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SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018  
*Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas*  
SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**Epistle Readings**

Hebrews 1:10 – 2:3  
Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2

**Gospel Readings**

Mark 2:1-12  
John 10:9-16

*Christ is in our midst!  
He is and ever shall be!*

**Troparion for Saint Gregory Palamas**

O light of Orthodoxy! Teacher of the Church, Its confirmation! O Ideal of Monks and invincible Champion of Theologians, O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and Preacher of Grace, always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.

**Kontakion**

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.

**Lenten Service Schedule**

Sundays 10:30AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Wednesdays 7PM Presanctified Liturgy; Fasting to receive Communion begins after lunch; 8PM Lenten potluck dinner and discussion

**Sacrament of Confession**

Fr. John encourages us to prepare and come for Confession during Great Lent. He will be available to hear confessions at 6PM before each Wednesday service or at other times by appointment.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. Please join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life.

**Sunday School Lenten Charity Project - Today**

- Our Sunday School children will assemble Emergency Kits today for IOCC, International Orthodox Christian Charities. These hygiene kits are distributed to people after natural disasters or to refugees displaced from their homes. A kit provides a hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, comb, bandaids, nail clipper.
- If you are able, please help with a donation to cover the cost of supplies and shipping. And if the assembly line is still going when you come in for Coffee Hour, please join in to help! Thank you for your support!

**Lenten Charity: Food for the Needy – Today**

Were you able to bring food to help hungry families today? Thank you!

**New OCA Video and Print Resources**

- Met. Tikhon offers 2 min. Lenten video reflections- <https://oca.org/media/video>
- The March 2018 issue of the “OCA Review” is now available in the parish hall

**Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming Kardiotisa Icon – Friday, March 9th**

The Kardiotisa (Tender-Hearted) Icon is coming to St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 15100 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD this Friday. See <https://www.standrewuoc.org>.

6PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7PM Supplication Service, Spiritual Reflections and Anointing with Holy Myrrh  
Followed by a Free Lenten Buffet and Young Adult Talk

10PM-12AM All-Night Vigil served by local clergy in different languages

**Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – Saturday, March 10**

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:30AM on March 10 followed by a Panikhida/Parastas. Names of the departed may be added to the Prayer List at the Candle Table.

(Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 11. Spring forward one hour!)

*St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social - Sunday, March 25*

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God grant many years to Irena Whitestone and Diana Kinker on their birthdays.