

**SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book and taking a visitor's packet both located on the table in the Narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith is encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

Our parish exists to seek and share Christ's love so that all will find eternal life in Him.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



During the Sundays of Great Lent, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. If you would like to follow along using the Red Service Book, the variations begin on page 132. For those using the White Service Book, the Liturgy is found on the right hand column.

HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE 8)

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

Thy work of justice did show thee to thy congregation a canon of faith, the likeness of humility, a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness richness. Intercede, therefore, with Christ to save our soul.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (TONE 2)

O undisputed intercessor of Christians. The mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we are sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith. For thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos. Who dost ever intercede for those who honor Thee.

EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more!*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Thou, “O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail.” But to which of the angels did He say at any time, “Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?” Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 2:1-12

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On March 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane; and Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome.

On this same day, the Second Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of our father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica

Verses

The Spring of Light now leadeth to light unwaning

The Light's own truly great and resplendent herald.

This divine father was born in Asia and was brought up from infancy in the royal palace of Constantinople. When he was of age, Gregory left the palace and gave himself to asceticism on Mount Athos. He eventually moved to Thessalonica to seek cure for the diseases he contracted because of his asceticism and piety. In 1349, he was elevated to the episcopacy, tending to his people in an Apostolic fashion for 13 years. He is glorified as an ascetic, a theologian, a hierarch and a miracle-worker, who forsook a prominent, secular lifestyle to take up his cross and follow Christ. The Most-Holy Theotokos, St. John the Theologian, St. Demetrius, St. Anthony the Great, St. John Chrysostom and angels of God appeared to him at different times.

Through his intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

WELCOME BACK

We are so happy to have Fr. Elias and Marian Mitchell back at St. Nicholas! Please extend a warm welcome home to both!

WELCOME

Thank you to Hank Hanegraaff for your talk yesterday and sharing this morning's homily with us.



TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

In memory of the Handmaiden of God, Kh. Phyllis Ann Sirotko, on her one-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her husband, Fr. Ted Sirotko and family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God, Rick Olson Sr. on his one-year falling asleep in the Lord, offered with love by his children and grandchildren. May his memory be Eternal!

In memory of the Servant of God, Semaan Sarah, and the Handmaiden of God, Olga Wasouf on their 40-day falling asleep in the Lord, offered by their daughter, Sarab Hajjar and her family. May their memory be Eternal!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessing of William Wade on the occasion of his 6th birthday offered with love by Pat, Lindsey, and Luke. May the Lord continue to keep him on His path of righteousness and may he forever receive His mercy. May God grant him many years!

For the Health and Blessings of Julie Karris on her recovery following her surgery. Offered by her St. Nicholas Family. May God grant her many years!

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

*Names are added to the Prayer List for one week by offering Holy Oblation
or for up to 40 days in the case of an ongoing serious illness.*

LIVING

Metropolitan PAUL
Archbishop JOHN

Priest Steve VanBronkhorst

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty in Turkey, Syria,
Lebanon, Ukraine, Africa and throughout the world.

William Wade McCloskey	Kevin Mitchell
Julie Karris	Michael Ellis
Subdn. Peter Marth	Briana Bond
Sharon Mortimer	Christina Younes
Attallah Amash	Russ Adolphson
Mary Ann Maloley	Andrew Pohka
Audrey Nicoloff	Bianca Pohka
David Corey	Evelyn Pohka
Joe Corey	Oliva Pohka
Dan Abraham	

DEPARTED

NEWLY DEPARTED

Semaan Sarah
Olga Wassouf
Ralph Thomas
Bob Spicer

And all the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Africa and throughout the world.

Kh. Phyllis Sirotko
Rick Olson Sr.
Hatem Karadsheh