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MARCH 21, 2021  
**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**  
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**Epistle Reading**

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2

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

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Troparion** (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world."

**Kontakion** (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

**Lenten Hymn to the Theotokos**

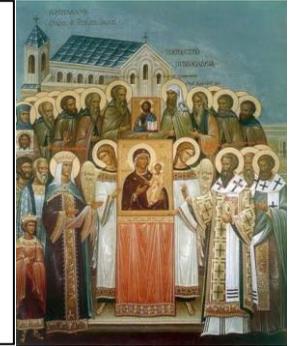
All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:43-51

As we celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy, let us become the tangible triumph of good over evil, of truth over falsehood, of kindness over ill-will, of gladness over sorrow, and of gratitude over thanklessness; let us become radiant examples of Christ's light. Let us shine the light of Orthodoxy's triumph in faith by being brought down to humbly and joyously persevere with the Comforting Spirit in virtues toward each other, toward our neighbor and so be adorned with our entrance into the glorious Resurrection of Christ our Lord!

~ Fr. John Lickwar, March 8, 2020



**Welcome** to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

**Lenten Triodion Service Schedule**

Sundays in Lent 10:30AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Wednesdays in Lent 7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy; Fasting for the Eucharist begins after the midday meal

**Sacrament of Confession**

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions before each Wednesday service and at other times, all by appointment. Plan to come before Holy Week (Fr. John's "Lenten Guidelines" are available at the Gift Shop and on our [website](#).)

**St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 28 at 3PM**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend next Sunday's virtual annual meeting. Discussion is open to everyone; voting privileges are granted to those who have completed the membership application process. Come and be a part of the administrative and spiritual stewardship of our community. If there are questions, contact Board of Trustees President, [Ron](#) Kecman.

**First Annual St. Nikolai Lecture - Tuesday, March 23, Online 7:00-8:30PM**

On March 18, 1956 St. Nikolai, the "Serbian Chrysostom", reposed at St. Tikhon's Monastery. St. Tikhon's Seminary now hosts "St. Nikolai: His Last Years," with Rt. Rev. Irenej (Dobrijevic) as presenter. Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

**God Grant You Many Years!**

May God bless Jillian (8 years old), Becca Karabin (17 years old) and Hossana Aberra as they celebrate their birthdays. Mnogaja Ljeta!