

Second Sunday of Lent
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
March 31, 2024

St. Gregory Palamas, Hypatios the wonderworker, bishop of Gangra; Prophet Joel

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

Byzantine Tone 2

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

When thou _____ didst sub - mit thy - self _____ un - to
death, O thou death - less and im - mor - tal One,
then thou didst de - stroy _____ hell with thy God - ly pow'r, and when
thou didst raise the dead _____ from be - neath _____ the earth,
all the pow'rs of heav - en did cry a - loud _____ un - to thee:
O Christ, _____ thou Giv - er of life, glo - ry to thee.

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.

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the

Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

Kontakion for the Five Sundays of Great Lent (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory; O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. But as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: "Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom!"

Prokeimenon

*The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me severely.*

Epistle

Hebrews 1:10-2:3

"In the beginning, you O Lord, didst found the earth, 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 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.

Holy Gospel

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."

Holy Bread: Carol Ofiesh/Kh Meleah Palke

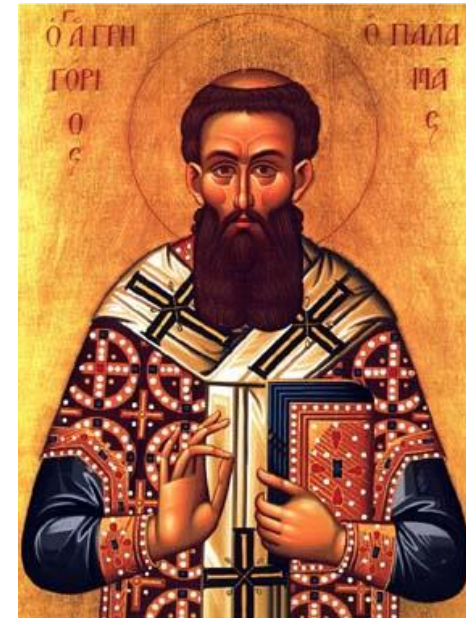
Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed: *Metropolitan Philip, of thrice blessed memory, James, Laura*

This Wednesday, at 8:00 PM, we will pray the service of Little Compline and read Passion Gospels. Look for the Zoom link in your email.

Know your faith. Matthew 26 and Mark 14 give another account of the anointing of Jesus. Here, the woman is unnamed, and anoints his head. Jesus commended the woman and said that she would be remembered always. He said that she was preparing his body for burial. This happened in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper. On what day of Holy Week was the Last Supper observed? Thursday. During Lent, we say the prayer of St. Ephrem, the Syrian. It consists of 3 parts, each followed by a prostration. On the fifth Sunday of Lent, we honor the repentant harlot, St. Mary of Egypt. The proper color for Lent is purple. Which prophet of the OT prophesied that Jerusalem would rejoice as the King entered on a donkey? Zechariah. The Church offers Holy Communion on Wednesdays of Lent in the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. It is a combination of Vespers and Holy Communion. The Holy Gifts offered have been consecrated on the previous Sunday.

St. Gregory Palamas, 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. 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 taught, 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.



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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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