



ST. GREGORY

PALAMAS

March 15th, 2020
St Gregory Palamas
Second Sunday of Lent

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

“You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.” But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

At that time, the Lord entered Capernaum and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Madalyn Schulte
- 5th - Nicole Fischer
- 6th - Larry Don Meier
- 6th - Fr. Stephen - Priest Ordination Anniversary
- 8th - Jedidiah Leithead
- 9th - Chris Dumler
- 9th - Harold & Dee Eurich
- 10th - Brilee Herron
- 11th - Polly Mikita
- 12th - Butch Sakala
- 13th - Robin Mikita
- 15th - Fr. Stephen - Deacon Ordination Anniversary
- 17th - LeAnn Perry
- 17th - Ashlynn Stevens
- 18th - Riggin Fuchs
- 23rd - Daelynn Roswold
- 25th - Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Ken and Shelly Stevens
- 31st - Alexander Baril

SERVICES

- Presanctified Liturgy - 6:00 PM (20th)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (21st)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (22nd)
- Mission Vespers @ Arch. Michael - 6:00 PM (22nd)

WISDOM

“The soul is greater than the body: the body becomes sick, and with that it is finished. But a spiritual sickness extends into eternity. Deliver us, O lord, from such illness, and grant us healing.

- St. Macarius

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Announcement

Glory to Jesus Christ!

First, if you have not yet read following statements put out by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, as well as His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, please do so:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/holy-synod-issues-statement-on-coronavirus-outbreak>

<https://www.dowoca.org/2020/03/11/coronavirus-message-of-his-emminence-archbishop-benjamin/>

Second, after every service, we will be wiping down with sanitizing wipes all touched surfaces both in the Church and the Hall (door knobs, counters, tables, icons, etc.)

Due to limited availability, we have not been able to purchase sanitizer or additional wipes for some time. If you are willing/able to donate some to the church, please let me know.

Third, I also ask each of you specifically:

1. if you feel any flu-like symptoms, please self-quarantine at home and let me know so we can pray for your health and salvation
2. if you fall into one of the higher risk categories and/or are more susceptible to the virus, please consider staying at home in an abundance of caution
3. limit physical contact and proximity for the next several weeks; kissing the priest's hand, shaking hands, etc.
4. kissing the icons is not a requirement; if you feel more comfortable doing so, bow before icons, or wipe the icons before & after you kiss with sanitizing wipes

Fourth, all our youth events for the rest of March and April are on hold for a later date.

Finally at this time, there is no intention to cancel any services or coffee hour. Rather, I urge all of us to pray more heartily in this time of distress for our entire community, offer aid to those who are in need (only if you are able), and believe Christ and His Holy Church is where we need to turn for comfort and healing. That being said, both as stated previously and specifically within context of our community, we need to love and care for one another, and given the quickly changing and high impact nature of this particular threat, let us strive to work together in peace and love for the building up of the Body of Christ, even if that means taking a step back from our established practices. May Christ our True God have mercy on us all!

With love in Christ,
Fr. Stephen

GoFundMe for Steve Wilson

Please consider giving to Steve Wilson, a student at Simla who is fighting a flesh-eating disease's GoFundMe. He is a player on Dave Guy's basketball team, an upstanding young man of the community, and his family would greatly benefit from any donation we can provide. Please be generous in helping Steve fight this terrible disease: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/give-for-stevenhealing-from-flesh-eating-bacteria>

Special Parish Council Today

We will be having a quick parish council meeting after Liturgy in the Church. Council members, please take note.

Mission Vespers Schedule

Please note we will be having our annual Mission Vespers services during Great Lent. We will again be hosting the final Sunday of Lent on April 5th. A flyer has been posted in the Hall and in the Narthax. Here is the schedule for this year:

15th: St. Michael (801 W Summit Ave, Pueblo)

22nd: Archangel Michael (2215 Paseo Rd, Colorado Springs)

8th: St. John the Baptist (1010 Spruce St, Pueblo)

April 5th: St. Mary's Holy Dormition

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar. 25th - Annunciation (Fr. Stephen Out of Town)

Apr. 11th - Lazarus Saturday Liturgy (9:00 AM)

Apr. 12th - Palm Sunday Liturgy (9:30 AM)

Apr. 13th-18th - Holy Week

Apr. 18th - Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:00 AM)

Apr. 18th - PASCHA Services (10:30 PM)

Apr. 19th - Agape Vespers (11:00 AM)

May 28th - Ascension Liturgy (8:00 AM)

Jun. 7th - Pentecost Liturgy (9:30 AM)

Jun. 29th - St. Peter & Paul Liturgy (8:00 AM)

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