift  
items imported from Russia

Mom's Candy Kitchen for deli  
cious sweets!

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Frozen potato/cheese pierogies & paska breads for sale.

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# Kielbasy Sampler Platter Church Fundraiser



**Just in time for PASCHA!**

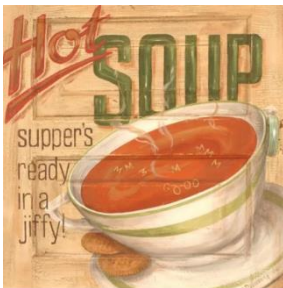
Orders and money due Sunday,  
April 2

Pick up Saturday, April 15 after  
the morning  
liturgy until noon

Checks payable to:

Valerie Roberts  
219 Pennsylvania Ave  
Catasauqua, PA 18032  
Phone: 610-264-7518

## Lenten Soup Sale



Every coffee hour during lent we will be hosting a take home quart soup sale. Each week will be different strict Lenten soups. \$10 a quart. While supplies last. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. See Judy or Lori if you have any questions.



### **THIS WEEK:**

Corn chowder  
Potato soup  
Sweet potato black bean chili

# Fund Raiser for New HVAC System

On Wednesday, March 15, all the money collected from the sale of pierogi will be put towards a grant from ROCMAS. They will match up to \$500.00. For example, if we collect \$600 from pierogi sales (and we should), ROCMAS will match \$500.00 and the new HVAC system gets \$1,100. Please order pierogi for Wednesday, March 15 so we can take advantage of this generous offer from ROCMAS. Questions, please see Sandi Keysock.

## Pussy Willow Branches



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is April 16<sup>th</sup> we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



## Basket Raffle Donations Wanted

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during our Lenten Fish Dinners, and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance. Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf! If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, March 12, 2023) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, March 19, 2023. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

## Upcoming Coffee Hour

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Guliana Holobeny will be hosting a coffee hour to help defray the cost of providing for a traditional Orthodox burial for Julia Smolenski. At the time of Julia's passing, the Parish Council authorized that \$5,000 be contributed towards this effort, as her estate was not sufficient to cover the entire cost. The Parish Council has faith that the generosity of the St. Nicholas parishioners will ultimately come through to provide for this important effort for a valued member of our parish family.

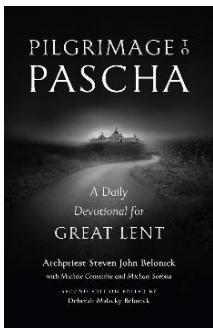
## All Grocery Gift Cards Available

Grocery gift cards are the ideal gift that everyone can use. When you purchase a gift card from our parish, you are helping our parish earn 5% income every time on each card.

We have cards available from all participating stores: Redner's, Giant, Weis Markets and Valley Farm Market. Cards are available in a variety of denominations. Cards do not expire, so please consider purchasing a Grocery Gift Card the next time you need to buy a gift for someone. Better yet, why not get yourself a grocery gift card to use for your weekly shopping purchases and help earn some money for our parish!

Please see Judy Lezinsky for Grocery Gift Cards, or call for any special orders. 610-868-9468 (Cash or checks please.)

## Pilgrimage to Pascha Books Available



Copies of Pilgrimage to Pascha: A Daily Devotional for Great Lent by Archpriest Steven John Belonick with Michele Constable and Michael Soroka have sold out at the candle desk, but we can place another order if there are other people who are interested in purchasing them. If you would like a copy, please leave your name at the candle desk so that we can order the appropriate number of additional copies. They are \$15 each. All proceeds go to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Archbishop Mechisedek Pleska**

**Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Subdeacons:** Michael (Frank) Guydan

**Matushki:** Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Linda Gardner, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Joan Stetz, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

**Handmaidens of God:** Lydia Hashinger, Amanda Riley, Kaylee Riley, and their unborn children, Alyssa Weaver and her newborn son.

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**