

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:

For Health of:

Joshua Turpin on his 5th birthday, offered by his family.

Nicholas Zimmerman on his 21th birthday, offered with love, by his family

Readings:

Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3 (2nd Sunday of Great Lent)

Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2 (St. Gregory Palamas)

Mark 2:1-12 (2nd Sunday of Great Lent)

John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory Palamas)

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.

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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

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 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

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

Preschool through 1st 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.
- Each Sunday afternoon during Great Lent, the New Jersey Deanery holds a **Lenten Vespers Service** open to everyone. This year the schedule for NJ Deanery Sunday Lenten Vespers includes:
 - **Today**, Sunday March 24, 5:00 pm – Annunciation Church, Brick, NJ (with Archbishop Michael)
 - Sunday March 31, 4:00 pm – SS Peter and Paul, South River, NJ
 - Sunday April 7, 4:00 pm – St Spyridon Church, Perth Amboy, NJ
 - Sunday April 14, 4:00 pm - Holy Cross, Medford, NJ (with Archbishop Michael)
- Donations are needed for the Sisterhood's Paschal basket to be raffled off on Sunday April 14th. Please see the sign-up sheet posted downstairs to volunteer to bring an item. Tickets for the basket raffle cost \$1.00, and each parishioner is asked to sell 10 tickets. Tickets are now available, please see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantine.

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/2019/03/24>

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas

This Sunday was originally dedicated to Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23). After his glorification in 1368, a second commemoration of Saint Gregory Palamas (November 14) was appointed for the Second Sunday of Great Lent as a second “Triumph of Orthodoxy.”

*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 — 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 — Tone 8

Forefeast of the Annunciation

Read about the Annunciation at:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/03/25/100884-the-annunciation-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-theotokos-and-ever-vi>

*Today is the prelude of joy for the universe.
 Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation:
 “Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin;
 he is ready to cry out in fear and wonder:
 ‘Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!’”*

Troparion — Tone 4

*You are the beginning of salvation for all of us on earth, Virgin Mother
 of God.
 For the great Archangel Gabriel, God’s minister, was sent from heaven
 to stand before you to bring you joy:
 Therefore, we all cry to you: “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”*

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**Glory
 to
 Jesus
 Christ**

**Glory
 Forever**

*2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory
 Palamas | Forefeast of the Annunciation*

*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

On this day the Church remembers:

Forefeast of the Annunciation • St. Gregory Palamas • Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra • Ven. Zachariah the Recluse. St. Artemius (Artemon), Bishop of Seleucia (1st-2nd c.) • Ven. Zachariah, Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.) • Martyrs Stephen and Peter of Kazan’ (1552) • St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th-9th c.).

March 24, 2019

Tone 2 of the Octoechos

Week 6 of the Lenten Triodion
 2nd Sunday of Lent