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**ST. GREGORY OF PALAMAS;  
ST. INNOCENT, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW,  
ENLIGHTENER OF ALEUTS AND APOSTLE TO AMERICA  
SECOND SUNDAY OF 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)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Troparion** (St. Gregory)

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!

**Troparion** (St. Innocent)

You evangelized the northern people of America and Asia, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues. O holy hierarch father Innocent, enlightener of Alaska and all America, whose ways were ordered by the Lord, pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

**Kontakion** (St. Innocent)

A true celebration of the providence and grace of God is your life, O holy father Innocent, Apostle to our land. In hardships and dangers you toiled for the Gospel's sake and God delivered and preserved you unharmed. From obscurity He highly exalted you as an example that the Lord truly guides a man in the way he should go.

**Kontakion** (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 via livestream and in person today. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

**Memory Eternal+ Večnaja Pamjat+**

We offer prayers for Archpriest Milovan, Deacon Stefan's relative, and for Scott, Ron Kecman's relative. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

**Sacrament of Confession**

Confession is an important part of our Lenten preparation. Fr. John will hear confessions from 6:00-6:30PM before PreSanctified Liturgies, 4:00-4:30PM before Saturday Vespers, and by appointment. If you would like to come to confession before either Presanctified or Vespers, please let Fr. John know in advance: [john.vitko@gmail.com](mailto:john.vitko@gmail.com), 925-667-6451.

**Archdiocesan Presanctified Liturgy with OCA's Holy Synod – Wed. April 3 at 6PM**

Join His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA's Holy Synod of Bishops and the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington for the Lenten Liturgy this Wednesday, hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007. The responses will be sung by our Archdiocesan Choir.

**Visitation of the Wonderworking Sitka Icon of the Theotokos**

The well-known healing icon will be at the Presanctified Liturgy for veneration. Find this week's Icon schedule at [https://www.wdcoca.org/news\\_240313\\_1](https://www.wdcoca.org/news_240313_1).

**April 6 First-Saturday-of-the-Month:** Men's Prayer Breakfast - 9AM; Vespers – 5PM

**April 7 First-Sunday-of-the-Month:** Food for the Needy for the C-CAP Food Pantry

**April 7 Sunday of the Cross** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent) **and the Feast of Annunciation**

**St. Luke Sisterhood Lenten Soup Social – Sunday, April 7**

After Liturgy next week, Sisterhood volunteers will provide a variety of Lenten soups as a charity fundraising luncheon to benefit [New Hope Housing](#), a social service agency that ends homelessness in Northern Virginia by providing housing, hope and community.

**St. Luke Annual Assembly – Sunday, April 7**

Next Sunday, the annual meeting will be convened following the Liturgy and Luncheon. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. On the agenda are reports from our Clergy, Board of Trustees, Audit Board, committees and ministry groups, plus a progress report on the new Church construction. There will also be elections for the two boards. Contact President Ron Kecman with any questions: [ronkecman@gmail.com](mailto:ronkecman@gmail.com).

**Lenten Prayer Partners**

Our daily Prayer ministry is ongoing throughout Lent. If you added your name to the basket and have not yet drawn a name, please stop by the blue-ribbon basket today.

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

God bless Val and Wynne Maksimovic's granddaughter Savannah on her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.