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**Sunday, March 4, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Great Lent**

*Commemoration of Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica*

*Venerable Gerasimos of the Jordan; Gregory, bishop of Constantia in Cyprus; Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Palestine; Daniel the wonderworker, prince of Moscow*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX** – *When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

**APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS IN TONE EIGHT** – *O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonderworker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.*

• **Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.**

**KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT** – *To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.*

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**O Lord, Thou wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.**

**Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)**

*“In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)**

*At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"*

- The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.

### **ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION**

*In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.*

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 PM – Compline

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM – Akathist

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM – Soul Saturday Liturgy for the Departed

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM – Compline

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM – Akathist

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM – Soul Saturday Liturgy for the Departed

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

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**PRAYER LIST** - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at [Kristina.nicole@me.com](mailto:Kristina.nicole@me.com) or via text or call at 724.493.7213 to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

**LIVING**– Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Joseph, Gregory, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Christopher, Hiromonk Michael, The Sisterhood of St. Nina Monastery, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Seminarian Joseph, Rebecca, The Seminarian Paul, Joyce, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Painter Family, The Boozer Family, The Wells Family, The Horne Family, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Ashley, Carmen, Timothy, Marcella, Cassie, George, Eva, The Elderkin Family, John, Emery, Jace and Family, Ericka, Ryder, Chris, Maria, Melanie, Tara, Louise, Peter, Julita, Marika, Mary, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, David, Norma, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Amera, Adam, Moses, Tiffany, Victoria, Tyra, Robert, James-Brian, Steven, Daniel, Daniel, Subdeacon Nathaniel, Thom, Isiah, Jaquaghn, Jay, Ryan, Sincere, Bleu, Angelo, April, Paul, Dawaan, Jayden, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna

**DEPARTED** – Bishop Antoun, Archpriest John, Kh. Stephanie, Kh. Joanne, Sylvia Jean, Bern, Gregory, Efthimios, Helen, Daniel, Rodger, Danny, Delores, Danny

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**\*\*CONFESSIONS and HOUSE BLESSINGS By Appointment** - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy via calling at 412.254.6281 to schedule confession or a meeting.

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**\*\*Please note that even during fellowship hour, the altar area is reserved for those who have a purpose for being there. No food or drink should be brought behind the altar.**