

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For Memory of:**

Walter Romanofsky, 40-day Memorial, offered by the Romanofsky family.

**Readings:**

**Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40** (*1st Sunday of Great Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy*)

**John 1:43-51** (*1st Sunday of Great Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy*)

**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.

**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."

**Saturday service: Vespers** – 6:30 PM

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM** **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM

(**Private Confession** – After Vespers by appointment.)

(**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**

2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades – 9:30 AM (No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.)

Preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grades meet immediately after communion every Sunday.

**Coffee hour** - after Liturgy

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

**Announcements:**

- We will serve the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm during Great Lent. This liturgy is the solemn Lenten Vespers with Holy Communion added to it. Fasting for Presanctified Liturgy should begin after consumption of lunch.
- Donations are needed for the Sisterhood's Paschal basket to be raffled off on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet posted downstairs to volunteer to bring an item. Tickets for the basket raffle will cost \$1.00, and each parishioner is asked to sell 10 tickets. Tickets are now available, please see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantinne.
- There will be a Pannikhida today, after the Liturgy, for the memory Walter Romanofsky.

**Reminders:**

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the sign-up sheet at the candle stand. If using the sign-up sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- 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.

The lives of the saints remembered today can be read at:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/03/17>

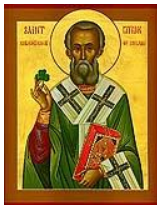
**1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Originally, the Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today’s Liturgy reflect this older usage.

Today we commemorate the “Triumph of Orthodoxy,” the restoration of the holy icons in the reign of the holy Empress Theodora (February 11).

*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.*

Troparion — Tone 2



**St. Patrick**

Among the saints membered by the Orthodox Church today is,  
**St. Patrick the Bishop of Armagh and Enlightener of Ireland**

The life of St. Patrick can be read at:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/03/17/100821-st-patrick-the-bishop-of-armagh-and-enlightener-of-ireland>

*Holy Bishop Patrick,  
Faithful shepherd of Christ’s royal flock,  
You filled Ireland with the radiance of the Gospel: / The mighty strength of the Trinity!  
Now that you stand before the Savior,  
Pray that He may preserve us in faith and love!*

Troparion — Tone 3

*From slavery you escaped to freedom in Christ’s service:  
He sent you to deliver Ireland from the devil’s bondage.  
You planted the Word of the Gospel in pagan hearts.  
In your journeys and hardships you rivaled the Apostle Paul!  
Having received the reward for your labors in heaven,  
Never cease to pray for the flock you have gathered on earth,  
Holy bishop Patrick!*

Kontakion — Tone 4

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**Glory to  
Jesus  
Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday  
of Orthodoxy*

*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 — Tone 2

**On this day the Church remembers:**

**Sunday of Orthodoxy** • Ven. Aleksey (Alexius) the Man of God (411) • Ven. Macarius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Kalyázinsk (Tver’—1483) • Martyr Marinus. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland (ca. 461)

**March 17, 2019**

**Tone 1** of the Octoechos

Week 5 of the Lenten Triodion  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent