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February 28, 2010

2nd Sunday of Great Lent

St. Gregory Palamas

- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
Epistle: *Heb. 1:10-2:3*
Heb. 7:26-8:2(St.Gregory)
Gospel: *Mark 2:1-12*
John 10:9-16(St. Gregory)
- Church School
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee and Rolls. Pierogies will be available for purchase.

Schedule of Services

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:00pm - joint Mission Presanctified Liturgy at St. Sophia's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. 39 West 22nd Street.

Friday, March 5th

6:00pm - Akathist to the Passion of Christ with commemoration of the Departed

Saturday, March 6th - Memorial Saturday

9:30am - Divine Liturgy and Panikhida.
4:45pm - Adult Enrichment Program.
6:00pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 7th – Veneration of the Cross

9:30 Divine Liturgy
4:00pm - Mission Vespers at the Annunciation Church - Brick, NJ

What Will We Notice?

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' "

The friends' faith is what is noteworthy for the Lord; it can bring about a miracle.

What would we notice if we were in the crowded house when a man on a pallet suddenly poked down through the roof? Would we, too, be impressed by the faith of the man's friends, and by their care for him? Would we admire their ingenuity in finding a novel way to get him close to the Lord? Would we rejoice at Jesus' generous, healing love?

Or would we be more like the scribes sitting there, who apparently notice none of these things? They only notice that Jesus is claiming the power to forgive sins. They question in their hearts, considering this a blasphemous claim of a power that belongs only to God.

Jesus immediately challenges their unspoken questions, with the insight and perception the see so deeply and that often make His opponents so uncomfortable. He proclaims that "the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Then He tells the paralytic to take up his pallet and go home. The man does so, to the amazement of all the people.

Jesus doesn't explain what He means by calling Himself "Son of Man." Is He identifying with the human creatures He has come to save? Is He referring to the Old Testament messianic prophecy in Daniel 7:13-14? Commentators have said that He might be doing either, or both. Jesus wanted us to notice His words, and think about their meaning.

To notice, to pay attention to what He does for us—this is what can bring us closer to Christ, and to a life filled with His love.

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, Agnes and George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara

Memory Eternal!

PREPARING FOR ILLUMINATION:

Matthew Galati

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If you have any information to be added into weekly bulletin, please send your info to Fr.IgorKsn@gmail.com

Schedule of Mission Vespers Services (4:00 pm)

February 28th – St. Gregory Palamas -

March 7th – Veneration of the Precious Cross -

March 14th – St. John Climacus -

March 21st – St. Mary of Egypt -

April 7th – Bright Wednesday -



Announcements

❖ We are in Great Lent from February 15 to Holy Pascha, which this year falls on April 4. Each member of our parish community is encouraged to prayerfully prepare for, and then participate in the Sacrament of private Confession. This Sacrament will be offered on all Saturday evenings of Great Lent following Vespers (or after any service), as well as on Sunday mornings, half-an-hour before the Divine Liturgy. There will be no General Confession before Pascha. You can have your private Confession either in our church or in another parish [Orthodox obviously], where your spiritual father is. Private Confession in our parish can be done by appointment as well, at your convenience.

❖ **PIEROGIES FOR SALE** today in our church hall. \$5.50 for a dozen. Factory made. Delicious and nutritious. Different variety. All proceeds go to the Church.

❖ **Coffee-Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in health of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk.

❖ Next Sunday is a **Sunday of Veneration of the Cross.** Donations are taken at the candle desk towards the decorating of the Cross with flowers.

❖ Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, March 16** at 7:00pm there will be **Holy Unction** service at the Transfiguration Church (35 Sickletown Rd., Pearl River, NY 10965)

❖ On **Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00pm** we will host joint Mission Presanctified Liturgy with our Sister-Parishes. Please, mark your calendars and join us in worship and fellowship that will follow.

❖ Our **Adult Enrichment Program** during Great Lent it is open to everyone: On **Saturdays** at 4:45pm we watch and discuss parts of video book "Heaven on Earth. Divine Liturgy: The Inner Meaning of the Eucharist" - by Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware). This is an exploration of the theological, spiritual and symbolic meanings of the Divine Liturgy, and in particular its Eucharistic character.

Holy Trinity Church – Rahway

Annunciation Church – Brick

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church – Clifton

SS Peter & Paul Church – Manville

Christ the Saviour Church – Paramus