

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Glory Forever!  
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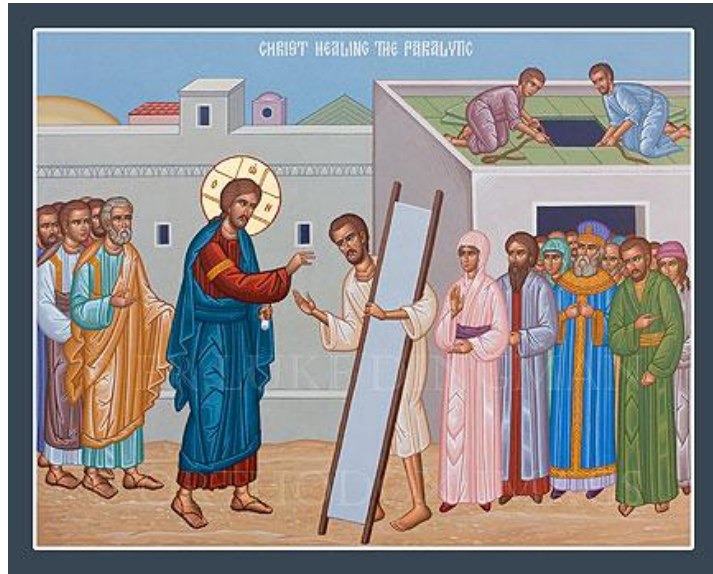
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## 21 February 2016 / 7524: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica



### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 20 **17:00 Vigil of the Second Sunday of the Great Fast – St. Gregory Palamas:** Suffrages *pro populo parœciæ*
- Sun. Feb. 21 **10:30 Second Sunday of the Great Fast – St. Gregory Palamas:** Suffrages for **Rosemarie Macchiaroli – husband Anthony**
- Wed. Feb. 24 **19:00 Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- Sat. Feb. 27 **09:30 3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls' Saturday**
- Sat. Feb. 27 **17:00 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent – Veneration of the Cross**
- Sun. Feb. 28 **10:30 Third Sunday of the Great Fast – Veneration of the Cross:** Suffrages *pro populo parœciæ*

### Acolytes

Sat. Feb. 20 -----  
 Sun. Feb. 21 Ruggieri, Syphans  
 Wed. Feb. 24 T. & M. Syphans  
 Sat. Feb. 27 -----  
 Sun. Feb. 28 E. R. A. Hess

### Lectors

J. Kontir  
 B. Chirdon  
 J. Hess  
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 J. Hess

### Ushers

R. Garber, D. Mihalko  
 R. Knouse, J. Overdorff  
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 D. Hess, G. Krynicky

**2/14/16**  
**Collection**  
**Total: \$1101**

Adult: \$505  
 Student: \$6  
**Attendance:**

Initial Offering: \$10  
 Candles: \$55  
 Sunday: 41+3

Maintenance: 25  
 Holy Day: \$60  
 Presanctified: 14



**SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS:** was from Asia Minor and from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, there he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359. His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day. Since works without right faith avail nothing, we set Orthodoxy of faith as the foundation of all that we accomplish during the Fast, by celebrating the Triumph of Orthodoxy the Sunday before, and the great defender of the teachings of the holy Fathers today.



Next Sunday's Readings ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent  
Veneration of the Holy Cross

Epistle, Hebrews 4:14 – 5:6 *Jesus our Great High Priest*  
Gospel, Mark 8:34 – 9:1 *Taking up the Cross of Christ*

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~ Announcements ~

- **AN HISTORIC EVENT** occurred on **Friday, 12 February 2016** at “José Martí” International Airport – Havana, Cuba. The ecumenical dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches made significant progress with the recent meeting of his Holiness Pope Frances with his Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia – for the first time in history! Their joint declaration can be found at the Vatican website:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2016/2/12/francescokirill.html>

If you do not have access to a computer and printer and would like a copy of the above document, let Father know and one will be made for you.



- **OUR PARISH PIEROGI SALE** is taking place on Fridays during the Great Fast from noon to 18:00 at the parish centre. Potato/cheese filled pierogi are selling for \$7 a dozen (frozen). You may order in advance by calling either Marlene: 724-526-0285, or Joyce: 724-423-6418, or just stop by.