

**Our Vision: To know and love Christ,  
sharing His love with others**

March 27th 2016

**Today's commemorated feasts and saint**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 2. St. Gregory Palamas.** Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius (304). Ven. John the Clairvoyant, Anchorite, of Egypt (394-395). The "GLYKOPHYLOUSA" and the "AKATHIST" Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

**Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)**  
 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your God-head. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Tone 8 Troparion (St Gregory Palamas)**  
 O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, O ideal of monks and invincible champion of the theologians, O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)**  
 Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors! So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: "Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, // so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!"

**Tone 8 Kontakion (St Gregory Palamas)**  
 Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since you now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, // so that we may sing to you: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"

**Tone 5 Prokeimenon**  
 You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

*Ps 11/12:7) v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. (Ps 11/12:1)*

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon (for St Gregory)**  
 My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (*Ps 48/49:3*)  
**Epistle** Hebrews 1:10-2:3

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

**Tone 2 (Triodion)**

*v: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps 36/37:30)*

**Gospel**

Mark 2:1-12

*Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the following:)*

**Hymn to the Theotokos**

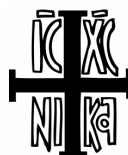
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made

more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

**Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



## Announcements

This **Wednesday** we are hosting the **pan-Orthodox presanctified liturgy**. Ideally, we should have a large group of people from other Orthodox churches. Please come out and support this important event in the life of our church!

This Wednesday Holy Assumption will be hosting the **Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy and Meal**. The service begins at 6:30pm, so if you can come early and help with set-up before hand, the help will be appreciated! We will be arranging tables in the social hall today after Coffee Hour. The Lenten meal will feature soups, salads, and fruit pies. Please see *Mary-Ann Frischkorn* if you want to bring something or if you can help with setup or cleanup. Thanks so much for anything you can do! It's always so fun and satisfying to come together as a church family and provide hospitality to our Orthodox community.

A new, **2016, directory** is being prepared. The initial copy is ready for preview. Please look at the draft by the mailboxes and make corrections. Once you have done edited your information, place your initials. If no corrections are needed, place your initials by your information.

May 21 and 22: **Women's Retreat** at the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City. PA. We will arrive at the monastery on Saturday in time to tour the building and grounds, shop in the bookstore, and eat a meal before Vigil at 5:30 pm, then stay in guest housing overnight. We will return home after Liturgy and coffee hour on Sunday the 22nd. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

The church is conducting a **communications survey** to determine the best way to communicate with people in the church. Please take a copy of the survey and return it soon to Steven Mathewson or Fr Stacey. Extra copies are located at the back of the church on the candle desk and in the hall. **THANK YOU** to all who have submitted a survey, So far we have **36 submissions** out of approximately 60 needed !

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!

*If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.*



## CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

### Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

### Coffee Hour Schedule

**MARCH 27** POWELL, BLANCHARD, LEWIS, KOSITA, ARCHER  
**APR. 3** KISHA, MONAHAN, KISHA-WISE, BYRNES  
**APR. 10** DEVITTO-SKILES, MATHEWSON, RICHTER, MILLER  
**APR. 17** CONDO, BRANDON, ROMANO  
**APR. 24** HUBA, KRAJCI, MAILAT, FRISCHKORN  
**MAY 1** PASCHA  
**MAY 8** STAPYRIK, WESCOTT, GATES  
**MAY 15** MANOS, MANOS, HOFFMAN, VORKAPICH  
**MAY 22** POWELL, BLANCHARD, LEWIS, MUDRAK, FEDORKO  
**MAY 29** WAGSTER, KOSITA, ARCHER, RICHTER



### Today

Hours	9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM
Church School	11:45 AM

### Tuesday

Great Canon of St. Andrew	6:30 PM
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### Wednesday

PreSanctified Liturgy	6:30 PM
Dinner	8:00 PM

### Friday

Presanctified Liturgy	6:30 PM
Potluck Dinner	8:00 PM

### Saturday

Great Vespers	5:00 PM
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### Next Sunday

Hours	9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:20 AM
Church School	11:45 AM

# GREAT LENT 2016 SCHEDULE



*\*Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday are not included on the schedule below.*

Tuesday March 29 – 6:30 pm Great Canon  
Wednesday March 30 – 6:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy @ Holy Assumption  
Friday April 1 – 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy and potluck dinner

Tuesday	April 5 – 6:30 pm Great Canon
Wednesday	April 6 – 6:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy @ <b><i>St. George Serbian and dinner following</i></b>
Friday	April 8 – 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy and potluck dinner

Tuesday April 12 – 6:30 pm Great Canon  
Wednesday April 13 – 6:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy @ ***Holy Trinity and dinner following***  
Friday April 15 – 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy and potluck dinner  
Saturday April 16 – 9:30 am Memorial Liturgy

Tuesday	April 19 – 6:30 pm Great Canon
Wednesday	April 20 – 6:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy @ <b><i>St. George Antiochian and dinner following</i></b>
Friday	April 22 – 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy and potluck dinner
Saturday	April 23 – 5:00 pm VIGIL for Palm Sunday

## HOLY WEEK

April 25 Holy Monday – Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
April 26 Holy Tuesday – Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
April 27 Holy Wednesday – Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
April 28 Holy Thursday – Vespers and Liturgy of St Basil 9:30 am

Reading of the 12 Gospels 6:30 pm
April 29 Holy Friday – Royal Hours 9:00 am
Vespers 12:00 noon
Lamentations 6:30 pm
April 30 Holy Saturday – Vespers and Liturgy of St Basil 11:00 am
May 1 <b>PASCHA</b> – Vigil begins at 11:30 pm Saturday night!
Paschal Vespers 12 noon

