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SUNDAY BULLETIN: MARCH 15, 2020

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT — St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika — Tone 6

EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (§304) / Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (§318)

GOSPEL: (Matins) St. Luke 24:36-53 (§114) / St. Mark 2:1-12 (§7) / St. John 10:9-16 (§36)

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Theodotus, bishop od Cyrenia

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS… *We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. There are service books in the pews. While only prepared Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion, our non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.*

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION: *Orthodox Christians must be prepared for Holy Communion through Confession, fasting, prayer and by being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (frequency established by the Pastor), have abstained from food and drink from midnight, observe the fast days and seasons and have attended Divine Liturgy regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Holy Communion.*

During the 5 Sundays of Lent the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. *(Page 49 in the Liturgy book)*

The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst captured hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

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 that our souls may be saved!

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!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: 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.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. To you our Queen, leader in battle and defender. We your people delivered from all peril, offer hymns of victory and thanksgiving, O Theotokos. Since you posses invincible power, set us free from every calamity. So that we may cry to you: Hail, O bride without bridegroom.

We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are ill: Protodeacon Triva Paul, Darinka Kisin, Larissa Basch, Vera Pestorich, Henry Delfin, Michael Stepanich, Jan Caballero, Carlos Vaga, Loretta Thomas, Janet Zimbelmann, Kathryn Woolsey, Gherry Taylor, Geri Mercer, Sherman Curtis, Susan Hart, Blair Sagardia, Annabelle Castro, Judith Hibberd, John Trigg, John Petrosian

Remember to pray for our parishioners serving in the U.S. Armed Forces: Sage Featherstone (Air Force), Joseph Bundros (Navy)

Remember in prayer our catechumens: Hector Agredano, Fury Mancuso, Nicholas Magnuson, Luciano Cosentino, Shirley Means, Jonathan Pritchard, Marisa Tipton, Sebastian Mellon, Aniya Krantz

Schedule for this Week

Great Lent

The Tutors (greeters) will not be collecting your offering today in the usual manner with the Offering Plate. Please place your weekly offering into the box at the conclusion of the Liturgy, as you exit the church through the side doors.

TODAY: Coffee Hour for all teenagers with Father George in the conference room after church school.
- Coffee Hour in the hall following Liturgy. Everyone welcome!

If you have received Holy Communion this morning you are encouraged to remain in church after the Liturgy for the Prayers of Thanksgiving. Page 98 in the Liturgy book.

On Monday (March 16) our janitorial service will be doing an antibacterial cleaning (once a month) of our church buildings. All parish organizations are asked to not use our facilities at any time this Monday. It will be cleared for use on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Tuesday, March 17 - Catechism Class at 3:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18 – 6th Hour Prayers at Noon / Confessions at 4:00 to 5:15 PM
- Presanctified Liturgy at 6:00 PM (St. George Church) followed by Supper
Saturday, March 21 Catechism Class at 3:30 PM / Vespers and Confessions at 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 22 **– Veneration of the Holy Cross***:* Matins at 8:30 AM / Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM

Upcoming Events

Scholarship Support: Support our St. Peter Scholarship Fund is through Amazon Smile. Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. Select "Serbian Orthodox Church of St Peter" as your charity. It is very simple and easy! All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund!

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2020 Church Yearbook: The Yearbook of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North, Central and South America are now available in the Narthex. The cost is $12.00.

Presanctified Liturgy: Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. during Lent the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated. The location of the service will alternate between St. George Church and our church. Be sure to check the schedule in the calendar. You are encouraged to prepare yourselves for Holy Communion that is offered at this Liturgy. If you have questions concerning preparation, please ask Father George. A Lenten meal will also be served afterwards.

Pascha Flowers: Offering envelope for your donations to help offset the cost of flowers to decorate Christ's Tomb and the church for Pascha are available in the Narthex. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

COS Breakfast: The Circle of Sisters invite you to join them on Saturday morning, April 25, for a scrumptious Flapjack Breakfast!! Tickets are $10 per person and the flapjack breakfast includes: pancakes, syrup, butter, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, orange juice and coffee. Date and hours: Saturday April 25, beginning at 8 am - 10 am. at Applebee's Restaurant, 7007 N. Cedar Ave, Fresno, CA 93720. Contact Stacy Batrich-Smith (559) 790-4073 or Anastacia Cooper (559) 240-8254 for more information, or to purchase a ticket!

Coffee Hour:

Today	Olga Granado, Rosanna Achelyan
March 22	Penny Family
March 29	Shirley Bundros, Maria Briggs, Sveta Ward