

1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy (Mar 24)

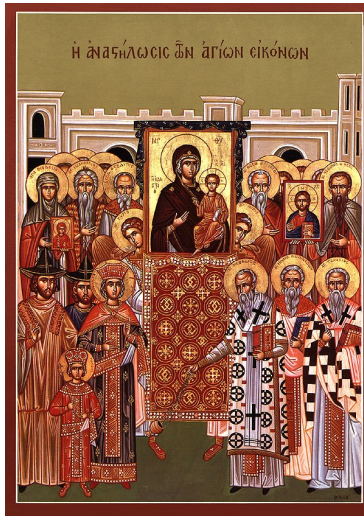
The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church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

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March 24, 2024

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

COMMEMORATIONS:

FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE
THEOTOKOS
RIGHTEOUS ARTEMON, BISHOP OF SELEUCIA
OUR HOLY FATHER THEONAS, ARCHBISHOP OF
THESSALONICA
ZACHARIAH THE RECLUSE

Tone 1 - Eothion 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

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

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:43-51

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION FOR SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - 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 9am

ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY & Procession 10 a.m.

Missionary Family Visit: Sem. Michael Pak & family

Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Choir Rehearsal — Parish Council

Vespers & Artoklasia for Annunciation 6:30pm

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 31):
COFFEE HOUR:	Fasting – Bagels	Teen Mission Trip Fundraising Luncheon
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Dan M. & Tom A.	Rdr Nick & Todd M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Natalia M; Jocey; Radu	Catechumens & Karsten B.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Simon; Amelia; Daniel	Maggie; Caden; Michael

Mark Your Calendar:

Lenten Triodion:

Mar 31 – *Sunday of Gregory Palamas*
 Apr 7 – *Veneration of the Cross*
 Apr 14 – *Sunday of St. John Climacus*
 Apr 21 – *Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt*
 Apr 28 – *Palm Sunday*

Lenten Retreat @ St. Philip
 April 5-6

Life of Christ Choir Concert
 Sunday, April 7, 1:30pm

Pascha 2024
 May 5, 2024

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

Save the Date!
2024 Parish Life Conference
 June 27-30, 2024

**MARCH OUTREACH
 COLLECTION:**
Baby Care Items

Pray For:

Living	Departed
N.I. Hazel Elizabeth N.I. Noah Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Kh. Joyce Mary Xenia George Maria Patrick Doris John James Helen Wadieh Mary Victoria Steve Lasha Otari John Tatiana Anesia Linda Zerfenesh Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan & family, John, & all seminarians New & Expectant Mothers & their children For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends — George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	(March Parish Diptychs) +Najib +Lorraine +Julia +Helen +Dina +Robert +Adele <u>Catechumens</u> Nicholas, Luka, & Leo Keith, Maggie, & Eli Andrew Caden Lucretia Ryan Michael Daniel Kassandra Christian David, Darby, & Easton Rose Jasper Bryson

Giving Opportunities at St. Philip

- ✦ Next week's coffee hour will be a fund-raising luncheon for the our **Orthodox Youth Mission Team's missions trip to Appalachia in July** to assist in rebuilding homes. Thank you for your generosity!
- ✦ The **NEEDY FUND** is depleted. Please consider making a special offering to replenish it!

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

Great Lent continues!

Mon, Mar 25: FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION
 Orthros 9 a.m. & Liturgy 10 a.m., with Fish/
 Wine/Oil potluck to follow
 Great Compline 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Mar 26: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

Wed, Mar 27: Office open
 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Thur, Mar 28: Lenten Vespers 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study: Romans 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Mar 29: Office open
 Presanctified Liturgy 10 a.m.
 Compline & Akathist (Youth Choir) 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Mar 30: Catechumen Class 5 p.m.
 Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
 Confessions 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer Rope Making Workshop 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Mar 31: SUNDAY OF GREGORY PALAMAS
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
 Coffee Hour & Sunday School
 Choir Rehearsal

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 3/16: 74	Liturgy 3/17: 263
Wed PreSanctified: 113	Fri PreSanctified: 59

OFFERINGS 3/17: Candles, \$430. Collections, \$1,062.11. Book Shelf Ministry, \$70. Mission Chapel, \$10,000. Needy Fund, \$215. Women's Fund, \$380. Stewardship, \$13,752. (Refunds, \$434.) Total received: \$25,843.11.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!