

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Great Lent

St. Gregory Palamas



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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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Schedule for the Week of March 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Martyr Sabinas of Egypt (287). Martyr Papas of Lyconia (305-311). St. Serapion, Archbishop of Novgorod (1516). Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain (1st c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome (119). Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (3rd c.). Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thalus of Laodicea (ca. 300).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Monday, March 17th - Fr. Nikolai's Day Off
Wednesday, March 19th - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 21st - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Judy Lezinsky
To benefit the St. Tikhon's Summer Camp Kitchen

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Wednesday, March 19	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 21	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm - Akathist - to our Lord's Passion
Saturday, March 22	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the 3 rd Hour 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 23	Sunday of the Cross 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Monday, March 24	Eve of Annunciation 6:00 pm - Vespers for Annunciation
Tuesday, March 25	Annunciation 8:50 am - Reading of the 9 th Hour 9:00 am - Festal Vespereal Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 26

Friday, March 28

Saturday, March 29

Sunday, March 30

Tuesday, April 1

Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, April 3

Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 6

Wednesday, April 9

Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12

Sunday, April 13

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

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

6:00 pm - Akathist - Pochaev Icon of the Theotokos

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

St. John Climacus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Compline with Great Canon of St.

Andrew of Crete and the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm - Akathist - Theotokos

Akathist Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

St. Mary of Egypt

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 - 6:00 pm - Fish Dinner

6:00 pm - Lazarus Saturday Compline

Lazarus Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the 3rd Hour

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Palm Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Great and Holy Week

Monday, April 14

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 15

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 16

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

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

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

Friday, April 18

Holy Friday

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins with Lamentations

All Night Watch

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets and
Agape meal

Sunday, April 20

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

Monday, April 21

Bright Monday

8:50 am - Paschal Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, April 26

Sunday, April 27

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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

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Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(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 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

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!

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 20th, we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 12th for Palm Sunday, April 13th. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper (PLEASE DO NOT WRAP IN PLASTIC!) so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 16, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

For Health Of Gordon Roberts, Offered by Family

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Honor Of Matthew Shadid's Baptism
Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

For Health Of Greg Radio, Offered by Family

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Isabella Heitzenrater's Birthday, Offered by Mama & Papa

Crosses

Happy Birthday to my mom, Olga, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Peter Slivka, Offered by Parents Mike & Fran Slivka

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of JoAnn Konsevitch, Offered by Roberts & Konsevitch Families

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

For Health Of Greg Radio, Offered by Ethan, Owen, Talia & Jones

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

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:

Archbishops: Melchisedek Pleska, Nathaniel Popp

Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis

Archpriests: Nikolai Breckenridge, Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, James Weremedic, John Onofrey, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan

Priest: John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

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

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Maryann Dudash, Christopher Felix, Patricia Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Susanna Hrebinka, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Radu Lungu, Mircea Lupo, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, William Potter, Laurel Riley, Gordon Roberts, Leah Roberts, Barbara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumens: Jason & Taylor Fogel, Chris Kiris, Mrudhuma Ravada, Lee & Jess Snekot, William Stofko, Kevin Walter

Handmaiden: Christina Heitzenrater, Kerry Kurtz, Amanda Riley, Corinne Stuckey, and their unborn children;

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