

Today's Bulletin is Sponsored:**For the health of:**

MaryAnn Kuzemchak, offered by her family

Readings:

- Hebrews 12:1-10 (40 Martyrs)
- Matthew 20:1-16 (40 Martyrs)
- **Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40**
 - **John 1:43-51**

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 – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Services of Great Lent:

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – Wednesdays 6:30 PM with potluck to follow.

Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room

Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

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

Announcements:

- **The Sisterhood is sponsoring a Cinderella cheesecake sale**, featuring delicious, creamy cheesecakes. Orders are now being taken by Tamara Zimmerman. The cheesecakes are priced at \$20 - \$25. Delivery will be before Pascha. All profits will go to our Sisterhood.
- **Reader Charles** has accepted the call to serve with an **OCMC Youth Outreach Mission Team** going to Albania June 16 to July 1, 2014. Please remember him in your prayers in his many preparations. The cost of the trip is \$3,500. If your heart is moved to support him financially, please speak to him for information on how to do so.
- The next **Parish Council meeting** will be March 30th, after coffee hour.

Special Announcements:

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2014. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.

Sunday of Orthodoxy:

Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. This first Sunday of Great is called the **Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy**. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The spiritual theme of the day is first of all the victory of the True Faith.

"This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4).

The icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1:26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image.

*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 - Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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

Great Lent Services this week:

- **March 12 (Wednesday)** - 6:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with potluck to follow
- **March 15 (Saturday)** - 6:30PM Vespers
- **March 16 (Sunday)** - Divine Liturgy Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, 10:00 AM

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Sunday of Orthodoxy

**Christ is in
our midst!**

**He is and ever
shall be!**

*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.*

Kontakion -

Today the Church remembers:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste: Cyrion (or Quirio), Candidus, Domnus, Hesychius, Heraclus, Smaragdus, Eunocius (or Eunicus), Valens, Vivianus, Claudius, Prescus, Theodulus, Euthychius, John, Xantheas, Helianus, Sisinius, Angius, Aetius, Flavius, Acacius, Ecditius, Lysimachus, Alexander, Elias, Gorgonius, Theophilus, Dometian, Gaius, Leontius, Athanasius, Cyril, Sacerdon, Nicholas, Valerius, Philoctimon, Severian, Chudion, Aglaius, and Meliton (ca. 320) • Sunday of Orthodoxy • Martyr Urpasianus, of Nicomedia (ca. 295) • St. Cæsarius, brother of St. Gregory the Theologian (ca. 369) • Righteous Tarasius • The "ALBAZIN" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos ("THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH"—1666)

March 9, 2014

**37th Sunday After Pentecost
Triodion week 5**

**Tone 4 of the Octoechos
1st Sunday of Great Lent**