

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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### 3 March 2019/7527 SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS

*The Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companion, Cleonicus and Basiliscus*



#### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Mar. 02 17:00 Vigil: **Sunday of Forgiveness**  
Sun. Mar. 03 10:30 **Sunday of Forgiveness** Suffrages *pro populo*  
Mon. Mar. 04 18:30 **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
Suffrages for + **Robert Hulyk** – Wife Margaret

Wed. Mar. 06 18:30 **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
Suffrages for + **George S. Rusinko** – Sister Aimee

Sat. Mar. 09 17:00 Vigil: **Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Sun. Mar. 10 10:30 **Sunday of Orthodoxy** Suffrages *pro populo*

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	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS	
Sat. Mar. 02	L. Prizzi	M. Harhai	-----	
Sun. Mar. 03	M. Syphan	S. Vacha	R. Knouse, A. Syphan	
Mon. Mar. 04	-----	A. Syphan	-----	
Wed. Mar. 06	-----	M. Harhai	-----	
Sat. Mar. 09	L. Prizzi	J. Kontir	-----	
Sun. Mar. 10	E. R. A. Hess	D. Saldanha	G. Krynicki, A. Syphan	
02 / 24 / 2019	Adult: \$755	Children: \$8	Candles: \$72	
COLLECTION	East. Churches: \$25	Fuel /Maint. \$205	<b>TOTAL: \$1065</b>	
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**From the Triodion:** «In days of old on Mount Sinai, **Moses** received the vision of God by fasting, and **Elijah** the prophet was carried aloft in a chariot of fire. Purified by fasting, **Isaiah** received the burning coal on his lips, an ember which the Seraphim had taken from the altar. By fasting, **Daniel** and **the three Youths** closed the mouth of lions and trampled underfoot the flames of fire.»

Even in 2019, true fasting, like that of Israel’s prophets of old, can produce visions, heavenly journey, and life saving events; awesome and tremendous encounters with the numinous. Perhaps our modern day reluctance to fast reveals our uneasiness about the possibility of having a direct encounter with God, for fear of what He may require of us?

**CLEAN MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Great Fast:** Let us begin this Fast in *joy, shining* with the commandments of Christ our God, with the *light of charity* and the *brightness of prayer*, with the *purity of heart* and the *energy of the strong*, so that we might nobly hasten to the third day Resurrection, which sheds its immortal light over all the earth. Let us accept the beginning of this Fast with joy. Let there be no sad faces, but let us wash our face in the waters that free us from passions; let us bless and exalt Christ forever. Let us massage our soul with the oil of compassion; and in prayer, let us not make great speeches. Let us simply address our Father in Heaven, blessing and exalting Him forever. Now is the time of the bright Fast. Let us begin it with a holy conversion, abstaining from every quarrel and dissension.

**THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** is observed on the First Sunday of the Holy and Great Fast. Originally it was dedicated to the memory of the Holy Prophets of Israel. In *a.D.* 843, the Empress Theodora, her son Michael III, Patriarch Methodius, monks and clergy came in procession into Hagia Sophia and restored the icons in their rightful place. This became an annual feast shortly thereafter replacing the memory of the prophets. **If you want an icon to be blest, give it to Father before Liturgy begins.** After the Ambon prayer icons will be blessed and a procession around the church will commemorate the restoration and veneration of icons to our Orthodox liturgical and spiritual life. **Bring your favorite icon to carry during our procession!**

**FUNERALS DURING THE GREAT FAST:** Since the 4<sup>th</sup> century, at the Council of Laodicea (Canon 49), it has been the tradition of the Constantinopolitan Churches that the full celebration of the Eucharist, being a festive triumphant event, is felt to be inconsistent with the austerity of the weekday Great Fast. Accordingly the Divine Liturgies of Saints John Chrysostom and Basil the Great may **NOT** be celebrated; Monday through Friday, therefore, are known as **aliturghical days** – days without Divine Liturgy. In the event of a funeral, the Parastas and Panachida are still served at the Funeral Home, but the Funeral of a Lay Person **w/out** Divine Liturgy is served in the Church. Suffrages will be scheduled for the closest Sunday Divine Liturgy.

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### Next Sunday's Readings: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Epistle, Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 32 – 12:2 *Faith; The Discipline of the Lord*

GOSPEL, John 1:43 – 51 *The Calling of Philip and Nathanael*

### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **PURE MONDAY: 4 March**, Day of Strict Fast: no meat, no dairy products.
- **SUNDAYS OF THE GREAT FAST** mark the return to the **Anaphora of St. Basil the Great** in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The **Typical Psalms** and the **Beatitudes** will be sung in *lieu* of the Sunday Antiphons. The Lesser and Greater **Introits will be solemn.**
- Please remember in your prayers: Michael Skapura, Anthony Marcchiaroli, Patricia Krynicky, Jennie Gulisek, Joan Boytim, and Jane Matsco. *May the Lord God grant to these His servants peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years.*
- The parish offers its deepest **CONDOLENCES** to Helen DeFlorio on the death of her sister Regina. *May God grant to His servant, Regina, peaceful repose and eternal memory!* **Бѣчнаа памать!**

- **PIROHI INGREDIANT DONATIONS!** If you would like to donate, the following would be much appreciated: Gold Metal flour and sour cream. Thank you!
- **17 March, a SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken up by our Metropolia to aid our sister churches in need in **Central** and **Eastern Europe.**