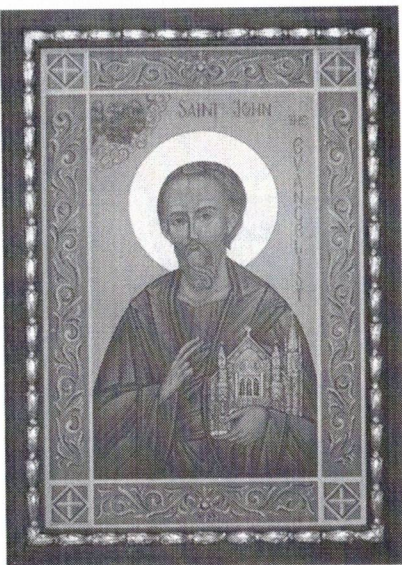




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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests praying with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Steven***

***The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental
part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith".
(Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who
have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or
are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and
then to take a piece of the blessed bread. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.***

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 07, 2024

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

MARTYR KALLIOPIOS OF CILICIA; REPOSE OF TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ENLIGHTENER OF NORTH AMERICA

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. Thou hast given to those that fear thee a sign, to flee from the bow.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord. *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and ever and unto ages of ages Amen. (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. *(Refrain)*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen..... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Feed them, and lift them up forever.

During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross (Third Sunday of Great Lent).

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN

Apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore to disperse the darkness of ignorance, and pray for peace and great mercy to be shown upon us

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (*thrice*) *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.* And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Dynamis! Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Third Sunday of Great Lent)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Great Lent)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual

APRIL Services

- April 7th Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Veneration of the Cross)
- April 13th Saturday—Great Vespers 5PM
- April 14th Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(John of the Ladder)
- April 17th Wed—Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ 6PM
- April 18th Thurs. Canon of St. Anrew of Crete & Life
of Mary of Egypt @ 6PM
- April 19th Friday -Little Compline with Akathist Canon
@ 6PM
- April 20th Saturday—Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM
Great Vespers 5PM
- April 21st Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Mary of Egypt)
- April 26th Friday— Compline w/Canon of Raising of
Lazarus @ 6PM
- April 27th Saturday — Divine Liturgy of Lazarus 9AM
Great Vespers of Palm Sunday @ 5PM
- April 28th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Palm Sunday)
Bridegroom Service 6PM
- April 29th Monday — Bridegroom Service 6PM
- April 30th Tuesday — Bridegroom Service 6PM
- May 1st Wed. — Holy Unction 6PM
- May 2nd Thurs. — Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil @ 9AM
Matins w/12 Passion Gospels @6PM
- May 3rd Friday — Great Royal Hours & Typika 9AM
Matins w/Lamentations @ 6PM
- May 4th Saturday — Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9AM
Resurrection (Rush) Service, Paschal
Orthos & Paschal Divine Liturgy @ 10PM
Fellowship in Hall after service-all invited!
- May 5th Sunday — Agape Vespers @ 12 Noon

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Evie, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Michael, John, Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, Perry, Adalena, Donald, William (Cancer), Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health), Yvonne, Leonard, Rhonda, Karen, Cindy, Immanuel, Gloria, Carlos, Josphine, and Alfie.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria, Janis, AP Moses, Raymond, Eleanor, Dn Innocent, and Patricia

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“THOUGHT FOR THE DAY”

You should secretly give from what you have to those in need, so that you receive from God, Who sees in secret, a hundred times more, as well as life eternal in the age to come. (cf. Mt. 6:4; Mk.10:30)

— St Gregory Palamas —

THE CROSS PROVIDES US SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

The Great Fast is a lengthy period of prayer, fasting and penance. It is a spiritual struggle that begins with great personal expectations and often ends with feelings of discouragement over that we perceive as a lack of accomplishment on our part.

The Church knows our weaknesses well. On the Third Sunday of Lent, to assist us in our attempt to travel the course of Lent in the proper manner, the Cross is placed before us as a powerful incentive for us to persevere in our quest for a fulfilling celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Today, our Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special way, so that we may be strengthened in spirit. It is significant for us to note that in the services prescribed for this day, almost no mention of the Cross is made as being an object of suffering and death. Instead, we speak of it today as a symbol of joy, victory and life. One of the hymns from Vespers for this Sunday proclaims: REJOICE, O LIFE-GIVING CROSS, MOST BEAUTIFUL PARADISE OF THE CHURCH, THE TREE OF IMMORTALITY WHICH GAVE US THE JOY OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

It is customary on the Third Sunday of Lent to carry out the Cross in solemn procession and place it on the tetrapod for veneration by the faithful. Join us as we sing: "COME, ALL YOU NATIONS, LET US EXTOL THE CROSS OF THE LORD WITH HYMNS OF PRAISE."

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