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- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
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- ❖ **Choir Directors:**
- ❖ Daria Cortese

Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

Saturdays 6pm

Eve of Feast 7pm (6pm on Sundays).

Hours

Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am.

Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am

MARCH 28, 2021

- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov, Emeritus

Church School Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy: Sundays and Feast Days
9:30am

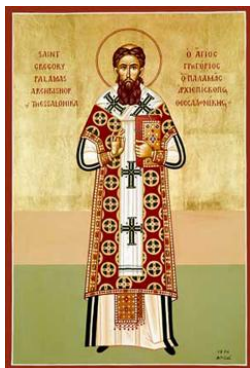
Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. St. Gregory Palamas. Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete (ca. 754). Martyrs Jonah and Barachisius, and those with them, in Persia: Zanitas, Lazarus, Maruthas (Marotas), Narses, Elias, Marinus (Mares), Abibus, Sembeeth (Sivsithina), and Sabbas (4th c.). Martyr Boyan, Prince of Bulgaria (ca. 830). Ven. Stephen the Wonder-worker, Abbot of Tryglia (9th c.). Monk-Martyr Evstrátii (Eustratius) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1097). Ven. Hilarion of Pskov Lake (Gdovsk— 1476).

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3; 7:26-8:2

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16

Baptisms: Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made **at least** six months prior to the wedding and scheduling is subject to the liturgical calendar of the church.



Please do not make arrangements for receptions without speaking with the Rector first.

Weekly Schedule of Services and Events:

Sunday, March 28: Hours and Divine Liturgy-9:10am.

Wednesday March 31: 9:30am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts; Book Group Discussion 7pm

Friday, April 2: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts- 7pm

Saturday, April 3: Memorial Service 9:30am; Vespers and Confessions - 6pm

Reminder: Despite changes in state guidelines issued this past week, our diocesan policy on masking and social distancing remain unchanged. Masks must be worn into the church and around the building. Those who have health reasons for not wearing them are not required to, and people are permitted to remove them once they are seated and are socially distanced. Clergy and those in the altar and choir are not required to wear masks. Guidelines will be forthcoming from the diocese in the near future. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Lenten Book Group: We will recommence our meetings this week in person and on Zoom at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Birthday

Douglas Yates

Names Day

Douglas John Yates

Protodeacon Gregory Moser

Gillian Crosby

Charlotte Regen

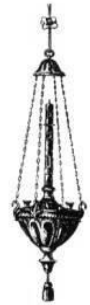
Charla Bendas

Vigil Lights

FROM PERDIKIS

FOR THE HEALTH OF: Tom, Terri, George, Gregory, Martha

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Evangelia, Demosthenes, Angelo, Ekaterini, Angela, Demosthenes, Carmen, Arthur.



Please remember in your prayers



Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite, Charla, Sandy. Ill afflicted Archpriests Daniel, Archpriest Michael, Pdn. Gregory *Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia, Servants of God*, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Jason, Katina, Donna, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Nicholas, John, Alice, Edward, Sydney,

Susan, John, Patricia, Ayla, Elizabeth, Tara, Sandra, Paul,

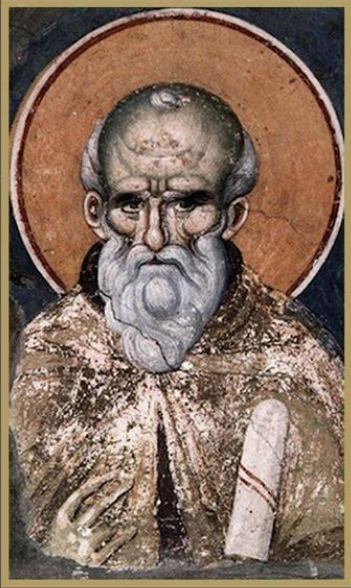
Departed: Newly departed Archpriests Vladimir, John, Mat. Sonya, Jean. Servant of God Alan, Departed Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul & Kh. Shirley.

*Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

Proverbs 3:9-10(RSV)

Weekly General Giving 3/14 & 3/21 - \$2843, plus \$12 for candles

Online Giving 3/1-3/15 - \$3390 plus \$545 Parish Development



Mosaic of St. Dionysius the Areopagite

***He, who forsakes
all worldly desires,
sets himself above
all worldly distress.***

***St Maximos the Confessor
400 Texts on Love: 1st Century***

The image is a black rectangular graphic. On the left side, there is a vertical mosaic of a bearded man with a halo, identified as St. Dionysius the Areopagite. To the right of the mosaic, there is white text on a black background. The text includes a quote and a reference to St. Maximos the Confessor.

Thank you for your continued sacrificial giving to the Lord!



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

March 26, 2021
Leave-taking of the Annunciation
Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

**TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT, PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN AND POSTED
ON PARISH WEBSITES**

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! Greetings as we begin the third week of Great Lent. I pray your Lenten Journey is proving fruitful.

The past year has truly been a rollercoaster ride for all of us and we need to be mindful and considerate of those suffering from isolation, fear, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and loneliness, as well as those who have lost loved ones. Additionally, divisions occurred as people lost the ability to discuss differing opinions on a variety of matters. Hopefully, we are encouraged by the drastic decrease in the number of hospitalizations and deaths attributed to COVID 19 since mid-January, even before significant numbers were administered the experimental COVID 19.

On January 22, 2021 the Assembly of Bishops issued a **Statement Regarding Developments in Medicine: COVID-19 Vaccines & Immunizations.**¹ The fourth paragraph explicitly states, *“We therefore encourage all of you – the clergy and the lay faithful of our Church – to consult your physicians in order to determine the appropriate course of action for you, just as you do for surgeries, medications, and vaccinations, in cancer treatments and other ailments.”*

Each person must prayerfully consider what the correct course of action is. As your Bishop, I insist each of you respect the **conscience** and privacy of your brothers and sisters in Christ. No one is to be asked if he or she has or has not received the injections. No one is to be denied full participation in the Divine Services or parish life regardless of his or her decision. No one should be judged or criticized one way or the other.

Let us continue the Fast focusing on drawing nearer to Christ the Source of Life and to one another.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

¹ The text of which may be found at the following link,
<https://www.assemblyofbishops.org/assets/files/messages/AoB%20Exec%20Co%20Medicine%20Statement.pdf>



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“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee.” Augustine