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MARCH 12, 2023
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 (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 (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. Gregory Palamas)

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 + ~ Vešnica Pomenire +

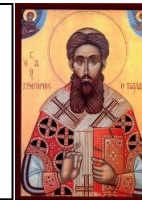
We offer memorial prayers on the two-year anniversary of the repose of Viorel, Tib Truta's father. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the soul of the departed.

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon on Great Lent 2023 (Excerpt)

As we enter into the mystery of the Lenten struggle, as we prepare to encounter the great mystery of the Lord's Passion and Rising, let us be "willing and obedient," making our efforts in good faith but relying on the Lord to cleanse us, fill us with hope, and lead us always closer to himself, who is the End for whom we are made, and who desires to fill us with good things, now and throughout eternity. To him be all glory, unto ages of ages.

Hymn to St. Gregory Palamas

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since you now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to you: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"



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.

AXIOS! First Anniversary of the Ordination of Deacon Stefan Glomazic

Our St. Luke parish joyfully celebrates Deacon Stefan on the one-year anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. We extend our gratitude to him for his vital roles in Liturgical services, religious education and pastoral care. May the Lord grant peaceful lives, health, strength, salvation and furtherance in all Godly things to him, his wife Christine, Zova, Jovan, and Karla, and his mother Dragana, and grant them Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!

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.

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts – Wednesday, March 15 – 7PM

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served this Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent at 7PM. Fasting to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. A Lenten Potluck follows.

Great Vespers – Saturday, March 18 at 5PM

Come join in the readings, the hymns and prayers at the mid-point of Great Lent.

Memorial Saturday: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom – March 25 at 10:30AM

After the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a general Memorial Service will be served for all departed. Names of family and friends may be given to Fr. John.

Sisterhood Lenten Soup Social – Sunday, March 26

Our Sisterhood will host a Lenten Soup Social following Liturgy on March 26 as a charity fundraiser. All cash and check contributions will be matched by the Sisterhood up to \$500 to benefit the Diocese of Alaska's Clergy Stipend Endowment.

St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 26

All parishioners are invited to attend the annual meeting on March 26 to discuss current administrative matters, including the Church Building Campaign. Fr. John, members of the Board of Trustees, the Audit Board, committee and ministry group leaders will give reports. President Ron Kecman sent out the agenda. If there are questions, please contact [Ron](#).