

Great Lent:

Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. This first Sunday of Great is called the **Feast of 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 John 5:4).

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 venerate Your most pure image, O Good One,
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God.
Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh
to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy.
Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:
You have filled all with joy, O our Savior,
by coming to save the world.*

(Troparion Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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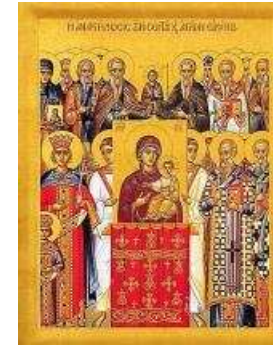
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Sunday of Orthodoxy
Triumph of the Icons

On this day the Church remembers:

• **Sunday of Orthodoxy** • Translation of the relics of St Nicephorus the Patriarch of Constantinople (846) • Martyr Sabinus (Abibus) of Egypt (287) • Martyr Africanus of Carthage (3rd c.) • Martyr Publius of Carthage (3rd c.) • Martyr Terence of Carthage (3rd c.) • Martyr Alexander of Macedonia (305-311) • Martyr Christina of Persia (4th c.) • Venerable Aninas of the Euphrates

*No one could describe the Word of the Father;
but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos,
He accepted to be described,
and restored the fallen image to its former beauty.
We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.*

(Kontakion Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Sunday of Orthodoxy

1st Sunday of Great Lent

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Triodion week 5

Today's Bulletin is Sponsored:**For the memory of:**

Memory of **Maria**, mother of Matushka Galina & Fr. Boris

For the health of:

For health of **Andrew Morris**, by Lore Stefy.

Readings:

- **Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

- **John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus decided 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 he 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Sunday service:

9:40 AM – Hours

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Church School - 9:30 Choir practice - 9:30 Coffee hour after Liturgy

2011 Services for Great Lent

- ~~Friday, March 11, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts~~
- Friday, March 18 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- Friday, March 25, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- Friday, April 1, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- Friday, April 8, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- Friday, April 15, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- Saturday, April 16, 6:00 PM - Vespers - Saturday of Lazarus' Resurrection**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to joins us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served every Friday, at 6:00 pm, during lent.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be April 3**, after coffee hour.
- **Choir practice** will be held at 9:30 Sunday mornings, downstairs.
- Today and throughout Lent, there will be a **special collection after the sermon**. This collection is for **Plaschinitsa Flowers** and for Pascha basket raffle items.

Special Announcements:

- **Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored**; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- **Special Announcements** for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- **Dues and assessments** are being collected for the year 2011, **Total is \$175.** (\$30 dues, \$145 assessment) Partial payments are gladly accepted.