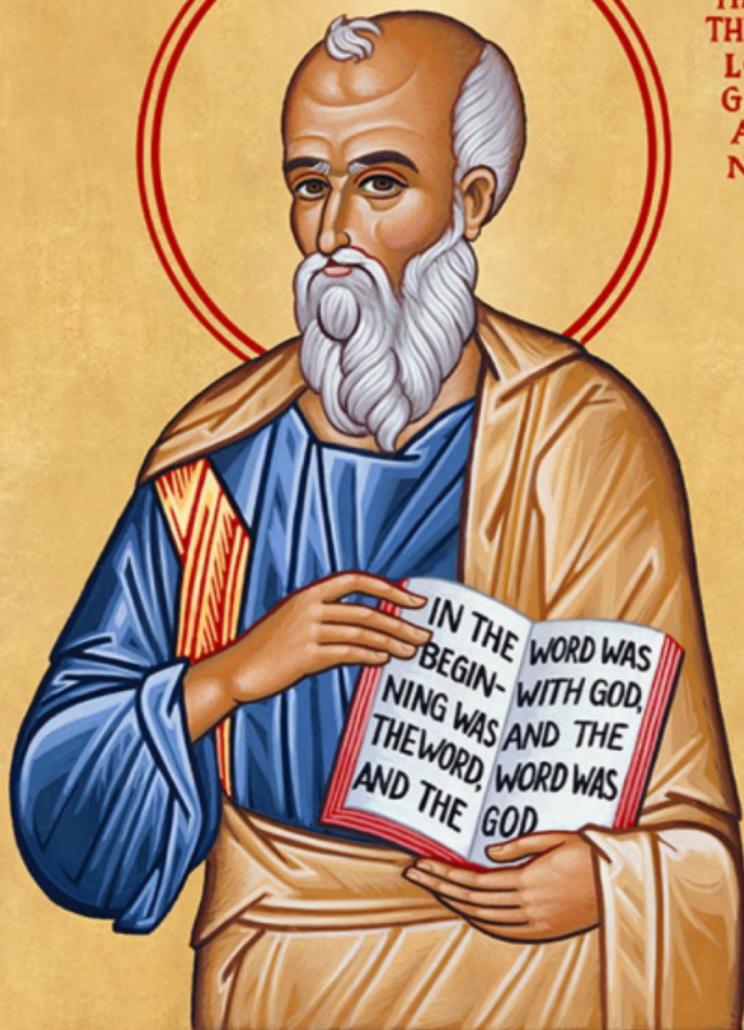


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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

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

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

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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2026

TONE 5 / EOTHINON 5

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)

**Venerable-martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis; Venerable Domnina of Syria;
Martyrs Markellos and Anthony of Pamphylia**

****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

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

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can cause all his praises to be heard? Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... (***Refrain***)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Let them praise the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

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

Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. (***Refrain***)

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to loosen the sons of the slain. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... **O, only begotten Son and Word of God...**

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

After the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the First Sunday of Great Lent.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (AND AKATHIST SATURDAY)

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.

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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.

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Procession of Icons will follow

“Blessed be the Name of the Lord” in the Divine Liturgy

On Sunday, Fr. Seraphim has placed Icons on the front pew for people to pick up as they enter the procession.

THE EPISTLE

(For the First Sunday of Great Lent)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Great Lent)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

FEBRUARY/MARCH SERVICES

FEB. 28TH. SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM

MAR. 1ST. SUNDAY— “SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY”

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

***PROCESSION OF THE ICONS* at end of Divine Liturgy**

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MAR. 4TH. WEDNESDAY

6PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by a light meal.

MAR. 6TH. FRIDAY

6PM Little Compline with Akathist Canon

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MAR. 7TH SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM

MAR. 8TH SUNDAY—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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MAR. 11TH. WEDNESDAY

6PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by a light meal.

MAR. 13TH FRIDAY

6PM Little Compline with Akathist Canon

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MAR. 14TH SATURDAY—GREAT VESPERS 5PM

MAR. 15TH SUNDAY — VENERATION OF THE CROSS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

COUNCIL MEETING AT 12 NOON

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MAR. 18TH. WEDNESDAY

6PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by a light meal.

MAR. 20TH FRIDAY

6PM Little Compline with Akathist Canon

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Holden, Justin, Levon, Aiden, and Kayla.

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Of all the Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the greatest teachers of spiritual life — St. Ephrem the Syrian. Here is the text:

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk,

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother;

For Thou are blessed unto ages of ages Amen.

Why does this short and simple prayer occupy such an important position in the entire Lenten worship? Because it enumerates in a unique way all the negative and positive elements of repentance and constitutes, so to speak, a checklist for our individual effort.”

(Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent)

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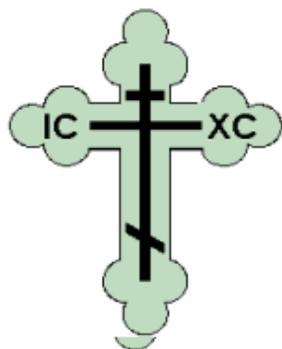
In 842 A.D. , the Council of Constantinople decreed that the first Sunday of Great Lent should annually be celebrated as the **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**. The purpose of this yearly commemoration is to draw attention to the triumph of the Church over the iconoclasts, who attempted to eliminate the use and veneration of sacred images in all public and private worship.

In recent years, it has become a tradition for Orthodox of all national and ethnic backgrounds to come together in prayer at special Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers. While attention is still given to the original intent prescribed for this day by means of moving processions with holy icons, it's scope has widened in significance. Today, we also pause to give thanks to God for our precious Orthodox Faith, which has carefully preserved the theological doctrinal and liturgical integrity of the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic church."

The 12 Apostles were entrusted by Christ, His faithful followers with the enormous task of establishing and preserving His Church. With Jesus Christ being the "Chief Cornerstone," the Apostles laid the foundation for the Church. Their total commitment to doing the work Christ assigned them to do enabled this divine institution to rapidly grow in size and in impact on the world. It is fitting that the 12 Apostles are remembered on this Sunday of Orthodoxy, for the truths that they carried to all nations are still proclaimed by the successors today. Indeed, *THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES!*

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