

Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

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Tone 6: Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas & Holy Cross

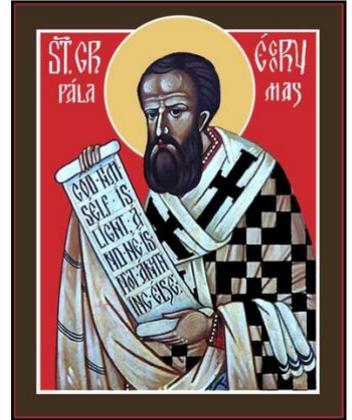
Welcome:

Welcome to all visitors to our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today! We are glad you are here. Though Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, all are invited to receive blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Please also join us for coffee and fellowship downstairs afterwards!

This Morning:

9:20 AM - Confessions

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy



Troparia and Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion - Tone 6:

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 capture 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.

Troparion - St. Gregory Palamas:

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation,/ O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,/ O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace,/ always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

From the Lenten Triodion - Tone 4: 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!

Kontakion - St. Gregory Palamas: Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology,/ together we sing thy praises, O God-inspired Gregory./ Since thou now standest before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father,/ so that we may sing to thee: Rejoice, O preacher of grace!

Troparion - Holy Cross: O Lord, save Thy people,/ and bless Thine inheritance!/ Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians/ over their adversaries;/ and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Kontakion - Holy Cross: Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;/ it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross./ The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;/ for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell:// "Enter again into Paradise!"

In place of the Trisagion

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

Prokeimenon

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps 11/12:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

My mouth shall speak wisdom, / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps 48/49:3)

Epistle

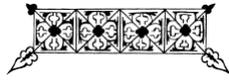
Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

¹⁰ And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; ¹² Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.” ¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Do Not Neglect Salvation

² Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,



⁷ ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, *appoints* the Son who has been perfected forever.

The New Priestly Service

⁸ Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (Ps 90/91:2)

v: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps 36/37:30)

Gospel

Matthew 6:14-21 (NKJV)

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

Mark 2 And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ² Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. ³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” ⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” ¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!”

John 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 - Presanctified Liturgy

5:15 PM Confessions, 6:00 PM Liturgy

Saturday, April 4, 2020 - Bishop Paul Visitation

4:00 PM Vespers

Sunday, April 5, 2020 - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

9:00 AM Meeting the Bishop, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Potluck Lenten Meal with His Grace, Bishop Paul

**Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM Sundays, as scheduled. Other Sundays will be a Reader Service.*