

(There are no bulletin sponsors this week)

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

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

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

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

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**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:**

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

**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.**

**Sunday school meets every Sunday after Communion.**

**Announcements:**

- **PreSanctified Liturgy is celebrated each Wednesday during Great Lent at 6:30 PM.**
- The **Sisterhood’s** annual Pascha **basket raffle** will be held on **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. The basket will contain many traditional ethnic foods for the holiday, along with spirits and candy. The Sisterhood is asking **each parishioner** to sell or buy **10 tickets** at \$1 each. To get your tickets, please see Maribeth Romanofsky. A sign-up sheet for basket items is posted downstairs. (You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to donate an item for the basket.)
- A **Pysanky** (Egg decorating) **class** is planned for Sunday **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** after coffee hour. Please see Mat. Holly Dawson for more information.
- There will be a **meeting of the parish council** on Sunday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour.

**Reminders:**

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- 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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. A **Venmo account** can also be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> )
- **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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas:**

The second Sunday is dedicated to the memory of St. Gregory Palamas, a great Byzantine mystic and theologian of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, who centered his teaching on the high calling of man, on his “deification” in Christ.

*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

*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

**Lenten Reading:**

We cannot be in church daily, but it is still possible for us to follow the Church’s progress in Lent by reading those lessons and books which the Church reads in her worship. A chapter of the Book of Genesis, some passages from Proverbs and Isaiah do not take much time, and yet they help us in understanding the spirit of Lent and its various dimensions. It is also good to read a few Psalms-in connection with prayer or separately. Nowhere else can we find such concentration of true repentance, of thirst for communion with God, of desire to permeate the whole of life with religion. Finally, a religious book: Lives of the Saints, History of the Church, Orthodox Spirituality, etc. is a “must” while we are in Lent. It takes us from our daily life to a higher level of interests, it feeds us with ideas and facts which are usually absent from our “practical” and “efficient” world.

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/03/16>

**KOINONIA: A Diocese Publication:**

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/publications/kononia/Koinonia-March-10-2025-Final.pdf>

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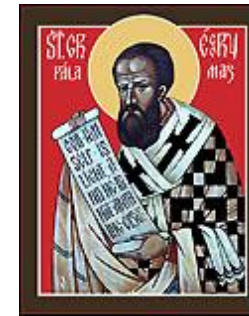
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St Gregory Palamas

*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
forever*

*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.*

Tone 8 – Troparion

**March 16, 2025**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Gregory Palamas** • Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra • Martyr Sabinas of Egypt (287) • Martyr Papas of Lyconia (305-311) • St. Serapion, Archbishop of Novgorod (1516) • Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain (1<sup>st</sup> c.) • Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome (119) • Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thalys of Laodicea (ca. 300)

Lenten Triodion Week 6  
38<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 5 of the [Octoechos](#)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent