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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

***1st and 2nd FINDINGS of the PRECIOUS HEAD of the
HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER, and
BAPTIST of the LORD, JOHN
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***

Epistle Readings

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2
II Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel Readings

John 1:43-51
Matthew 11:2-15

Troparion (Resurrection) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (Sunday of Orthodoxy) We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou was 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 has filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

Troparion (Findings of the Head of St. John the Forerunner) The head of the Forerunner rose from the earth as a star, brilliant with rays of healing and immortality. It gathers the choirs of angels in heaven, and assembles the human race on earth

Kontakion (Findings of the Head of St. John the Forerunner) O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace, your head has blossomed from the earth as a sacred rose. We are ever being healed, for as of old, You preach repentance to 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 state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in world and images.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us 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 and Deacon Stefan.

Memory Eternal + Večnaja Pamjat +

We pray for Nick Wultich on the 7th anniversary of his repose and Blažo Bogetic 40 days since his repose. With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants.

Church School Icon Procession – Today

Our youth will celebrate the restoration of icons in 843AD with a procession carrying their favorite icons into the church at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

Lenten Prayer Partners

There's still time to select a prayer partner for Lent. Please drop your name in the basket and draw a name. We pray for that person while keeping the name secret until Pascha.

Sisterhood Meeting – Today at 1PM in the Office – All women are invited.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers - Today at 5PM

Bishops, Clergy and Laity from DC area churches will gather today at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA for Vespers and the great icon procession. Metropolitan Tikhon will give the homily. A reception will follow.

Wed., March 12 7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by a Potluck

Sat., March 15 10:30AM Memorial Saturday Liturgy and Panikhida

Archdiocesan Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – Wednesday, March 19 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, hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

OCPM Prison Ministry Retreat – Saturday, March 22 at 5PM

V. Rev John Kowalczyk from OCPM will be with us for Vespers and a presentation on the inspiring Orthodox spiritual care of those in prison. Come and hear about this growing ministry. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share at the Lenten supper.

2025 St. Luke Annual Assembly – Sunday, March 30 at 1PM

The Board of trustees invites all parishioners to the annual meeting. They also invite us to consider donating towards the purchase 12 Feastday icons to beautify our new church. Vice President Hunter Whitestone can provide information on this special opportunity.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

We join Deacon Stefan in celebrating the 3rd anniversary of his Ordination. May the Lord bless him, his wife Christine, children Zova, Jovan and Karla, and his mother Dragana. God bless Matthew and Jessica Whittington on their birthdays this week.