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## SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2016

**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

**Epistle:** Hebrews 1:10-2;3

**Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
<b>Great Vespers:</b>	Saturdays at 6pm
<b>Vigil</b>	Eve of Feasts at 7pm
<b>Divine Liturgy:</b>	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

<b>Sunday, March 27:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Service at Golden Living Center, Doylestown – 2:30pm, Lenten Mission Service at SS Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church, Old Bustleton Rd, Philadelphia – 4pm
<b>Wednesday, March 30:</b>	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
<b>Thursday, March 31:</b>	Pre-School Church School – 12:30pm; Parish Council – 7pm
<b>Friday, April 1:</b>	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 7pm
<b>Saturday, April 2:</b>	Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
<b>Sunday, April 3:</b>	Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour; Mission Service at SS. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church, Old Bustleton Road – 4pm

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Brochures:** They are free as they have been donated. If you would like to see additional brochures and provide other outreach material please put donations in the question box in an envelope marked "Brochures" and we will purchase additional ones and replacements as needed. Thank you to those who have made contributions.

**Food Sale:** Thank you to all who contributed to the latest Food Sale. Again, it was a successful effort due to the collaboration of many. Your assistance, whether in making sales, preparing, serving, cleaning up is greatly appreciated.

We still have a large selection of pierogi available for purchase, if you are interested. We will sell pierogi to the public on Saturday April 23, from 1-3pm.

Also, we will take orders **from parishioners only** for Pascha Bread and Kielbasa. Order forms available today.

**Great Fast:** Let us be more zealous in fasting from sins such as greed, anger, resentment, hatred, judgment of others, vanity, laziness than in fasting from meat and dairy products. Fast from food, yes. Eat less, and abstain from meat and dairy to the best of your ability, not to suffer, but to gain self-control, to overcome gluttony. Replace these things with prayer, almsgiving (time, talent and treasure), humility, love. Above all, seek forgiveness by offering forgiveness. Let us pray for one another, and let us walk together in joy through this time of repentance and renewal.

**Memorial Saturdays:** If you have additional names you wish to submit for remembrance during these services, please give them to Fr. Martin. Previously submitted names are on file. Those who have reposed since last Lent should be submitted for remembrance.

**Prospora Baking:** Next Saturday, April 2nd, from 11:00 - 3:00, if there is enough interest, we will have a prospora baking workshop and luncheon for the ladies. The location is in the fellowship hall of our church. Possible locations for lunch are Moishe and Itzy's and Jules Pizza. There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the church. Please sign up so we can get a head count. Thank you.

**Mirrors of Truth:** Next meeting on April 19. We will continue our discussion with Vesna Djokic on what neuroscience can teach us, and not teach us, and the intersection between our spiritual life and self understanding.

**Scrip Program:** TODAY. Last week profit **\$10.50. YTD, \$109.26.**

## **Wrightstown Food Cupboard:**

Please continue to remember to bring coffee, tea, juice, pasta, peanut butter for the pantry. The struggle continues for those in need after the holiday season.

# LENTEN SCHEDULE:

## **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Wednesdays 9:15am

Fridays 7pm

## **Mission Services**

Sundays – 4pm. See Schedule in Church Hall.

## **Parish Lenten Retreat**

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>: Confession and the Pathology of the Soul.

Archpriest Alexander Golubov

# VIGIL LIGHTS:

## **From Miloslav:**

For the Health of:

Priest Adrian, Tiberiu, Mihaela, Tiffany, Maria, Elena, Ion, Cucica, Ionelia, Andra, Elena, Thomas, Olesia, Daniela, Tiberiu

In Memory of:

Iona, Dumitru, Oprita, Mircea, Mircea, Niolae, Ana, Cornelia, Gheorghia, Stefan, Ion, Dan, Dana

## **From the Ristveys:**

For the health of:

Margaret and George

In Memory of:

Fotini

## **NAMES DAY:**

Doug Yates

## **BIRTHDAY:**

Doug Yates

# FIGHTING THE PASSIONS – ANGER:

Because of anger tongues are unbridled and lips are unguarded; unrestrained hands, outrages, reproaches, slanders, blows, and other such things that cannot be numbered, are offspring of the passions of anger and temper. Through temper also a sword is sharpened; a human hand dares to kill a human being. Through this brothers have become ignorant of each other, and parents and children have forgotten their natural bond. For angry persons are first ignorant of themselves, then indeed of all their friends as well. For as mountain torrents rushing together toward the valleys sweep away whatever is in their path, so the violent and ungovernable attacks of angry people likewise sweep through everything.

*St. Basil the Great. HOMILY ON ANGER, 1. Trans. Nonna Verna Harrison. SVS Press, 2005.*