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Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3 (*2nd Sunday of Great Lent, St. Gregory Palamas*)

Readings: [Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2](#) (*Saint Gregory*)

Mark 2:1-12 (*2nd Sunday of Great Lent, St. Gregory Palamas*)

[John 10:9-16](#) (*Saint Gregory*)

Brethren, “You O Lord, in the beginning, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?” Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and 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 him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him 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, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question 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!”

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.

Announcements:

- We celebrate the **Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts** every Wednesday during Great Lent at 6:30 pm.
- The Sisterhood’s annual **Paschal basket raffle** will be held on Sunday April, 2nd. Tickets for the raffle cost one dollar, and each parishioner is asked to sell or buy 10 tickets. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky or Holly Dawson for tickets. If you wish to contribute an item to the basket, there is a sign-up sheet downstairs.
- The next **meeting of the Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God has been changed to Sunday **March 26th**. Please mark your calendars.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- Prospora (bread) will again be available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. The faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Prospora should be purchased at least a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
 Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
 111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
 Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas:

On the second Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the teachings of St. Gregory Palamas, who upheld the Orthodox doctrine that humans can know God not only through the intellect **but through experience of His uncreated energies.**

Our father among the saints Gregory Palamas (1296-1359), Archbishop of Thessalonica, was a monk of Mount Athos in Greece (at Vatopedi Monastery and Esphigmenou Monastery), and later became Archbishop of Thessalonica. He was a preeminent theologian and a proponent of **hesychastic** theology.

Now is the time for action!

Judgment is at the doors!

So let us rise and fast,

offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:

“Our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea;

but forgive us, O Master of All,

so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns.”.

Kontakion – Tone 4

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom,

radiant and harmonious trumpet of theology,

we praise you in song, O divinely-speaking Gregory.

As a mind standing before the Primal Mind, guide our minds to Him, Father,

so that we may cry aloud to you: “Rejoice, herald of grace.”

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/03/12>

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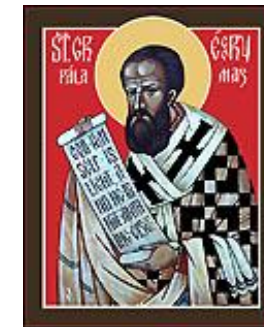
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

2nd Sunday of Great Lent:

St Gregory Palamas

O luminary of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church,

ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,

O wonderworker Gregory, boast of Thessalonika and herald of grace,

always intercede for all of us that our souls may be saved.

Troparion – Tone 8

March 12, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

St. Gregory Palamas • Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra

• Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (818) • Righteous Phineas,

grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500 B.C.) • St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (604) •

Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (1021)

2nd Sunday of Great Lent

Lenten Triodion week 6

Tone 6 of the Octoechos.

[Great Lent](#)