

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*  
*Слава Иисусу Христу!*

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## 1 March 2015: Second Sunday of the Great Fast

*Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika, Greece*

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat.	Feb.	28	09:30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Saturday</b>
			17:00	+ Suffrages for <b>Michael Bankovich</b> – St Mary Youth Group; for <b>Daniel Furwa</b> – Raymond Stroka
Sun.	Mar.	01	10:30	+ Suffrages for the <b>parish</b> ; for <b>Mary Bibel</b> – her friends; for <b>Rosemarie Macchiaroli</b> – her family; + for <b>John Osif</b> – Walter Furwa.
Wed.	Mar.	04	19:00	<b>Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> + Suffrages for <b>Virginia Schachte</b> – Dolores Harhai; for <b>Anthony Giacobbi</b> – St Mary Youth Group; for <b>Irene Strosko</b> - Father
Sat.	Mar.	07	09:30	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls' Saturday</b>
			17:00	+ Suffrages for <b>Cody Fullman</b> – Dave Barlock; for <b>Joseph Christie</b> – Connie Bankovich; for <b>John &amp; Kathleen Rusinko</b> – Cheryl Rusinko
Sun.	Mar.	08	10:30	+ Suffrages for the <b>parish</b> ; for <b>Peter Shultz</b> – Michael & Juanita Mizikar; for <b>Michael Brehun</b> – Mary Lezo.

			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Feb.	28	M. & T. Syphan	O. Syphan	-----
Sat.	Feb.	28	-----	L. Knouse	R. Garber, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Mar.	01	Hess brothers	T. Tomosky	R. Garber, R. Knouse
Wed.	Mar.	04	M. & T. Syphan	M. Harhai	-----
Sat.	Mar.	07	M. & T. Syphan	M. Harhai	R. Garber, J. Kontir
Sun.	Mar.	08	Ruggieri / Syphans	S. Vacha	J. Knouse, G. Krynicky

<b>2 / 22 / 15</b>	Adult: \$545.00	Lenten Offering: \$120	Candles: \$41.00
<b>Collection:</b>	Student: \$10.00	Maintenance \$20.00	Fuel Oil: \$210 <b>Total: \$946.00</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	Presanctified: 22	Saturday: cancelled	Sunday: 40 + 2 Visitors

Beginning this Sunday, you will be receiving in your bulletin a new product service from Eastern Christian Bulletin Service who print our weekly bulletin covers. It is called **Sunday Theosis** and is styled similar to the successful and popular *Theosis* monthly magazine. This four page, folded sheet will contain adult education material in an easy to read, full-color format, with attractive illustrations. Each week of the month will cover a different topic and will be a self-contained unit. The topics to be presented are: First Sunday of the month – *An overview of Eastern Christianity*;

Second Sunday – *The Theology of the Icon*; Third Sunday – *Reflections on the Psalms*; Fourth Sunday – *Sacramental Living*; and if a Fifth Sunday is needed – *Icons of the Major Feasts*.

**From the Triodion:** *Ikos from Matins* ~ I have loved the fleeting pleasures of the earth and have thrown away eternal blessings, O Christ Jesus. You alone love mankind and You do not cut sinners off without hope, pouring our mercy upon those who repent. O Jesus, do not turn from me now as I repent, but see in me the **thief** who was saved by his confession, the **tax collector** who was cleansed by mercy, and the **prodigal** who resolved to weep, for in all of them You have instilled a pattern of repentance. When

You see me from afar repenting and running to You as Father, come out with warm and tender mercy. If You wish, You can forgive the sins by which I have polluted myself after baptism and my promise to lead a blameless life; but forgive us, O Creator of all, that we may receive the crown that does not perish.

**St. Gregory Palamas** With what lips shall we mortals praise this holy bishop? He is the teacher of the Church and the herald of the divine light, the one who is immersed in the Trinity, the most beautiful adornment of holy monks, renowned for his divine contemplation and the brightness of his virtues; the pride and glory of Thessalonika; and the holy Demetrius, who relics flow with oil, shares with him the Kingdom of Heaven.

As we begin the **third week** of this holy fast, O faithful, let us praise the Holy Trinity. Let us spend the rest of the time filled with joy, and let the passions of our flesh fade away. Let us gather the divine flowers of our souls and weave a crown for the Sunday, the king of days. With crowns upon our heads, we shall praise the victory of Christ.

### The Meaning and now the Praxis of the Great Fast:

The ardent **desire** of Zacchæus! The great **humility** of the Publican! The **self-awareness** and **repentance** of the Prodigal Son! **Love** for those in need, for the Church, for Sacred Scripture! **Forgiveness** of others!

### Next Sunday's Readings ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

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

### ~ 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, which is even more critical in light of the current conflict in Ukraine. Please be generous in your giving. Use one of the special envelopes or one of the



extras from the back of your box and label it «**Eastern Europe.**» **Спасибо большое!**

- **ANNUAL EASTER HAM BINGO** will be held at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, Greensburg, on **Sunday, 8 March from 13:00 – 16:00**. Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be a Chinese Auction, Food Basket raffles, 50/50 raffle. Various ethnic foods will be sold to eat while playing bingo. Grocery gift cards will be given *in lieu* of a ham. For additional information, call 724-832-8122 or 724-837-8299.
- St Florian's **HOLIDAY KOLACHE SALE!** Advance orders are being taken for 15 inch, freshly baked apricot, nut, poppyseed, and prune rolls priced at \$12 each. Orders will be taken until 9 March; rolls will be available for pickup in the social hall, Friday, 20 March – Sunday, March 22. Call Phylis, 724-423-5233; Bobbi, 724 423-6619 or Juanita, 724-423-2455 to place your orders.
- As we anticipate the coming of Spring, consider a visit to the **Biblical Botanical Garden** – a piece of paradise on Fifth Avenue in Oakland – sponsored by **Temple Rodef Shalom**. This year's exhibit will be entitled «***From the Bible to Botticelli***» and will be open to the public from May 1 – 15 September:



Sundays – Thursdays: 10:00 – 14:00;

Wednesdays: 19:00 – 21:00;

Saturday: 12:00 – 14:00.



There is no admission charge, parking is free, as well as tours made by appointment. For more information, contact Rabbi Jacob at 412-621-6566 or at [wjacob303@aol.com](mailto:wjacob303@aol.com).