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MARCH 15, 2020  
**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."

**Lenten Triodion Service Schedule**

Sundays in Lent 10:30AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Wednesdays in Lent 7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy; Fast after the midday meal;  
8:15PM Lenten potluck supper.  
~~Saturday, March 21 — Memorial Saturday Liturgy at 10:30AM, Panikhida/Parastos~~  
~~Sunday, March 22 — Archdiocesan Lenten Vespers at 6PM at St. Luke~~

**Sacrament of Confession**

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

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. May you experience the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please sign the guestbook at the entrance and pick up a Welcome folder. Join us after Liturgy for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you.

**Guidelines at St. Luke during the Corona Virus Pandemic**

See Fr. John for the document he prepared on precautions for the Corona Virus, or go to <https://stlukemclean.org>. OCA guidelines are at <https://www.oca.org>. "May our loving Lord, the true Physician of our souls and bodies watch over all of us, care for and comfort those who are sick, and guide and sustain the health care providers and administrators that are working to mitigate this situation. Amen."

**Lenten Prayer Partners**

There's still time for interested adults and children to select a Prayer Partner for Lent. If you wish to participate, drop your name in the Prayer Partner basket, and draw a name of the person you will pray for. Keep the name secret until Pascha.

**Commemoration of St. Nikolai of Zhicha - "Pray for us, St. Nikolai"**

On March 18, 1956 St. Nikolai, the "Serbian Chrysostom", reposed at St. Tikhon's Monastery. He was a spiritual guide and teacher to people in all countries with a special love for children. We venerate his relics at the left front of the Church.

**St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social - Sunday, March 29**

- Our Annual Assembly will be convened in two weeks following Divine Liturgy and a Lenten Luncheon. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and be a part of the administrative and spiritual stewardship of our community.
- All contributions to the Lenten Soup Social will be matched by the Sisterhood up to \$500 to benefit IOCC's Disaster Relief Response in Nashville and Puerto Rico.

**Special Events in the Lenten Spring**

- On Saturday, April 4, there will be a Lenten Retreat with Archimandrite Sergius, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church*, hosted by St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA; 9:30AM-3:30PM; RSVP to [stk.retreat@gmail.com](mailto:stk.retreat@gmail.com).
- On Sunday, April 5 we will have a guest speaker here from New Hope Housing.

**Preparation for Pascha**

Volunteers are needed to plan the children's Easter Egg Hunt. See Popadija Kitty.