

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

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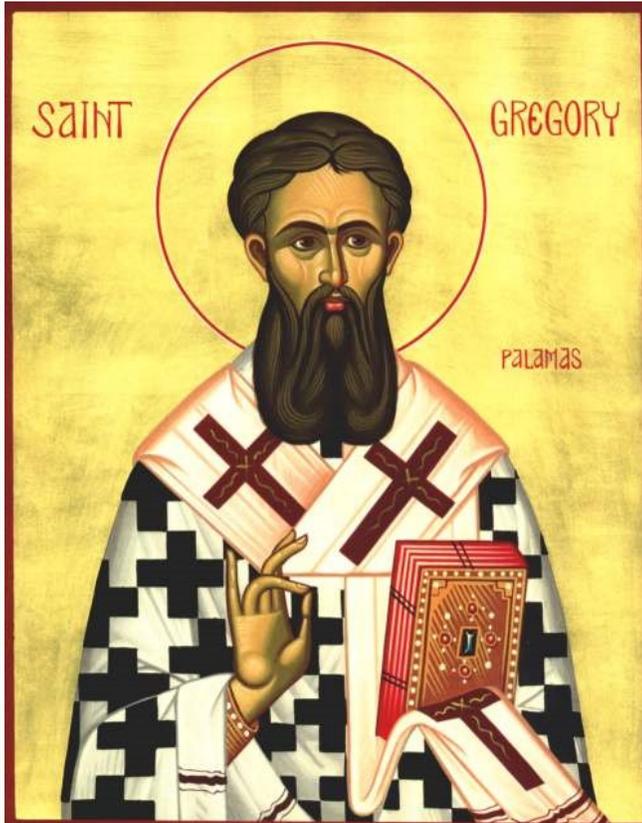
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Sunday March 27th 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14, 2:1-3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12



"You should venerate not only the icon of Christ, but also the similitude of His cross. For the cross is Christ's great sign and trophy of victory over the devil and all his hostile hosts; for this reason they tremble and flee when they see the figuration of the cross." - St. Gregory Palamas



Welcome to all of our visitors! If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to partake in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the *work of the people* and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

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Weekly Schedule

Wednesday 3/30 7:20 PM- Moleben to the Holy Cross—
followed by *Discovering Orthodoxy Class*

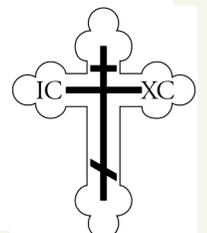
Friday 4/1 7:20 PM- *Presanctified Liturgy Followed by Pot-luck Dinner*

Saturday 4/2 9:00 AM- *All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy*

Sunday 4/3 10:00 AM- *Divine Liturgy- 3rd Sunday of Lent*
– *Cross Veneration Sunday*

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blunar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



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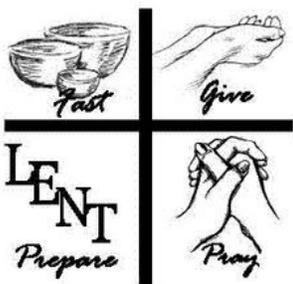
- **Have you been to a Lenten service during the week yet?-** If not, this is the time to start!
- **Presanctified Liturgy-** In order to receive the Eucharist at a Presanctified Liturgy, a fast from all foods is required for at least three hours before the service, which would be which be around 4PM.
- **Potluck Friday's following Presanctified-** Last year we had a great turn out for Friday Presanctified Liturgies. After the service those who came enjoyed a potluck dinner. We will be continuing this throughout lent this year. Remember that the dishes you bring are fasting dishes consisting of no meat and no dairy products.
- **Confessions-** *Don't wait until Holy Week! Come for Confession a half an hour before any service except Sunday Divine Liturgy. If you need to receive Confession on a Sunday please see Fr. Matthew to Make arrangements!*

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church honors *St. Gregory Palamas*. There are only 5 Sunday's in Lent, so to have a Sunday named after you means something very special. It means that you did or said something that is important for our Salvation, something that can lead us to Christ. In the case of *St. Gregory Palamas*, he reminded the Church of something that we must constantly call to our minds and more importantly to our hearts and souls.

St. Gregory Palamas was the Archbishop of Thessalonica in the 14th century. During his lifetime there was a heretic by the name of *Barlaam* who taught that highest possible knowledge of God that anyone could have was through the mind, that the philosophers knew God better than the prophets and even the apostles.

St. Gregory knew better than this though. He knew that to truly love and know God we must love Him and know Him with all of our heart, and all of our soul, and all of our mind! *St. Gregory* went so far as to say that even though our minds are a great gift from God, they of themselves are not capable of truly knowing God. *St. Gregory* taught that intimate knowledge and communion with God can only be achieved if we know Him not just in the mind but in the heart and in the soul as well!

We come to Church not just to learn about God but to experience Him in our hearts. If we truly give ourselves to Christ, to prayer, to fasting, to worship, to good works, to humility, to real change, to becoming the kind of people whom others can truly say, "Here is one in whom God lives, in whom God breathes. Here is one in whom I see God's glory." Then we will know God not only in our minds, but in our hearts and in our souls as well!



Coffee Hour

This week's Coffee Hour has been graciously provided by the Williams Family!

The following Sunday, **4/03** is **Potluck** Sunday. Remember

that all foods should be fasting foods!

The Coffee Hours for 4/10 is still available to sign up for! Please consider signing up!

4/17- Pani Kathryn Dutko



Come and worship the Lord throughout the week this Lent at St. Elizabeth's!!!