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MARCH 20, 2022
ST. 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 (Resurrection)
The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion (St. Luke)
Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles, for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ: He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation!

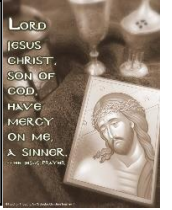
Troparion (St. Gregory Palamas)
O Light of Orthodoxy! Teacher of the Church. Its Confirmation! O Ideal of Monks and invincible Champion of Theologians! O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and Preacher of Grace! Always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (St. Luke)
Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

Kontakion (St. Gregory Palamas)
Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, radiant and harmonious trumpet of theology, we praise you in song, O divinely-speaking Gregory. As a mind standing before the Primal Mind, guide our minds to Him, Father, so that we may cry aloud to you: “Rejoice, herald of grace.”

Kontakion from the Lenten Triodion

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.



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and any parishioner. Come again for worship and fellowship.

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.

Clothing Drive for Prison Ministry

God bless everyone who donated clothing to last Sunday's parish prison ministry drive. Louise Romanchak reports: “Amazing! I don't think they have seen that many donations at one time. We are doing it in two parts to give them time to store properly. If there is not enough room, the remaining items will go to the American Red Cross, which *may* send them to Poland and Eastern Europe. Our church is helping our brothers and sisters, no matter who/where they are.”

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts – Wednesday, March 23 – 7PM

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served in our Chapel every Wednesday in Lent at 7PM. Fasting to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. Please bring a Lenten food to share.

St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 27

Our Annual Assembly will be convened in-person next Sunday following Divine Liturgy. There will be Clergy and Board of Trustees reports including the Church Building Campaign, Audit Board, committee and ministry reports plus an election of officers. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and be a part of our parish stewardship and community life.

Second Annual St. Nikolai Lecture

St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary hosted its second lecture commemorating St. Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zhicha and South Canaan last week. Protinića Olga Sokich who is a gifted storyteller spoke beautifully about her friendship with this beloved Serbian saint when her husband, Fr Dragolyub, served as Secretary to St Nikolai. See it on [YouTube.stots.edu](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stots.edu).

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Father Deacon Patrick on the 16th anniversary of his ordination! We also extend warm wishes to Hossana Aberra and to Becca Karabin on their birthdays. Mnogaja Ljeta!