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SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019
ST. GREGORY OF 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."

Memory Eternal

We offer memorial prayers for newly departed Robert Trbovich, Walter, Patricia, and for others on the anniversaries of their repose: Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich, Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko, Matushka Juliana Schmemmann, Donna Valdez and Popadija Kitty's aunt, Eleanor. Memory eternal. Većnaja pamjat.

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions at 6PM before each Wednesday service and at other times by appointment. Plan to come before Holy Week.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. Luke parish life and the Orthodox Faith.

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts – Wednesday, March 27

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served every Wednesday throughout Lent at 7PM. Preparation to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. Please bring a Lenten food to share afterwards. Discussion will follow on the "Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church".

St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social - Sunday, March 31

- Our Annual Assembly will be convened next Sunday following Divine Liturgy and a Lenten Luncheon. There will be Clergy, Board of Trustees, Audit Board, committee and ministry reports plus an election of officers. All parishioners are encouraged to come and be a part of the stewardship of our community.
- A variety of Lenten Soups will be prepared by volunteers from our Sisterhood. All donations will be matched by the Sisters up to \$500 with half each going to the OCA Dioceses of Alaska and Mexico.

Metropolitan Tikhon's Lenten Video Messages - www.oca.org

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon is offering a series of weekly reflections on the themes in the Triodion hymns. The videos each run a few minutes in length.

More Orthodox Lenten Audio/Video Resources

Ancient Faith Radio – www.ancientfaith.com

Orthodox Christian Network – www.myocn.net

IOCC - <https://iocc.org/take-action/get-resources/great-lent-service-almsgiving>

Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) - <https://sttikhonsmonastery.org/stm6.html>

St. Luke Gift Shop

Stop by the kiosk today and see the new greeting cards, plus icons, collectibles, jewelry and books to consider for Pascha gift giving.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Father Deacon Patrick on the 13th anniversary of his ordination! God bless Nelly Mudrezow on her 93rd birthday. Also celebrating their birthdays are Esteban de la Riva and Hossana Aberra. May God bless them. Mnogaja Ljeta!