

# **SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**

**March 28, 2021**

**Saints Commemorated today:** Hilarion the New; Herodian the Apostle of the 70 and Stephen the Wonderworker

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3**

Brethren, in the beginning, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, 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, till I make thy 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.

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 2:1-12**

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and 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 him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him 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, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question 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!"

## **ENTRANCE HYMN: 1ST TONE**

When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

## **FOURTH MODE**

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

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## **METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO "ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT**

Emphasizing administrative transparency and boldness of faith, the Metropolis of Chicago releases inaugural edition of its "Annual Impact Report" for 2020 [here](#).

## PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

**Covid Vaccines - Help to schedule and transport** - Tina Assimos has very graciously offered to help our parishioners to schedule their Covid vaccinations and also provide transportation to the vaccination site if needed. If you could use this assistance, contact Tina directly at [tinaassimos@att.net](mailto:tinaassimos@att.net) or (574)288-4105.

**Dress for Success** - Thank you to everyone who has already brought in items for this year's lenten giving project. We will be accepting donations throughout lent, and the donation bins are in the church foyer. Please bring suits and other clothing items on hangers so that they are presentable as business attire. As you spring clean your homes and closets, look for any items that are part of a woman's business outfit - suits, pants, skirts, tops, shoes, belts, purses and other professional accessories. During this holy lenten season, we thank our parish family for supporting Saint Andrew's philanthropic outreach to both "our own" and our local community. Let us remember the three key components of spirituality that we learned about during Father John's book study - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

## PROSFORO COMMITTEE

We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee. If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. Generally it means making the Prosforo for four Sundays during the year (2 every six months) and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. The more who sign up the less often each individual will need to cover a Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you. Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54).

## DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals, and families) that have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

## VISITING SAINT ANDREW?

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

## YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital:  
In nursing homes or home bound: Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Altar Boy.

**Neovi Katsanis** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

### **THIS WEEK**

Friday March 26	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday March 27	Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Saturday March 27	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday March 28	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy
Monday March 29	Great Compline	6:00pm
Wednesday March 31	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday April 2	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday April 3	Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Saturday April 3	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 4	Sunday of the Holy Cross	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Monday April 5	Great Compline	6:00pm
Wednesday April 7	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday April 9	Salutations	6:00
Saturday April 10	Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Saturday April 10	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 11	Sunday of St. John of the Ladder	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy

### **2021 EASTER LOVE DONATIONS NEEDED**

St. Kassiani Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)
Mystical Supper Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)