

First Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy (Mar 13)

The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel.

Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/03/13/10-1st-sunday-of-great-lent-sunday-of-orthodoxy>)



The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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March 13, 2022

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

COMMEMORATIONS:

REMOVAL OF THE RELICS OF NICEPHORUS, PATRIARCH
OF CONSTANTINOPLE
POUPLIOS THE MARTYR, BISHOP OF ATHENS
CHRISTINA THE MARTYR OF PERSIA
GERALD, BISHOP OF MAYO

Tone 5 - Eothion 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:43-51

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY IN GREAT LENT - Tone 2 - Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.*

ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School, Coffee Hour

Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ St. Mary UOC Allentown

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 20):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin T.	Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn John & Sdn Nick Muz.	Steve K. & Todd M.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jamil & Nicole Kyriakos family	The Moodys & Natalia M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Keiko M.	Sh Hannah; Sze Tatiana; Gabe

Mark Your Calendar:

Lehigh Valley Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers @ 4 p.m.

- ✦ Mar 13 (Sunday of Orthodoxy):
St. Mary UOC Allentown
- ✦ Mar 20: St. Paul AOC Emmaus
- Mar 27: St. Nicholas OCA
Bethlehem
- ✦ Apr 3: St. Nicholas GOA
Bethlehem
- ✦ Apr 10: Assumption UOC
Northampton

Feast of Annunciation Friday, March 25

Lenten Retreat: “An afternoon with St. John Chrysostom” w/ Dr. David Ford March 26, 2022 2pm-6:15pm w/ Vespers

St. Philip Holy Week Choir Concert Sunday, April 3 @ 1 p.m.

We live Pascha to Pascha! April 24, 2022

MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION: Baby Care Items

CHALLENGE FOR 2022: “You are the Light of the World”

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Metr. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Nicole Raymond Sze-Tatiana Joanne Patrick Doris John John James Lasha B Otari B Mark Nancy-Anna Helen Wadieh Anna Anesia Mary Mary Claudia Gregory Alexei	+Robert +N.I. Wendy Susanna (March Parish Dptychs) +Najib +Lorraine +Julia +Helen +Dina +Robert +Adele <u>Catechumens</u> Christian, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Christina, Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina

For the people of our
land and their
repentance,
healing & unity

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to the
Camp Scholarship Fund.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

The Great Fast Continues ...

- Mon, Mar 14:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 15:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 16:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m., w/ Fasting
potluck to follow
- Thurs, Mar 17:** Office open 10am-3pm
- Fri, Mar 18:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Fasting
potluck to follow
Akathist (w/ Youth Choir) 6:30 p.m.
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 19:** Altar Boy Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Mar 20:** **ST. GREGORY PALAMAS
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

*Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ St. Paul AOC
Emmaus*

OFFERINGS 3/6: Candles, \$274.24. Collections, \$172. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$47. Classical School Fund, \$1,000. Pastoral Discretion, \$122.52. Women's Fund, \$1,160. Stewardship, \$3,365. Total received: \$6,141.76.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!