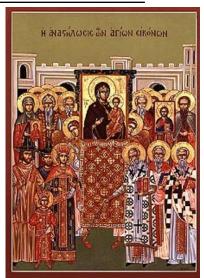
# Sunday of Orthodoxy

Ist Sunday of Great Lent

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 Theophilos, 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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# February 9, 2025 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

IST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

#### **COMMEMORATIONS:**

THE HOLY FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTIA,

CAESARIOS THE RIGHTEOUS

Tone 4 - Eothinon 4
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-10
Liturgy Gospel: St. John 1:43-51

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION** - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 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:

ORTHROS 8:15 a.m.

Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School 11:14 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. George, 4:00 p.m.

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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 (March 16):

**COFFEE HOUR:** ???

PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabriela Plesa

ALTAR CANDLES: Schneider-Mindy's Birtday Todd M. & Nick M.

USHERS:

CLEANING TEAM: Teens COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Eric M. & Zach W.

Zemelak's Family Gabi & Catalin Tinjala Atkinson-Jonathan's Birthday

Dan M. & Steve K.

Nick T., Gabi T., David & Darby S. Miriam K., Conor M., Daniel C., Laura S.

# Mark Your Calendar:

#### Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers

TODAY at 4:00 PM at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Allentown, PA. Our Metropolitan SABA will be preaching

#### Lenten Retreat

March 22

Missions with Fr. Hector Firoglanis 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### Annunciation

March 24: Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30pm

March 25: Orthros 8:15 am. Divine Liturgy 9:30 am (Fasting Potluck after Liturgy)

#### **Choir Concert**

April 6-1:30 to 2:30 Passion & Resurrection of Christ Invite family and friends!

#### Holy Pascha

April 20, 2025

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

### MARCH OUTREACH **COLLECTION:**

Baby Care Items

Pray For:	
Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Displaced faithful of Southern California.	+Pani Susan +Paula +Evangelos (March Parish Diptychs)
Dn. Michael Denis-Patrick John Nun Sergeia Doris Michael John James Steven	+Najib +Lorraine +Julia +Helen +Dina +Robert +Adele
Paraskevi Elizabeth	Catechumens
Michaela Nicholas Elias Mary	Lucretia Ryan Michael Kassandra
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries Nathan, John, & all seminarians	Rose Jasper Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary
Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies The people of our land,	Carol Morgan Meghan John Steven Bobby Liara Asher Sarah Andrew
and for their repentance, healing &	

unity

## This Week:

Mon, Mar 10: Presanctified Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.

> Confessions, 8:30 a.m. Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Great Compline, 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Mar 11: Confessions, 9:00 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.

Sermon on the Mount Bible Study w/ Dn. Luke, 6:30 p.m. Missions Fundraising Talk w/ Sophia Bushelli, 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Mar 12: Confessions, 5:30 p.m.

> Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 p.m. Fasting Potluck, 8:00 p.m.

Thurs, Mar 13: Confessions, 11:30 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy, 12:00 p.m. Great Compline, 6:30 p.m.

12 Baskets Full Serving Night, 6:30 p.m.

Fri, Mar 14: Confessions, 9:00 a.m.

> Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Fasting Potluck, 11:00 a.m. Confessions, 6:00 p.m.

Salutations to the Theotokos, 6:30 p.m.

Confessions, 7:30 p.m.

Sat, Mar 15: Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.

> Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m. Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions, 7:00 p.m.

St. Gregory Palamas (2nd Sunday of Lent) Sun, Mar 16:

ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.

Food For Hungry People boxes are available in the NARTHEX. Please take one and give generously throughout this Holy Lenten Season.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 3/1: 95

Liturgy 3/2: 241

Presanctified 3/5: 86

Presanctified 3/7: 47

OFFERINGS 3/2: Candles, \$281. Collections, \$897.07 Book Shelf Ministry, \$10. Outreach, \$55.38. Teen Fund, \$319. Mission Chapel, \$540. Pastoral Discretion, \$220.03 Stewardship, \$8,575.59 Total received: \$10,898.07

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!