



## SS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### March 31, 2013

**SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**St. Gregory Palamas**

**Rest of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of  
Moscow and Apostle to the Americas**

**Iveron Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos**

- 9:10am – Hours, Confession
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

*Epistle: Heb. 1:10-2:3;*

*Heb. 7:26-8:2 (Saint)*

*Gospel: Mk. 2:1-12*

*Jn. 10: 9-16 (Saint)*

### Schedule of Services

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

6:30pm – Mission Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by fellowship in the Church Hall

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

6:00pm – Akathist to the Passion of Christ with Panikhida for the Departed

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

6:00pm - Great Vespers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

9:10am – Hours, Confession

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

### *Appearance of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God*

*Today we commemorate the appearance of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God – the Icon that has visited our parish for the 90<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.*

*This Icon (which is preserved on Mt. Athos) was kept in the home of a certain pious widow, who lived near Nicea. During the time of the emperor Theophilus, the Iconoclasts came to the house of this Christian, and one of the soldiers struck the image of the Mother of God with a spear. Blood flowed from the place where it was struck.*

*The widow, fearing its destruction, promised the imperial soldiers money and implored them not to touch the icon until morning. When the soldiers departed, the woman and her son (later an Athonite monk), sent the holy icon away upon the sea to preserve it. The icon, standing upright upon the water, floated to Athos.*

*For several days, the Athonite monks had seen a fiery pillar on the sea rising up to the heavens. They came down to the shore and found the holy image, standing upon the waters. After a Molieben of thanksgiving, a pious monk of the Iveron monastery, St Gabriel (July 12), had a dream in which the Mother of God appeared to him and gave him instructions. So he walked across the water, and taking up the holy icon, he placed it in the church.*

*On the following day, however, the icon was found not within the church, but on the gates of the*

### Intercessory Prayer

**THE LIVING:** Mary Angeli, Eva Benda, Theodore & Valentina Benda, Terry Cimboric, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Faith Verona, Elizabeth Zuber.

**THE DEPARTED:** Olga Stecher, Michael Moroch, Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

*monastery. This was repeated several times, until the Most Holy Theotokos revealed to St Gabriel Her will, saying that She did not want the icon to be guarded by the monks, but rather She intended to be their Protectress. After this, the icon was installed on the monastery gates. Therefore this icon came to be called "Portaitissa" or "Gate-Keeper" (October 13). This comes from the Akathist "Rejoice, O Blessed Gate-Keeper who opens the gates of Paradise to the righteous."*

*There is a tradition that the Mother of God promised St Gabriel that the grace and mercy of Her Son toward the monks would continue as long as the Icon remained at the monastery. It is also believed that the disappearance of the Iveron Icon from Mt. Athos would be a sign of the end of the world.*

*The Iveron Icon is also commemorated on February 12, October 13 (its arrival in Moscow in 1648), and Bright Tuesday (Commemorating the appearance of the Icon in a pillar of fire at Mt. Athos and its recovery by St Gabriel).*



### Announcements

❖ This Wed. April 3 at 6:30pm our parish will host joint Presanctified Liturgy with St. Mary's and St. Sophia's parishes. If you would like to bring a Lenten dish for the fellowship that will follow – please sign up at the candle desk.

❖ Next Sunday is the Sunday of Veneration of the Cross. If you would like to make a donation for the flowers to decorate the Cross, you can do so at the candle desk.

❖ The schedule for NJ Deanery Mission Vespers (beginning – 4 PM) are as follows:

Mar. 31 (today) – Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ – His Grace Bishop Michael will be main celebrant and homilist;

April 7 – North: Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne, NJ; South: Holy Cross Church, Medford, NJ;

April 14 – North: Holy Spirit Church, Wantage, NJ; South: Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Manville, NJ;

Apr. 21 – North: Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Jersey City, NJ; South: St. Gregory Palamas Church, Glen Gardner, NJ.

May 8, 7pm – Bright Wednesday: Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ – His Grace Bishop Michael will be main celebrant and homilist. For more information please see a flyer posted on the bulletin board.

❖ Joint Presanctified Liturgies this Great Lent:  
Apr. 10, 6:30pm – St. Sophia's Ukrainian Orth. Church;  
Apr. 17, 7:00pm – St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orth. Church. Mark your calendars and join us in worship!

### Birthday Greetings

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Jerry Pavel Federal and Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their Birthdays this month. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnoqaya Leta!