

Today's Bulletin Sponsors is for:The health of:

Charles Malinchale, nephew of Bill and MaryAnn Kuzemchak.
Nicholas Zimmerman on his 23rd birthday, offered with love by his family.
Joshua Turpin on the occasion of his 7th birthday, requested by his family.
Aris, Svetlana, Elizabet, and Svetlana, requested by Svetlana.

The memory of:

Christopher Dawson, requested by his family.
Olga Romanofsky, requested by Andrew and Maribeth

Readings: **Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3** (2nd Sunday of Great Lent)
[Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2](#) (Saint Gregory)
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.

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 service:

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

Wednesday: Presanctfird Liturgy - 6:30 PM

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.

Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)

Church School

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- Father has requested those with **Pussy Willow** bushes to clip them at the proper time, and **save them for Palm Sunday**.
- **The Sisterhood will be purchasing flowers to decorate our church for Pascha.** Donations for flowers will be greatly appreciated. Please leave your donation in an envelope marked "Sisterhood Flowers" at the candle stand. **Checks should be made out to the Sisterhood.** Thank you
- **The Sisterhood is preparing for their annual Paschal basket raffle.** Please help out by purchasing at least 10 entries at \$1.00 each. Checks for the raffle should be made to the Sisterhood and mailed to Maribeth Romanofsky, 8 Willowbrook Lane, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. Cash purchases should be left at the candle stand in an envelope marked "Sisterhood raffle". Please include your name and a list of individual entries if desired. The drawing will be held on April 24th. Thank you!
- **The annual meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday April, 11th** after the Liturgy. Since everyone cannot attend, please let Andy Romanofsky know if you plan to attend.
- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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
 The parish still needs to pay its bills. **(Our monthly revenue has recently dropped below our monthly expenditures.)**
 Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org. We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer.
- 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.

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,
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

St. Gregory Palamas was a great Byzantine mystic and theologian of the 14th century, who centered his teaching on the high calling of man, on his “deification” in Christ.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/03/28>

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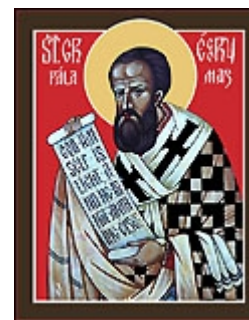
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2nd Sunday of Great Lent:
St Gregory Palamas

**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.*

Troparion – Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT • St. Gregory Palamas • Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra • Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelekete (ca. 754) • Ven. Stephen the Wonderworker, Abbot of Triglia (9th c.) • Monastic Martyr Eustratius of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1097) • Ven. Hilarion of Pskov Lake (Gdov—1476) • Martyred brothers Barchisius and Jonah, and those with them, in Persia (4th c.) • Martyr Boyan, Prince of Bulgaria (ca. 830)

March 28, 2021

**Second Sunday of Lent
Triodion week 6**

**Tone 1 of the Octoechos
Sunday of St Gregory Palamas**