



Sunday February 25, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 2/28 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Friday 3/2 Akathist 7:000 p.m.

Saturday 3/3 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 3/4 St. Gregory Palamas Sunday Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Feb-25	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Mar-4	SOUDER	PECK	PECK
Mar-11	LEWIS	SULPIZI	CAREY
Mar-18	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Mar-25	LEWIS	SOUDER	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 2 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 wast 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 hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,//
for Thou alone hast come to save the world.”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

No one could describe the Word of the Father;
but when He took flesh from thee, 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 words and images.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Fathers)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is
Thy name forever! *(Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)*

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

*By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of
Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people
of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach*

of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –

of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

Gospel John 1:43-51

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

(Instead of "It is truly meet ... ," we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace:

the assembly of Angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,

the glory of virgins,

from whom God was incarnate and became a Child:

our God before the ages.

He made thy body into a throne,

and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens.

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace.//

Glory to thee!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The spiritual theme of the day is first of all the victory of the True Faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 Jn 5.4). Secondly, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1.26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image. We will have our usual icon procession with the parish youth at the end of Liturgy today.

Archbishop MARK to Visit for Pascha We are happy to announce that His Eminence Archbishop MARK will join us this year for Holy Pascha. Archbishop MARK will spend Holy Week visiting different parishes and will be with us for Pascha night (Nocturns, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy). His Eminence will also be with us for our Pascha night agape & sharing of the baskets.

Presanctified Liturgy On Wednesday evenings we will be celebrating the Presanctified Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is not celebrated in the Orthodox Church on Lenten weekdays however, in order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in Holy Communion, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. This Liturgy is called Presanctified, since the Holy Gifts are presanctified (or consecrated) on the previous Sunday. This is evening Liturgy consisting of Vespers, followed by a portion of the full Liturgy. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts comes after a day of spiritual preparation and abstinence. All who plan on participating in Holy Communion for the Presanctified Liturgy, should eat a light Lenten meal in the morning or mid-morning and begin fasting for communion by mid-day. Reminder that our Presanctified Liturgy will be followed by a Lenten pot luck dinner. All are welcome to come and share in the extra fellowship as we make our journeys together to Pascha.

Now Serving the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great During the Lenten season we may notice that the Divine Liturgy is a little different. This is because we are celebrating the Liturgy of St Basil the Great. In the 4th century Church the liturgy of St. Basil was celebrated every Sunday and feast day of the whole year. It was the official Eucharistic Liturgy to be celebrated on a regular basis throughout the year. Towards the end of the

first quarter of the second millennium the Liturgy of Saint Basil was replaced by the liturgy attributed to Saint John Chrysostom another 4th century father of the Church. Some say that the reason for the celebration of Saint Basil's liturgy during Lent is because of the conservative liturgical character of Lent. And since it is the intention of the Church to dedicate more time to prayer during Lent, that it is a good opportunity to teach the faithful dogma by offering for their hearing and singing the profound and all-embracing theological elucidations of the Basilian Liturgy. It is also said that it served during lent because of its expressively doctrinal and educational character. Listen and you will hear the wisdom and beauty of this liturgy on the Sunday's of Great Lent. Handouts will be available.

Pot Luck & the Life of a Saint after Presanctified on Wednesdays On Wednesday evenings during Great Lent we will be having Lenten pot luck dinners along with a presentation on the life of a saint. All are welcome to join us. Please see Fr. Dn. James if you are interested in presenting or reading the life of a saint.

Read a book during Lent! Check out the library table today at coffee hour; new books have been put out for this season of Lent. More titles are available downstairs in the library. If there is an additional book that you would like the bookstore to order, please see Juliana Bunitsky or Mary Anne Farrell.

Lenten Retreat On March 17th we are planning on having a Lenten retreat. The guest speaker will once again be Frederica Mathewes-Green. She will be speaking on "Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her". There will be more details to come in future bulletins.

Lenten Confessions During the Lenten season confessions will be available on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. prior to Presanctified Liturgy. Time for confession is also available on Saturday evenings following Great Vespers.

Study Group Our study group will meet this Thursday March 1st. We will continue with the second half of "Courage to Pray" by Met. Anthony Bloom. Our Thursday study is an excellent opportunity for continuing Orthodox education. Please join us!

2018 Assessments As we progress to our fair share giving of 10% of our operating budget to the National and Diocesan Church, our individual assessments for 2018 are changing. With the approval of our 2018

budget in October, we committed to a level 3 giving as a parish which equates to \$177 per adult for this year or \$44.25 per quarter. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to use them as a reminder. Thank you for your continued support.

Wisdom from the Fathers

"So every time you fall, get up again and at once seek forgiveness. Don't hide sorrow in your heart, because sorrow and despondency are the joy of the evil one..."

+ *Elder Joseph the Hesychast*

Speak well of those who speak evil of you. Pay good for evil.

Pray for those who cause you various offenses, wrongs, temptations, persecutions.

Whatever you do, on no account condemn anyone; do not even try to judge whether a person is good or bad, but keep your eyes on that one evil person for whom you must give an account before God—yourself.

+ *St. Ignatius Brianchaninov The Arena*

An Elder said: "When a monk first renounces the world, the demons are not permitted to harass him violently, lest he be startled and frightened and thus return quickly to the world. However, when, with the passing of time, he makes progress in ascetical labors, then battles involving carnal desires and pleasures are unleashed against him. Whereupon the monk is distressed and feels the need to be humbled and to mourn, and to condemn and accuse himself for all the sins that he has committed and does commit. Stripped in this way by temptations, he learns patience, acquires experience and discernment, and takes refuge in God, thereafter, with tears. Then God dispels the machinations of the enemy and little by little brings the monk to respite. Some, who have been remiss in their effort, have either killed themselves, out of their great distress, or have returned to the world, defeated by great grief."

+ *From the Evergetinos*

Prayers for the Departed: *Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Mary Alice Salay*

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: *Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed, Jacquelyn Marie Wham*

Prayers for Catechumens: *Stephanie Smiertka Riley*

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
25-Feb	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Hojnicki/Souder	Baldychev/Shatley	Farrell
4-Mar	POT LUCK - Sulpizi	Telep/Baldychev	Suplizi	Skomorucha
11-Mar	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Bunitsky/Lewis	Riley	Maloney
18-Mar	Oberto/Peck	Elia/Morjana	Bunitsky	Lewis
25-Mar	Pacienza/George	Riley/Riley	General Cleaning	Gundersen

Church School Reminder

Feb. 25 Sunday of Orthodoxy

Feb. 11 Class

March 4 Class

March 11 Class

March 18 Class