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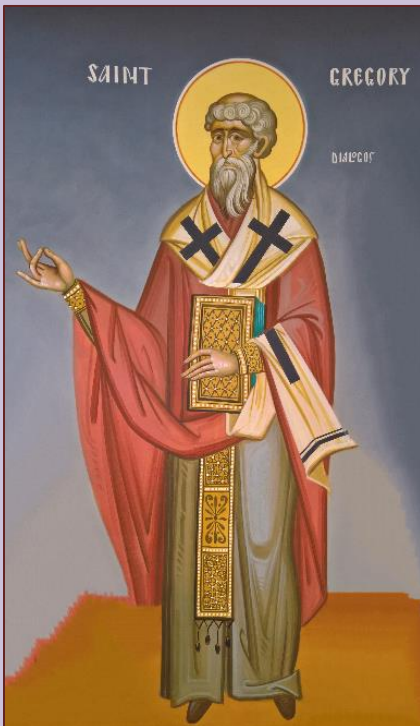
TONE 6

MARCH 04, 2018

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA

*VENERABLE GERASIMOS OF THE JORDAN; GREGORY, BISHOP OF CONSTANTIA IN CYPRUS;  
MARTYRS PAUL AND JULIANA OF PALESTINE; DANIEL THE WONDERWORKER, PRINCE OF  
MOSCOW*



“And not many days after,” it says, “the younger son gather all together, and took his journey into a far country” (Luke 15:13). Why did [the Prodigal Son] not set off at once instead of a few days after? The evil prompter, the devil, does not simultaneously suggest to us that we should do what we like and that we should sin. Instead he cunningly beguiles us little by little, whispering, “Even if you live independently without going to God’s Church or listening to the Church teacher, you will still be able to see for yourself what your duty is and not depart from what is good.” When he separates someone from the divine services and obedience to the holy teachers, he also distances him from God’s vigilance and surrenders him to evil deeds. God is everywhere present. Only one thing is far away from His goodness: evil. Being in the power of evil through sin we set off on a journey far away from God. As David says to God, “The evil shall not stand in thy sight” (Ps. 5:5).

+ St. Gregory Palamas, The Parables of Jesus, Sermons by St. Gregory Palamas

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# LITURGY VARIATIONS

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## THIRD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 6)

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When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou ledst Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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## APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

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### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

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When Mary stood at Thy grave...

### Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>Matins, 8:50 AM</b>	<b>Confession:</b>	<b>After Saturday Vespers</b>
	<b>Divine Liturgy, 10 AM</b>		<b>During Sunday Matins</b>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>Vespers, 6:30 PM</b>		<b>Or by Appointment</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>Great Vespers, 5 PM</b>		

*See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled*



**Remember to turn  
cell phones off!**

### Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

**CHILDREN** going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

**ALL OTHERS** should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

### A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

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

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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

Wonderworker, the Pride of Thessalonica and Preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

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### **Troparion for St. George (Tone 4, Byzantine)**

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Liberator of captives, Defender of the poor, the Physician of the sick and the Champion of kings, O Trophy-bearer, Great-martyr

George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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### **Kontakion of the Annunciation (Tone 8)**

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O victorious Leader of triumphant hosts, we, your servants who have been delivered from danger, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos. As you have power which is

invincible, set us free from every danger, that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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## **THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

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### **Prokeimenon (Psalm 11.7, 1 LXX; Tone 5)**

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You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

*Verse:* Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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### **Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (1.10-23; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

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“In the beginning, You O Lord, did found the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but You remain; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle You will roll them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and your years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies a stool for your 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.

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## Gospel According to St. Mark (2.1-12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

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AT THAT TIME, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was 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!"

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## HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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- By George and Sohir McKary, for the health of John Rob Sylvester, Mira, Magy, Michael and Monica, and in memory of Shehata, Reda, Emily, Narges, Samir and Fawzy.
- By Hala and Riyad Bannourah for the health of Fr. Nabil Hanna.
- By Roye and Jean Gaha for the health of John Rob Sylvester, and in memory of the newly departed Lea Gaha.

*A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.*

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## MEGALYNARION OF ST. BASIL'S LITURGY (TONE 8)

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All of creation rejoices in you, 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 your body into a throne, and He made your womb more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace! Glory to you!

## WE SERVE THE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL TODAY

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In the service books, follow the right column, labeled "St. Basil," where there are two columns to participate in the Prayer of the Anaphora.

## TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

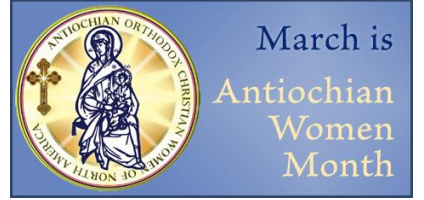
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All church school classes from first grade on up today will study this text. To keep up with our children, read pages 376-382 in *The Golden Children's Bible*, or Matthew 5-7 in the *Orthodox Study Bible*.

## RECOGNIZING OUR LADIES

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March is Women's Month in the Archdiocese. During this month we ask our ladies to serve as ushers, readers, etc., in order to highlight the indispensable role our women have served throughout Christian history up to and including the present.



## WELCOME

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We welcome Fr. Gabriel Monforte, who is filling in for Fr. Nabil today.

## نص صلوات السحر والقداس الإلهي بالعربي

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لمصلحة المهاجرين الجدد من الشرق الأوسط من ضمننا، نقوم بتوفير بعض النسخ من نص صلوات السحر والقداس الإلهي لليوم باللغة العربية. وهي متاحة عند المدخل، قرب موقع شراء الشموع.

## FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

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As we fast, we always need to remember the poor. Please take a Food for Hungry People offering box from the narthex, and make it a practice to put something into it as you sit down for every meal.



## LENTEN RETREAT

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This weekend is our annual Lenten Retreat with Holy Trinity. Please see the flyer in the announcements for more information.

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

January 18, 2018

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

For many decades in the life of our Archdiocese, we have celebrated Antiochian Women's Month every March. I have always found this month to be very important during my many years of ministry, and I will continue to support it enthusiastically during my tenure as the Metropolitan – but perhaps not for the reasons many may wrongly assume.

Let me emphatically state that the purpose of this month is not meant to *allow* the women of our parishes to participate in the life of the Church one month out of the year. Women are an integral and vital part of the ministry of the Church year round!

We set aside this month of March to honor the unique ministry of the women of our Archdiocese. Often, the ministry of women is done quietly and can easily be taken for granted. There is the hard work of our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers in transmitting the Faith to our children – how often do we see and appreciate it? There are the various initiatives of the Antiochian Women. We might notice the help a bake sale provides our budgets, but do we take notice of their work in inspiring vocations, supporting seminarian families, endowing funds for orphanages around the world, or raising needed funding for the Antiochian Village? Do we honor the women who serve on our parish councils, direct our choirs, or lead our efforts in Christian education?

In our Orthodox iconographic tradition, the Theotokos is always portrayed pointing to her Son. Although her assent to bearing the Son and Word of God in her womb brought salvation to the world, she always humbly directs our gaze to Christ. This beautiful image so aptly describes the ministry of our Antiochian Women, who work so tirelessly in service to Our Lord and Savior. As the Metropolitan of this God-protected Archdiocese, I honor our Antiochian Women because their Christ-like service – in ways similar to their patroness, the Theotokos – will in turn point all of us to Christ.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to all of the Antiochian Women for their selfless ministry. I ask that all of us work together to support their initiatives and never take them for granted. Praying that we all enter into the time of the Great Fast with a spirit of love, humility, and service, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

**+JOSEPH**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

# Summary of LENTEN SERVICES 2018

*In Addition to the regular, weekly services:*

**Saturday Vespers and Confession, 5 p.m.**

**Sunday Matins: 8:50 a.m. • Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.**

**Mondays** — On Mondays in Lent we will serve **Great Compline at 7 p.m.**

**Wednesdays** — Join us at **6:30 p.m. for the Presanctified Liturgy**. Bring one Lenten item to share for a pitch-in after Liturgy, so we can break bread together after fasting from all food and drink *at least* from noon. You are also invited to stay for a short movie clip and discussion. We'll have you out by 8:45.

**Fridays** — Little Compline with the **Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos at 7 p.m.** *This will be preceded by a Lenten Supper at 6 p.m. prepared by one of our organizations or families.*

- *On Friday, March 9, we will be at Holy Trinity (3500 W. 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Carmel) for Dinner at 6 pm and Service at 7 pm, for our annual concelebration and retreat weekend.*

**Sunday Evenings** — Vespers will be held at 5 p.m. at a different church each week (see the calendar for location).

*"If you can't resist a cheeseburger, you're not going to make a very good martyr!" Fr. Apostolos Hill*



## FROM THE SYNAXARION

On the Second Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of our father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica. This divine father was born in Asia and was brought up from infancy in the royal palace of Constantinople. When he was of age, Gregory left the palace and gave himself to asceticism on Mount Athos. He eventually moved to Thessalonica to seek cure for the diseases he contracted because of his asceticism and piety. In 1349, he was elevated to the episcopacy, tending to his people in an Apostolic fashion for 13 years. He is glorified as an ascetic, a theologian, a hierarch and a miracle-worker, who forsook a prominent, secular lifestyle to take up his cross and follow Christ. Through his intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen

### Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request of the patient/family.)*

### LIVING

**Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John**

**Fr. Nabil** Hanna, our pastor

**Fr. Andrew** (our former Assistant Pastor) and

**Kh. Bonnie** Harmon

**John Rob** Sylvester, St. Francis South 4/2

**Michael** Matly, 3/30

**Elias Al** Tawil, Carmel Health, 3/28

**Robert** Abraham, 3/27

**Alexander** Fadi Khoury, 3/25

**Timothy** Ott, 3/6

**Amal** Khazal, 3/6

**Nicholas** Rick Gann, 2/25

**George** Nimri, 2/23

**Anthony** Khal, 2/23

**Kevin** Koers, Patrick's brother 3/30

**John** Kennedy, friend of the Koers 3/30

**Dennis** Roberts, Jason's father, 3/23

**Michael** Koroneos, Tom's brother, 3/21

**Donna** Byers, friend of Kathleen Everhart, 3/21

**Cleo**, friend of Martha Sleder, 3/10

**Irina**, Anna Phillips' mother, 3/6

**Thomas** Ward, John's brother, 2/29

**Linda** Burkett, 2/20

**The injured and bereaved in the Florida school shooting**

**All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world**

### DEPARTED

**Popadia Raina**, widow of Fr. Boris at St. Stephen Church, 3/26

**Lea** Gaha, daughter of Roye Gaha 4/11

**George J. R. Karris**, son-in-law of Eva Ozman, 3/26

**Nawal** Bannourah, cousin of Riyad, Imad and Nihad, 3/21

**The victims of violence at the school in Florida** and throughout the world

## ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

March 2018

<b>Sun. 4</b>	<p><b>Second Sunday of the Great Fast</b></p> <p><b>Matins</b>, 8:50 am</p> <p><b>Choir practice</b>, 9 am</p> <p><b>Divine Liturgy</b>, 10 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church School Classes</b></li> <li>• <b>Charity Ministry Meeting</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday Vespers</b> – at St. George in Terre Haute, IN 5 pm</p>
<b>Mon. 5</b>	<p><b>Great Compline</b>, 7 pm</p>
<b>Wed. 7</b>	<p><b>Presanctified Liturgy</b>, 6:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pitch-in Dinner</b></li> <li>• <b>Spiritual Discussion</b> on Becoming Truly Human</li> </ul>
<b>Thur. 8</b>	<p><b>Choir Practice</b>, 7 pm</p>
<b>Fri. 9</b>	<p><b>Lenten Supper</b>, 6 pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Carmel, IN</p> <p><b>Little Compline with Akathist Hymn</b>, 7 pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Carmel, IN</p>
<b>Sat. 10</b>	<p><b>Lenten Retreat</b>, 10am</p> <p><b>Great Vespers</b> and confessions, 5 pm</p>
<b>Sun 11</b>	<p><b>Third Sunday of the Great Fast</b></p> <p><b>Matins</b>, 8:50 am</p> <p><b>Choir practice</b>, 9 am</p> <p><b>Divine Liturgy</b>, 10 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church School Classes</b></li> <li>• <b>Souper Sunday</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday Vespers</b> – at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church 5 pm</p>

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at [www.stgindy.org/calendar](http://www.stgindy.org/calendar)