

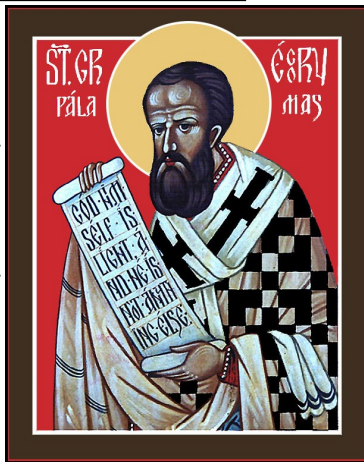
Second Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory Palamas (Mar 20)

In the 1330s events took place in the life of the Eastern Church which put Saint Gregory among the most significant universal apologists of Orthodoxy, and brought him great renown as a teacher of hesychasm.

About the year 1330 the learned monk Barlaam had arrived in Constantinople from Calabria, in Italy. He was the author of treatises on logic and astronomy, a skilled and sharp-witted orator, and he received a university chair in the capital city and began to expound on the works of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3), whose “apophatic” (“negative”, in contrast to “kataphatic” or “positive”) theology was acclaimed in equal measure in both the Eastern and the Western Churches. Soon Barlaam journeyed to Mt. Athos, where he became acquainted with the spiritual life of the hesychasts. Saying that it was impossible to know the essence of God, he declared mental prayer a heretical error. Journeying from Mount Athos to Thessalonica, and from there to Constantinople, and later again to Thessalonica, Barlaam entered into disputes with the monks and attempted to demonstrate the created, material nature of the light of Tabor (i.e. at the Transfiguration). He ridiculed the teachings of the monks about the methods of prayer and about the uncreated light seen by the hesychasts.

Saint Gregory, at the request of the Athonite monks, replied with verbal admonitions at first. But seeing the futility of such efforts, he put his theological arguments in writing. Thus appeared the “Triads in Defense of the Holy Hesychasts” (1338). Towards the year 1340 the Athonite ascetics, with the assistance of the saint, compiled a general response to the attacks of Barlaam, the so-called “Hagiorite Tome.” At the Constantinople Council of 1341 in the church of Hagia Sophia Saint Gregory Palamas debated with Barlaam, focusing upon the nature of the light of Mount Tabor. On May 27, 1341 the Council accepted the position of Saint Gregory Palamas, that God, unapproachable in His Essence, reveals Himself through His energies, which are directed towards the world and are able to be perceived, like the light of Tabor, but which are neither material nor created. The teachings of Barlaam were condemned as heresy, and he himself was anathemized and fled to Calabria.

(Excerpt from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/03/20/12-2nd-sunday-of-great-lent-st-gregory-palamas>)



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March 20, 2022

SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

COMMEMORATIONS:

RIGHTEOUS FATHERS SLAIN AT THE MONASTERY OF ST.
SAVAS

MYRON THE NEW MARTYR OF CRETE
CUTHBERT THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF
LINDISFARNE

PHOTINI THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Tone 6 - Eothion 6

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - 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'st 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 - Tone 8 - 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 wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

TODAY:

ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

40-Day Memorial for Wendy Susanna – Memory Eternal!

Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour

Parish Council 12:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ St. Paul's Emmaus

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 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 27):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn Justin	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Todd M.	Dan M & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	The Moodys & Natalia M.	The Moores & Phil K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Sze Tatiana; Gabe	Miriam; Conor; Nathan & Rebecca; Teens

Mark Your Calendar:

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

- ✦ Apr 3: St. Nicholas GOA Bethlehem
- ✦ Apr 10: Assumption UOC Northampton

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

Parish Life Conference 2022

June 29-July 3

Event Registration Link: <https://antiochianevents.com/ny>

Housing Registration Link: <https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/ParishLife2022>

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	+N.I. Wendy Susanna (March Parish Diptychs) +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, Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to toward
Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief.
Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

The Great Fast Continues ...

- Mon, Mar 21:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 22:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 23:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m., w/ Fasting potluck to follow
- Thurs, Mar 24:** Vespers & Artoklasia for Feast 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, Mar 25:** **FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION**
Orthros 9 a.m. & Festal Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Fish/wine/oil potluck to follow
Akathist 6:30 p.m.
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 26:** Lenten Retreat w/ Dr. David Ford, 2 p.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Mar 27:** **ST. GREGORY PALAMAS ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
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OFFERINGS 3/13: Candles, \$347. Collections, \$165. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$60. Classical School Fund, \$100. Endowment, \$20. Food for Hungry, \$100. Library, \$50. Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Needy Fund, \$500. Pastoral Discretion, \$300. Women’s Fund, \$1,275. Stewardship, \$7,120. Total received: \$10,163.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!