



February 28, 2010

**SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 5—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**

Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius of Decapolis; Blessed Nikolai the Fool-for-Christ at Pskov; Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria; Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia; Ven. Marina, Kira and Domnica of Syria; Ven. John Cassian the Roman

Epistles: Hebrews 1:10-2:3  
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Saint)

Gospels: Mark 2:1-12  
John 10:9-16 (Saint)

**✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠**  
**(THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT)**

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	<i>Faith Feedback Session</i> with Fr. David
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mission Vespers</i> at Holy Trinity Church in Rahway
Wed, Mar 3	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Fri, Mar 5	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Matins for the Departed
Sat, Mar 6	<b>THIRD SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—Memorial Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	The 42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia	
Divine Liturgy	Epistles: Heb 10:32-38	Gospels: Mark 2:14-17
	1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed)	John 5:24-30 (Departed)
	<i>(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	
7:00 p.m.	Vespers with Procession of the Cross followed by Confessions	
Sun, Mar 7	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 6—VENERATION OF THE CROSS</b>	
9:00 a.m.	St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Heb 4:14-5:6	Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
4:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Mission Vespers</i> at Annunciation Church in Brick	



*Fr. David will be in Syosset, NY this Monday through Friday attending the Spring Session of the Metropolitan Council. Accordingly, there will be **NO LENTEN MATINS** served on Tuesday morning. Our intern priest, Fr. Sean Levine, will serve both the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evening and Matins for the Departed on Friday evening. If there be an emergency need of a priest, please call Fr. David on his cell phone (732-740-6230). If you can't reach him, contact Starosta at (732) 462-3388.*

**✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠**

**Church School Classes** will resume **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

Everyone is invited **TODAY** to Fr. David's **Faith Feedback Session** during Coffee Hour. At this forum, he will be answering questions on anything that may be puzzling you regarding Orthodoxy. Come and be a part of an enlightening experience!

An **Easter Bazaar Meeting** will be held in the hall **TODAY** following Liturgy; all those interested in helping out are asked to attend.

The **Annual Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Sale** to benefit our mission team trip to Guatemala ends **TODAY**. Last-minute orders can be given to Susan Witkowski, either during Coffee Hour or by phone (732-946-8468). Help make this very important fundraising effort successful! Delivery will be on **Sunday, March 21**.

To help defray travel expenses for those participating in the *Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) National Basketball Tournament* in Minneapolis in April, the **Junior R Club** will be holding a **Lenten Soup Sale** in the hall **next Sunday, March 7**, during Coffee Hour. Cost per container is \$7 (large) and \$5 (small). In addition to this sale, this organization will also be hosting a **Pierogi Dinner** on **Saturday, March 13**, from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children; see any Junior for tickets. Your support for both fundraisers will be appreciated.

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, March 8**, at 6 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, March 9**, at 7 p.m.

The **Installation of the 2010 Parish Council** will take place on **Sunday, March 14**, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The new Council's first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 16**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall. *(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!)*

When one is ill, it can, very often, be a time when one feels alone and isolated. The **Sacrament of Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick)** reminds us that when we are in pain—be it physical, emotional and/or spiritual—Christ is present with us through the ministry of His Church. He is among us to offer strength to meet the challenges of life. As is the custom of our parish during Great Lent, this sacrament will be celebrated this year on **Thursday, March 18**, at 7 p.m. After the reading of seven Epistles and Gospels and the offering of seven prayers all devoted to healing, everyone present will be anointed with oil, as a sign of God's mercy and forgiveness. Holy Unction is not an obligatory, but voluntary sacrament. It is very good, though, for all Orthodox Christians who are sick in body, mind or spirit to draw near, as it can provide great comfort, spiritual uplifting and the patience to accept the will of the Lord. So, keep the day open and plan to attend. *(NOTE: Those who are not regular communicants must prepare to receive Holy Unction by first going to Holy Confession. If you have any questions, contact Fr. David.)*

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

**WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...**Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **162**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next week by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**. *(NOTE: This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout March.)*

**WHAT A GREAT JOY** it was to have had the **St. Anne's Guild** graciously host our weekly *Coffee Hour* this month. Thanks to the many dedicated volunteers, everything ran smoothly. We appreciated their efforts; their thoughtfulness in providing a warm and welcoming environment for fellowship mirrored the love of Christ for His people—God bless!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as the departed, sick and suffering people of Chile:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Mark Van Houten	Elaine Ashton	Janet Firestone	Ivan Shidlovsky
Edward Sosnowitz	Irene Boule	Adam Krosnowski	Lisa Beard
William Leggon	Joseph Casall	Ellie Shipman	Gregory Nosol
Helen Grygo	Edward Romanofsky	Vera Rosenthal	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Paul Dutka	Walentyna Posluszny	Savanna Dore	David T. Floyd
Vera Ann Nazarenko	Alan Zenkert	Dorothy Dabkowski	Patrick Lohr
Evelyn Herbert	Michael Dargento	Joan Roshak	Keith Sudder
Virginia Moran	Daryl Deissinger	Sarah Hall	Priest Paul Rivers
Katia Gurepekin	Cynthia Denlinger	Dotsy Hartman	Andrew Kubik
	Linda Martinovich	Katherine Tarzewski	Jason Vaughn
	Josephine Tillison	Paula Hila	Patrick Baldwin
	Mary Lou Goldy	Joseph Posluszny	Timothy Stepan
	Julia Glazer	Nancy Filak	Michael Gregus
	Joseph Casale	Anna Durovich	Peter Shaw
	Donna Casale	Kira Gregor	Jacqueline Martinez
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Lisa Muhs	Robert Mahrer
	Randall Cline	Denise Yager	Karen Bonet

Joseph Lynch	Martha Drobnak	David Gambert
Joan Tita	Chrise Murrell	Gregg Poole
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Dorothy Sopchak	Fred Bush
Aiden Gowarty	Elaine Boshko	Travis Hartman
Dorothy Swenticky	Andre Tirenin	Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.
Sara Cseh	Glynn Smith	Elizabeth Brent
Olga Smith	Marian Morgan	Kyle Abbott
Reginald Thomas	James Dewan	Matthew Scudder
Anthony Garito	Beverly Martucci	
Ermelinda Faziola	Gregory Huba	
Kirsten Hyland	Valentina Nerush	
John Cameron	Frederick Bhend	
	Kathryn Patricia Gmitter	

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

**LAMENTATIONS: ORTHODOX CHANTS OF HOLY WEEK** is the newest CD release from **Archangel Voices**, a professional vocal ensemble, under the direction of Vladimir Morosan, committed to presenting Orthodox music in English. This 80-minute CD features the best-loved hymns of Holy Week, including the Bridegroom texts, the Lamentations, Noble Joseph and the Great Saturday Canon and draws from Byzantine (Greek, Antiochian & Romanian traditions), Serbian, Russian and Bulgarian repertoires. It was produced by our former parishioner, **Natalka Pavlovsky Weismantel**, and can be a wonderful tool for meditation during Great Lent. The cost is \$18.95; if you're interested, please see Kristen Berezniak during Coffee Hour.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** go out this week to **Sophia Japaridze**. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Walter Deerson** who celebrated last week. May God's gifts of joy, peace and love continue to be theirs in abundance for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**KEEPING VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST** Following the Lamentations & Matins on **Good Friday evening, April 2**, the church will begin to keep watch (vigil) over the tomb of Christ until the start of Nocturne on **Holy Saturday, April 3**. The Book of Psalms will be read all through the night. You are encouraged to sign-up for a two-hour shift and join in with your family or friends. A sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Everyone, both young and old, should participate in this beautiful memorial to our Crucified Lord. Volunteers are particularly needed on Saturday afternoon and evening. For more information, contact Gregory Sprogis at (732) 254-6167.

**MISSIONARIES WANTED** Have you ever wanted to share your God-given talents, gifts and skills with others? If so, then please consider being part of this year's mission trip (May 20-27) to *Hogar Rafael Ayau*, the Orthodox orphanage in Guatemala City, Guatemala. See or contact Fr. David for details.

**CHURCH DONATIONS** were recently received from **Christina & Sharon Harcar** (in memory of **Mary Silva**) and **Anne Marie Rankin** (in memory of the **Sudder/Pozai Families**). We thank them for being so thoughtful.

**THANK YOU** to **Alison Rankin** for her contribution to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of **Michael & Mary Sudder**. The depth of her generosity is truly worthy of God's richest blessings.

**EASTER BAKE SALE** *Annunciation Church* is Brick is again selling its wonderful homemade dessert rolls through **Palm Sunday, March 28**. Six varieties are being offered for \$12 apiece: **nut, prune, poppy seed, apricot, chocolate chip nut** and **apricot nut**. For guaranteed availability, please place your order **as soon as possible** with James Kornafel (732-462-3388). Delivery is usually within a week. Let our sister parish do all the work so that you can enjoy family and friends more this Pascha!

**HEARTFELT THANKS** to **Carmen Spezzi**, Director of *Maliszewski Funeral Home*, for offering his services this past Friday to plow out the church parking lots after our tractor's battery died; we are forever indebted to him for his gift of caring.

**MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS** are days set aside, throughout the year, for commemoration of the dead. Within the Church, Saturday is a traditional day of prayer for the deceased, because Christ lay dead in the tomb on Saturday. Memorial Saturdays are devoted to remembering departed relatives and others among the faithful who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The first of this year's two Lenten Soul Saturdays will be **this Saturday, March 6**. The Liturgy on this day will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned at these services was included in the January 17 bulletin; if you didn't get one, there are extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. As Orthodox Christians, we should never neglect our responsibility of praying for the dead, for remembering them is a sign of our deep love for the Church Triumphant. In response to our heartfelt petitions, our Lord will, in turn, show His mercy upon our departed loved ones and us. Attend these services and you will be richly blessed!

**MEMORY ETERNAL** The handmaid of God, **Katia Gurepkin**, fell asleep in the Lord on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, February 21; she was the beloved cousin of **Natalia Demidenko**. We offer our sincere sympathy to Natalia, as well as all of Katia's family and friends. May they find comfort knowing that she now rests in the loving hands of God—Vechnyaya Pamyat!

**THE ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST** hosted last Sunday by the **St. Anne's Guild** was a delight on all levels. The entire parish offers its thanks to everyone who helped prepare and serve the delicious Lenten meal, as well as those who pitched in to set/and or clean up. May the Lord continue to bless the good works of this organization for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**OUR THANKS** to the **Senior R Club** for its fuel donation to the parish. We accept this offering with gratitude and ask God to grant all members of this organization many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**HOLY WEEK & PASCHA PROCESSIONS** Volunteers are needed to carry icons and banners during the processions on Good Friday evening, Pascha night, Easter Sunday afternoon (Paschal Vespers) and Bright Monday. Anyone and everyone can take part! If you're interested, please see Gregory Sprogis during Coffee Hour or call him at (732) 254-5167.

**NEW OCA BLOG FOR YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE STUDENTS LAUNCHED** In response to a growing need for content and materials geared towards young adult and college ministries, the *OCA Department of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries* has launched a new blog, **Wonder**. It is accessible at [www.ocawonder.com](http://www.ocawonder.com). Every month, the blog will feature four articles on a specific theme, blending theological and academic writings with practical ideas for ministry that will, hopefully, generate dialogue and two-way communication. For additional information, contact Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak at [jmatusiak@oca.org](mailto:jmatusiak@oca.org).

**FOR YOUR INFO** A moving and inspirational video showing the beauty of Orthodoxy can now be seen on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). It is called *The Orthodox Church – A Visual Journey*. Check it out!

**A YOUTH CHOIR**, under the able direction of our own Basil Kozak, has been invited to sing some of the responses during the Lenten Mission Vespers at *Holy Annunciation Church* in Brick **next Sunday, March 7**. If your child or children would like to participate, please see Basil; you can also call him at (917) 697-8058. (**NOTE: A non-mandatory rehearsal will be held at 3 p.m. next Sunday at Annunciation Church.**)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** for next week's edition must be submitted by **Thursday evening** to our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel. You can reach Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)). Note that all submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.



*As we begin the third week of Great Lent, let us continue to use the disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and repentance to bring us closer to God, our families and others in our lives who need us. Share a gift of generosity, love or attention with others this week. Focus on the true meaning of this Lenten season and ask the Lord to open your heart to what is real—not to the external activities, meetings and everyday obligations that distract you so much. Try to become more Christ-like in your words and deeds, thus allowing yourself to be more open to His will and action in your life and the lives of those you care for.*

## ✂ EASTER BAZAAR – MARCH 20, 2010 ✂

On **Saturday, March 20**, our parish will host an **Easter Bazaar**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the church hall. Lenten foods (soups, blintzes, pierogies, potato pancakes), arts and crafts, sale items, flowers, babkas and homemade kielbasa for the Paschal holiday will be available for purchase. Let's help you fill those Easter baskets!

Volunteers are needed **this Friday-Saturday, March 5-6**, to help make pierogies; start-time on both days is 10 a.m.

Kielbasa orders are being taken by **Veronica Burak** (732-254-0879). Babka orders are being handled by **Carol Deerson** (732-254-4979); the variety includes raisin, apricot, cheese, prune and poppy for \$8.75 and raspberry cheese for \$9.25. The deadline to pre-order your breads is **Sunday, March 14**; delivery will be on **Thursday, March 18**.

The committee welcomes any donations of crafts, baked goods or help with preparing food and hall set-up for the event on **Thursday-Friday, March 18-19**.

Much more will be featured, so watch future bulletins for further details. Meanwhile, save the date and invite all your friends and neighbors to come.

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**GLORY FOREVER!**