

# THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

## St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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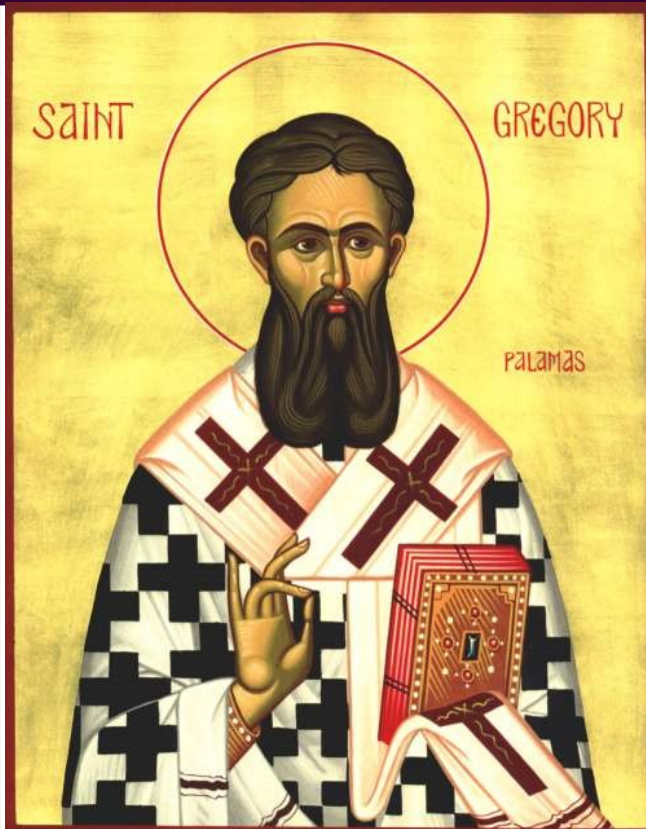
Sunday March 12th 20167

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

### Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas



*"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

**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!

**Tropar Tone 5:** Blue Book pg. 93 Red Book pg. 108

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Blue book pg.181 Red Book pg. 203

### Weekly Schedule

**Wednesday 3/15 5 PM-** @ the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral- Presanctified Liturgy —followed by Presentation by Bishop Gregory at **7pm**

**Friday 3/17 7:00 PM-** Presanctified Liturgy Followed by Potluck Dinner

**Saturday 3/18 9:00 AM-** All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy

**Sunday 3/19 10:00 AM-** Divine Liturgy- 3rd Sunday of Lent

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James+ (Blessed Repose), Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileshko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan + (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria+ (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie +(Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda, Janis, John Haddad, David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David, Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul, George Smisko+ (Blessed Repose), Kathy, Mike, Helen S (Blessed Repose) 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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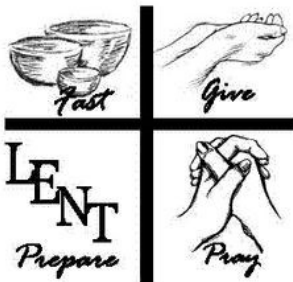
- **Confessions**– *Don't wait until Holy Week! Come for Confession a half an hour before any service except Sunday Divine Liturgy. If you need to receive Confession on a Sunday please see Fr. Matthew to Make arrangements!*
- **This Wednesday**– Bishop Gregory will be giving a presentation at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth as well as the opportunity to be with our Bishop!
- **Panachida Today**– *As an anniversary remembrance for: Metropolitan Nicholas and Jeanne McAuliff. For the souls of the recently departed servants of God Patricia and Helen.*
- *Next week's coffee hour will be provided by Teresa Van Buul. Please consider signing up for this ministry of hospitality!*

**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 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. He knew that to truly know God, we must love 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

**Coffee Hour** *signup for all of 2017 is still available. Please remember the importance of our fellowship time together*

**and sign up!** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e45a4ae29aa8-coffee>



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