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(During the Months of September thru May)

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MARCH 24, 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS

*Ven. Zachariah the Recluse; St. Artemius, Bishop of Seleucia;*

*St. James the Confessor, Bishop of Catania;*

*Ven. Zachariah, Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves; Martyrs Stephen and Peter of Kazan'*

“O master of virtue and divine contemplation, O glorious vessel of wisdom and quiet: By the power of your prayers, O illustrious father, Gregory, obtain for us a share in your holiness and understanding, that we, too, may attain that light beyond our reach.”

Exapostilarion, Tone III

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

*Monday, March 25*

“Today marks the prelude of joy for all the world, for, inspired by the Lord Himself, we now begin the festive hymns. Behold, Gabriel is on his way to give the Virgin the joyful news, and, on entering, he greets her with these words: Rejoice, O Mary, full of divine grace, the Lord is with you.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 1:10-2:3

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 2:1-12

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, March 24	5:00 p.m. Vigil of the Annunciation
Monday, March 25	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Annunciation of the Theotokos</b>
Wednesday, March 27	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 30	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, March 25 (Theotokos)	Isaiah 8:13-9:7	Genesis 6:9-22	Proverbs 8:1-21
(Theotokos)	Exodus 3:1-8		Proverbs 8:22-30
Tuesday, March 26	Hebrews 2:11-18		Luke 1:24-38
Wednesday, March 27	Isaiah 9:9-10:4	Genesis 7:1-5	Proverbs 8:32-9:11
Thursday, March 28	Isaiah 10:12-20	Genesis 7:6-9	Proverbs 9:12-18
Friday, March 29	Isaiah 11:10-12:2	Genesis 7:11-8:3	Proverbs 10:1-22
Saturday, March 30 (Departed)	Isaiah 13:2-13	Genesis 8:4-21	Proverbs 10:31-11:12
	Hebrews 10:32-38		Mark 2:14-17
	I Thessalonians 4:13-17		John 5:24-30

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**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH:**

27, Wednesday      Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy  
31, Sunday            11:00 a.m-noon HTOC Church School SPIRITUAL HOSPITAL  
                                 5:00 p.m. Deanery Mission Service at HTOC

**APRIL:**

5, 6                      Retreat at St. Innocent Church  
8, Monday            12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:**

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions this coming week on Monday, 3/25, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 3/27, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 3/30, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and after Vespers. If you need special arrangements, please call Father Alexander.

**THE SPIRITUAL HOSPITAL:**

Next Sunday, March 31, the Church School children of Holy Trinity will present a one-day exhibition of the "Spiritual Hospital." The Spiritual Hospital is not your typical hospital. Here, one can find healing for all ailments — even ailments we don't know we have. Plan to visit this unique triage unit carefully prepared and presented by our young parishioners. The Hospital will be open for you to visit during coffee hour. Visiting Hours: Sunday, March 31, 11:00 a.m.—noon.

**LENTEN RETREAT:**

St. Innocent Church invites all to a free retreat April 5 & 6; Friday is 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday is 9:00 a.m.-noon. Dr. Nicole Roccas will speak on "Despondency and Great Lent." Details are in the Hall.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

There will be a one-year Memorial Service for Harry Flewelling next Sunday, March 31, after the Divine Liturgy.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Thank you to our hosts today—the Babich Family and the Billow Family.

**DEANERY MISSION SERVICE:**

Next Sunday, 5:00 p.m., our parish will host the Deanery Mission Service on the Sunday of the Cross. As hosts, we will offer coffee and Lenten refreshments after the service. Help is appreciated; see Paula Svilar.

**SOUP SUPPERS:**

We welcome all to our Wednesday evening Soup Suppers after Presanctified Liturgies. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall if you can donate soup or funds.

**LA COUPOLE:**

Visit La Coupole to see new items for sale, including Pascha basket covers and First Confession cards created by Dn. Anthony and Dianna Kall and Fr. Yves. Pascha greeting cards, egg wraps and pysanky are also available.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet Monday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading the chapter on Spiritual Struggle in Wounded By Love, pages 134-157.

**ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE VIDEO:**

St. Herman's House of Hospitality has produced a very nice short video featuring their important ministry in Cleveland. It is on YouTube at this location:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PN8DSeu6Ks&feature=youtu.be>

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, MARCH 17	\$ 4771.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	720.00
BUILDING FUND	25.00
MORTGAGE FUND	55.00
CANDLES	146.00
DEANERY	10.00
3/10 COFFEE HOUR	62.00

**JESUS THE HEALER**

*“Wherever He came, they laid the sick in the market places, and besought Him that they might touch the hem of His garment; and as many as touched Him were healed.”*

*(Mark 6:56)*

Most of Jesus’ miracles were acts of healing or bodily restoration. The Gospels present Jesus as a healer, as the Physician, from the very beginning of His public ministry. After He was baptized in the Jordan and tempted in the wilderness, He sojourned among the people, healing all their diseases. He cured epileptics, lunatics, paralytics, demoniacs, and all who were suffering. They came to Jesus knowing He had the power of healing, knowing that, with a word alone, He could cleanse lepers, open the eyes of the blind, make the deaf to hear, the dumb to talk, and the lame to walk. His healing and preaching were simultaneous.

His activity as a healer was not just a healer of bodies, but of souls and the one who can forgive sins. No one can read the Gospels without seeing how Jesus is healing on practically every page – forgiving sins, healing souls and bodies, making peoples’ lives whole again. And, of course, the ultimate healing is the restoration to life of the four-days-dead Lazarus. Jesus has the power to heal. For example, Luke says, “On one of those days, as he was teaching, there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was with him to heal” (Luke 5:17).

Faith is necessary in order for healing to occur. Mark’s Gospel says even Jesus Himself could not do certain healings and signs in certain places because the people there had no faith; they were not open to the healing power of God; they rejected it, not wanting to be saved. Healings are connected with salvation and faith, since the ultimate healing is eternal salvation in the coming Kingdom of God. Therefore, any type of physical healing is always a function of spiritual healing. Physical healing is never an end in itself; it is for the greater purpose of salvation. In Greek, the word *soteria*, “salvation,” can also mean “victory” or even “healing.” It represents victory over diseases, demons, darkness and death. The healing, victory, and salvation Christ brings are bound together; they are indivisible.

Jesus Christ is the Physician of our souls and bodies and has the healing power of God Himself. The Father has given everything to the Son, from all eternity. And so, when Jesus is on earth, He does acts of healing. But He never does them just to show off. He always does them to show the power of God. Jesus Christ is the Healer, the one and only Physician of souls and bodies, who heals, who saves, who makes whole, and who brings victory. Ultimate healing, salvation, wholeness, and victory can only be found in Him, in the age to come. Until then, healing is not an end in itself. It is for the glory of God and the salvation of souls – our own and those of others. This is a great mystery, but it is the ancient, scriptural, and traditional teaching of Orthodox Christianity.

*From The Names of Jesus by Fr. Thomas Hopko*