

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 14 February 2016 / 7524: Sunday of Orthodoxy

*Memory of the Holy Prophets, Our Venerable Father Auxentius of Bithynia, The Passing of our Venerable Father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, the Apostle to the Slavs; The Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonderworker*



### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Feb. 13      **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
Suffrages *pro populo parœciæ*;

Sun. Feb. 14      **10:30 Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
Suffrages for **John Krynicky** – daughter *Joanne*

Wed. Feb. 17      **19:00 Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Sat. Feb. 20      **09:30 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Saturday**

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*

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	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	
Sat. Feb. 13	-----	M. Harhai	J. Snitzer, J. Kontir	
Sun. Feb. 14	E. R. A. Hess	G. Krynicky	R. Garber, J. Knouse	
Wed. Feb. 17	T. & M. Syphan	M. Harhai	-----	
Sat. Feb. 20	-----	J. Kontir	R. Garber, D. Mihalko	
Sun. Feb. 21	Ruggieri, Syphans	B. Chirdon	R. Knouse, J. Overdorff	

**2/07/16** Adult: \$848      Student: \$9      Initial Offering: \$4      Fuel: \$20  
**Collection** Candles: \$70      **Total: \$1101**

**Attendance:** Saturday: 32+1      Sunday: 33+2      Forgiveness Vespers: 17+1  
Presanctified Liturgies, Monday: 18, Wednesday: 11+1

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**HISTORICAL NOTE:** the First Sunday of the Great Fast was originally dedicated to the memory of the **Holy Prophets** of the Old Covenant. In today's gospel Philip tells Nathaniel «*We have found the One about Whom Moses wrote in the Law, and also the Prophets.*» The prophets and patriarchs are also mentioned in the epistle. Despite the teaching about icons defined at the Seventh Ecumenical Council in a.D. 787, the Iconoclasts began to trouble the Church again. After the death of the last Iconoclast emperor Theophilus, his young son Michael III, with his mother the regent Theodora, and Patriarch Methodios, summoned the Synod of Constantinople in a.D. 843 to bring peace to the Church. At the end of the first session, all made a triumphal procession from the Church of Blachernæ to Hagia Sophia, restoring the icons to the church. This occurred on 11 March, 843 (which that year was the first Sunday of Lent). The Synod decreed that a perpetual feast on the anniversary of that day should be observed each year on the First Sunday of Great Lent, and named the day, «the Sunday of Orthodoxy».

**OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S EPISTLE FROM HEBREWS:** The miraculous acts and lives of the Old Testament saints are a work of God's grace granted to them according to their faith. For instance, Moses refused the palace of the pharaoh because of his faith in the kingdom of God and was rewarded accordingly. In this passage St. Paul uses an economy of words to present great things through simple acts in Israel's history. St. John Chrysostom refers to the sprinkling of blood in the Exodus: «*Although what was done was nothing, what was achieved was great. For what was done was blood, but what was achieved was salvation and the stopping and preventing of*



destruction. The angel feared the blood, for he knew of what it was a type; he shuddered, thinking on the Lord's death; therefore he did not touch the doorposts. Thus the hearer is to be confident." Moses is a type of Christ; as Moses brought his people out of Egypt, a place deprived of faith, so Christ brought us through suffering from death to eternal life. Faith can do all things and transcends human reasoning.

St. Methodius St. Cyril

Next Sunday's Readings ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle, Hebrews 1:10 – 2:3 Christ is Superior to Angels; The Great Salvation

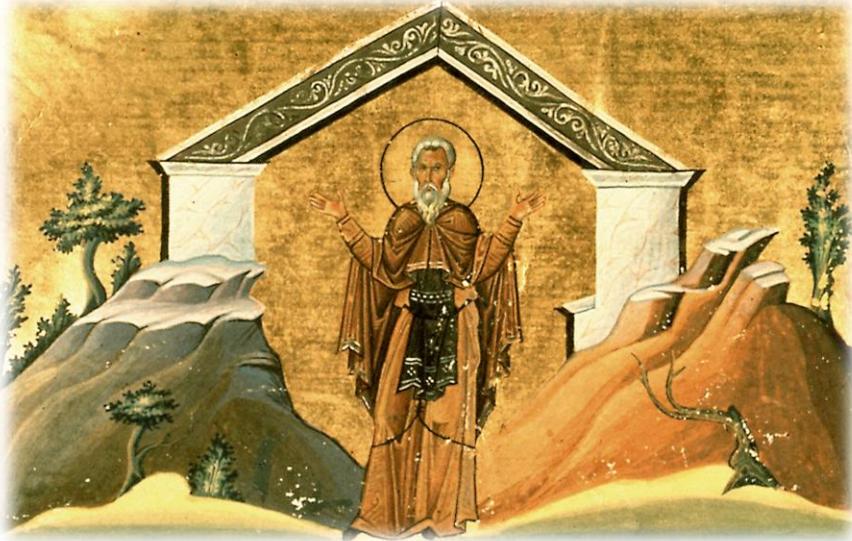
Gospel, Mark 2:1 – 12 The Healing of a Paralytic

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~ Announcements ~

- During the Great Fast a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** is always taken up by our Archeparchy to aid our sister churches in need in **EASTERN EUROPE**. Please be generous.
- **EASTER KOLACHE SALE UNDERWAY** at St. Florian Church. Advance orders are being taken for 15-inch freshly baked nut, apricot, poppy seed & prune rolls priced at \$12.00 each. Orders will be taken until February 22, 2016. Rolls will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 5, 4:30-6:30 pm, and Sunday, March 6, 10:00 am-Noon. Call Phyllis, 724-423-5233; Bobbi, 724-423-6619; or Juanita, 724-423-2455 to place your order.

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Auxentius of Bithynia

was a hermit born circa AD 400 in Syria, and died February 14, 473, on Mount Scopas. He was in the Equestrian Guard of the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius II, but left to become a hermit on Mount Oxia near the imperial city of Constantinople. He was accused of heresy but was exonerated at

the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451). Afterward he returned to his hermitage atop Mount Scopas, in Bithynia, not far from Chalcedon. While there, many disciples were drawn to him. He died during the reign of Emperor Leo the Great of Thrace (AD 457 – 474).

