

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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

*Finding of the Relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia, Constantinople.*

MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS OF ISRAEL.

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 21 17:00 Vigil: **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** Suffrages *pro populo*
- Sun. Feb. 22 10:30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. THE SUNDAY**  
**OF ORTHODOXY** Suffrages for **+Edward Syphan** – son, Arthur
- Wed. Feb. 25 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**  
Suffrages for **+The Davis Family** – Jennifer (née Davis) & Eric Suroviec
- Sat. Feb. 28 17:00 Vigil: **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST,**  
**Second All Souls. St. Gregory Palamas.**
- Sun. Mar. 01 10:30 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST,**  
**St. Gregory Palamas.** Suffrages *pro populo*



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Adults: \$1590

Candles: \$61

Holy Days: \$5

COLLECTION

TOTAL: \$1656

ATTENDANCE:

Sat. 13

Sun. 28 + 2



**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST:** The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kolyva wrought by the Holy Great Martyr St. Theodore the Tyro (the Recruit). Emperor Julian the Apostate, knowing that the Christians purify themselves by fasting most of all during the first week of the Great Fast, which is why we call it Clean (Pure) Week, planned to defile them especially at that time. He secretly commanded that during those days the markets be filled with foods that had been defiled with the blood of animals offered in sacrifice to idols. But by divine command the Martyr Theodore (Feb. 17) appeared during sleep to Eudoxius, then Archbishop of Constantinople. The Saint revealed to him the tyrant's

plan, then told him to call the faithful together immediately on Monday morning and prevent them from purchasing those foods, but rather to make *kolyva* to supply their needs. The bishop asked what *kolyva* might be, and the Saint answered, "*Kolyva* is what we call boiled wheat in Euchaista." Thus, the emperor's plan was brought to nought, and the pious people who were preserved undefiled for the whole of Clean Week, rendered thanks to the Martyr on this Saturday, and celebrated his commemoration with *kollyva*. These things took place in 362. Wherefore the Church keeps this commemoration each year to the glory of God and the honor of the Martyr.



### FROM THE TRIODION

**L**et us begin this second week of the Fast with joy. O faithful, let us exert ourselves from day to day as did the prophet Elijah the Tishbite. May the four principal virtues be our chariot of fire! Let us lift our spirit by turning away from passions, and through purity, let us struggle against the flesh, so that we may resist and conquer the Enemy.

**C**ome, let us purify ourselves by sharing with the poor, not sounding the trumpet for our almsgiving, nor making public our good deeds. May our left hand know not what our right hand does, lest vainglory rob us of our fruit! But in secret, let us say to Him Who knows all secrets: Forgive us our trespasses, Father, in your goodness for mankind.

**Ω** Lord, direct us in this second week of the Fast. Let the holy light of your commandments shine upon us, and make us worthy to offer an acceptable prayer to You on bent knees. For You are our Father and we are Your children; with holy fear we praise You and call upon Your Name.

**Ω** God, You now lead us into this holy season of the Fast and permit us to begin the period of the second week. Lead our work, O Lord, to a good conclusion. Fill our souls and bodies with grace and strength, so that at the end of this journey, we may reach the sovereign day of Your holy Resurrection, and that obtaining the crown of victory, we may unceasingly praise You.

**L**et us keep a spiritual Fast; let us break up every hypocrisy; let us flee the traps of sin; let us forgive the offenses of others, so that our sins might also be forgiven. Thus we shall all be able to sing: May our prayer arise like incense before You, O Lord.

**L**et us keep a true Fast for the Lord; and as we deprive ourselves of food, let us also abstain from idle gossip and lying speech, and from every other passion, that we may see the Pasch in purity.



**THE HOLY MARTYRS IN EUGENIA, CONSTANTINOPLE:** During the persecution against Christians the relics of holy martyrs were usually buried by believers in hidden places. So at Constantinople, near the gates and tower in the Eugenia quarter, the bodies of several martyrs were found. Their names remain unknown by the Church. When miracles of healing began to occur at this spot, the relics of the saints were discovered and transferred to a church with great honor. It was revealed to a pious clergyman, Nicholas Kalligraphos, that among the relics discovered at Eugenia were the relics of the holy Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his helper Junia. In the twelfth century, a great domed church was built on the spot where the relics were discovered. This work was undertaken by the emperor Andronicus, whose patron saint was the holy Apostle Andronicus.



### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**, the annual **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to aid our sister churches in **Central** and **Eastern Europe** will be taken. The war against Ukraine is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. Horrific devastation and untold anguish have been inflicted upon the Ukrainian people; this year's collection to help our Byzantine Catholic brethren is more important than ever. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**
- **LOOKING AHEAD:** Our parish will again sponsor a **SUPER BINGO** on **SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>** in the parish center. Doors open at noon; games begin at 14:00 and will run until ca. 17:00. Proceeds will benefit the Church's Building and Maintenance Fund.