

Bulletin sponsor this week is for:

The health of:

Janet Given, sister of Fr. Dn. Edward

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

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

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

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

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:

Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew **Pannikidas –** after Divine Liturgy, 3rd 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 classes meet every Sunday.
Please see your child’s teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- Each **Wednesday** during Great Lent, we celebrate **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** at 6:30 pm, except on March 25th, when we will celebrate the **Annunciation** of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with a **Divine Liturgy**, also at 6:30 pm.
- There will be a **Pysanky Class** (wax resistant egg decorating) on **March 15th after Coffee Hour**. See Mat. Holly for details.
- For the upcoming weeks, there will be a **special collection receptacle** earmarked for the **repair of the heater flue pipe**. The church’s cost was **\$5700**. Please be generous.
- **Sisterhood dues** are now being collected for 2026. **Annual dues are \$15**. Please see Linda Dantine to make your payment.
- The Sisterhood’s **annual Paschal basket raffle** will be **held on Palm Sunday, April 5th** at coffee hour. The Sisterhood is asking **each parishioner to sell or buy 10 raffle tickets at the cost of \$1 each**. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky for your tickets. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the community room for anyone wishing to donate an item for the basket.

Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood’s food drive is ongoing**. Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- We now have a dedicated fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation “**Rectory**”.
- **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
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. 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.

2nd 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 14th century, who centered his teaching on the high calling of man, on his “deification” in Christ.

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

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

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/03/08>

Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers:

Each **Sunday afternoon (5:00 PM)**, around the New Jersey Deanery, different parishes invite everyone to a Sunday Lenten Vespers Service. This year the dates and locations are:

March 8 – Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas - Holy Spirit Church, 102 Rte. 284, **Wantage NJ**

March 15– Sunday of the Holy Cross - Saint Vladimir Church, 812 Grand Street, **Trenton, NJ 08610**

March 22 – Sunday of Saint John of the Ladder - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, 29 Huron Ave, **Clifton, NJ 07013**

March 29 – Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt - Saints Peter and Paul Church, 76 Whitehead Ave, **South River, NJ**

All Sunday Lenten Vespers services will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/

See our Website at: ChurchMotherOfGod.org

See our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog

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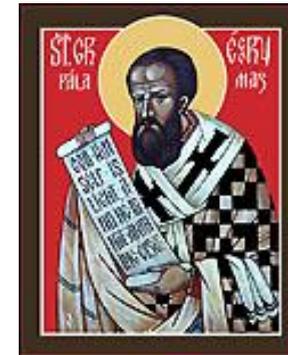
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**2nd Sunday of Great Lent:
St Gregory Palamas**

*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 8, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

Gregory Palamas • Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra

- St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (842-845) • Ven. Lazarus (1391) and Athanasius (15th c.), of Múrom • Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.) • Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (4th c.) • Ven. Dometius (363) • The “KURSK-ROOT” Icon of the Mother of God

Triodion week 6
Sunday of St Gregory Palamas

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Tone 6 of the [Octoechos](#)