



March 1st, 2026
1st Sunday of Great Lent — Tone 5
Sunday of Orthodoxy

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2 (Epistle 329-ctr)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 (Gospel 5)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." (*continued on back*)

Many Years!

anniversaries

9th - Harold & Dee Eurich

birthdays

3rd - Madalyn Schulte
 3rd - Cris Brooks
 4th - Zach Stevens
 5th - Nicole Fischer
 6th - Larry Don Meier
 8th - Jedidiah Leithead
 8th - Brileigh Gardner
 9th - Chris Dumler
 10th - Brilee Herron
 11th - Polly Mikita
 12th - Butch Sakala
 13th - Robin Mikita
 17th - LeAnn Perry
 17th - Ashlynn Stevens
 18th - Darla Leithead
 18th - Riggin Fuchs
 25th - Lacie Leithead
 31st - Alex Baril

Calendar

March 1st Mission Vespers
 — Sunday 6:00p
 (Holy Theophany, CO Springs)

March 4th Presanctified Liturgy
 — Wednesday 6:30p

March 6th Prayers for Rain | Study
 — Friday 6:30p

March 7th Vespers
 — Saturday 6:30p

March 8th Divine Liturgy
 — Sunday 9:30a

March 8th Mission Vespers
 — Sunday 6:00p
 (St. Mary's, Calhan)

(continued from front) Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Sunday of Orthodoxy

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 Theophilus, 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.

(If you have forgotten, or didn't know, to bring a personal icon to today's service, feel free to grab one from the wall in the church. It is customary on the Sunday of Orthodoxy to carry an icon in procession around the church.)

Troparion | Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion | Tone 2 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

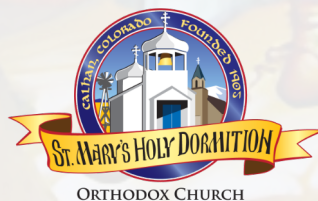
We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world."

Kontakion | Tone 8 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Kontakion | Tone 4 (Lenten Triodian)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart! O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!"



Prayer List

Living: Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman Combs & Family, Dcn. Tikhon Krueger & Family

Charlie, Anita, Chad, Jan, Harold, Libbie and the Infant Lawrence, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✕ Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant Adalynn, Nauvlet, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy.

Departed: Jack, Melvin, Alana

Those with child: Mka. Lindsey

Those who are confined: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Commemorations

Sunday of Orthodoxy, Martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis, Venerable Martyrius of Zelenets (Pskov), Martyrs Nestor, Tribimius, and those with them, Martyr Antonina of Nicea in Bithynia, Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony of Syria, Saint Domnina the Younger of Syria, Venerable Agapius of Vatopedi, Saint David Bishop of Wales

Sports!

Following the agape meal in the hall today, you are all warmly invited to the Calhan school gymnasium to begin the first in a weekly gathering of parish faithful for sporting activities. Begins at 1p and will repeat every Sunday until further notice. Come out for the fellowship!

Presanctified Liturgy

We will have Presanctified Liturgy, Every Wednesday during Lent, at 6:30p — followed by a Lenten potluck in the hall, please bring a dish to share!

Great Lent Classes

Sunday's after Liturgy through Lent, Fr. George will offer classes based on the book 'Great Lent' by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann.

Mission Vespers

Every Sunday evening during Lent we will travel to an Orthodox parish in the local area, for Mission Vespers. The first Mission Vespers will be held this evening (6:00p March 1st) at Holy Theophany in Colorado Springs. St. Mary's will host Mission Vespers the following week (6:00p March 8th). All Mission Vespers services will be served at 6:00p (Note: this is different than our usual evening service time).