

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**

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**Readings:**Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2 (*Saint Gregory*)**Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3** (*2nd Sunday of Great Lent*)John 10:9-16 (*Saint Gregory*)**Mark 2:1-12** (*2nd Sunday of Great Lent*)

**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!"

**Saturday service:****Vespers – 6:30 PM****(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)****Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM** **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
**(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**  
**(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Church School****All classes will meet every Sunday.****Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am****Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.**

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

**Announcement:**

- Fr. Matthew has emailed the **schedule of Lenten services**. Please make every effort to attend these services. **This Wednesday at 6:30 pm, we will celebrate the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** (St. Gregory).
- The **annual Paschal basket raffle will be held on April 5th**. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 each and can be obtained from Maribeth Romanofsky. Each parishioner is asked to sell ten tickets. If you'd like to contribute an item for the basket, there is a sign-up sheet on the community bulletin board.
- **Two Paschal baskets for children** will be raffled off on April 12th. Children can earn tickets for this raffle by attendance at church and Sunday School during Lent.

**Reminders:**

- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2020. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- We offer **general confession** the first Sunday of each month, and **Private Confession** after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings. It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

*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 in number than the sands of the sea;  
 but forgive us, O Master of all,  
 so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!"*

Kontakion - (Lenten Triodion) - Tone 4

*Holy and divine instrument of wisdom,  
 joyful trumpet of theology,  
 together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory.  
 Since you now stand before the Original Mind,  
 guide our minds to Him, O Father,  
 so that we may sing to you: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"*

Kontakion (St. Gregory Palamas) - Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/03/15>

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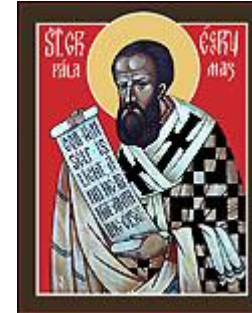
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Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
Forever

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory  
Palamas

*O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation,  
 O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,  
 O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace,  
 always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.*

Troparion - Tone 8

**Today the Church remembers:**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT • St. Gregory Palamas** • Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Martyrs Agapius, Publius (Pausis), Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius, and two named Alexander, at Caesarea in Palestine (303) • Hieromartyr Alexander of Side, in Pamphylia (270-275) • Martyr Nicander of Egypt (ca. 302)

**March 15, 2020**

**2nd Sunday of Great Lent**

**Triodion week 6**

**Tone 6** of the Octoechos