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MARCH 5, 2023  
**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**  
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**Epistle Reading**

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32–12:2

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:43-51

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion** (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: You have 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 you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy Prayer for the Procession of Icons**

“Today the Church of Christ receives honorable adornment: the holy icons of Christ our Savior, the Theotokos, and all the Saints. The Church exults in their grace! We lift them up with joy and gladness! We glorify God, the Lover of man, Him Who patiently suffered for our sake!”

**Memory Eternal**

We offer memorial prayers on the six-month anniversary of the repose of Metropolitan Herman, the child Sophia, and Mark Littell. We also remember St. Luke members Robert Trbovich on the fourth anniversary of his repose, and Nick Wultich on his fifth anniversary. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of the departed. Večnaja pamjat+

**Welcome** to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

**Lenten Triodion Service Schedule**

Sundays in Lent 10:30AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Wednesdays in Lent 7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy; Fasting before receiving the Eucharist begins after the midday meal; 8PM Lenten potluck dinner  
Saturday, March 18 5PM Great Vespers  
Saturday, March 25 10:30AM Memorial Saturday: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**Sacrament of Confession**

Fr. John is available to hear confessions by appointment. Please come before Holy Week.

**Sisterhood Meeting – Today**

All women of the parish are invited to meet after Coffee Hour to discuss upcoming events.

**“First Sunday of the Month” Food for the Needy – Today** <http://ccapwinc.org/>

God bless everyone who donated food for hungry families and the homeless helped by the C-CAP (Congregational Community Action Project) food pantry in Winchester, VA.

**Annual Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers – Today at 5PM**

Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Norwood Rd., Silver Spring, MD, is hosting Lenten Vespers for all local area Orthodox Churches. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lewis Patsavos on *The Triumph of Orthodoxy: its Peril and Challenge*. Come to hear his message and the sacred choral music, and to witness the triumphant Icon Procession.

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, March 11 at 9AM**

The men of our parish will gather for their monthly fellowship this Saturday morning.

**St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social is Sunday, March 26**

Our Annual Assembly will be convened on the last Sunday of March following Divine Liturgy and a Lenten Luncheon. Clergy, Board of Trustees, committee and ministry reports will be presented on the administrative and spiritual health of our parish. President Ron Kecman sent out the agenda last week. For more information, contact [Ron](#).

**St. Luke Gift Shop – New Lenten and Pascha Items**

Available today, *Free* small copies of the Prayer of St. Ephrem as well as beautiful icon cards. Louise Romanchak invites us to look through the cards and choose the one we want.

**God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!**

Birthday greetings and blessings to George Minahan on his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, to Diana Kinker, Jeremy Klein, Rob Pyott and Irena Whitestone on their birthdays. Many Years!