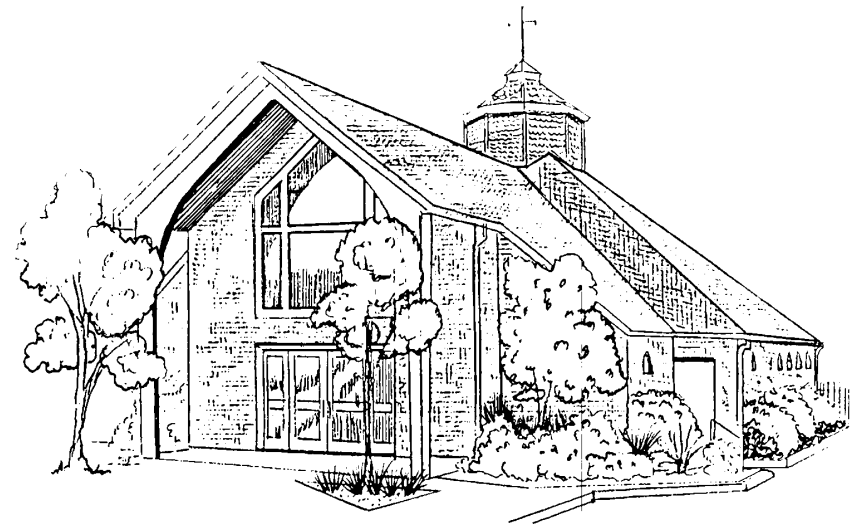


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**St. Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome**

He was the son of Senator Gordianus and afterward a senator himself and mayor of the city of Rome. As soon as his father died, Gregory surrendered himself to the spiritual life. From his wealth he built six monasteries in Sicily, and built a seventh in the city of Rome in honor of St. Andrew the Apostle, where he was tonsured a monk. Sylvia, his mother, entered a convent and was tonsured a nun. After the death of Pope Pelagius II, Gregory was chosen pope. He fled from this honor and authority, hiding himself in the mountains and ravines. Nevertheless, the Lord revealed him to those who were seeking him in the following manner: a fiery column arose from earth to heaven at the place where Gregory hid himself. He was exceptionally charitable. All of his income was used for building shelters and hospices for the needy. Often, he invited less fortunate men and served them at the table. He spent his time writing beneficial books. He is also called the Dialogist because he wrote a book called *The Dialogues*, in which he extolled the miracles of the Italian saints. He also composed the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, which is celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent. His Archdeacon Peter saw a dove flying above Gregory's head as he was seated writing. He presented himself to the Lord in the year 604 A.D.

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**March 12, 2023**  
**Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 1:10-14, 2:1-3

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 2:1-12

## Saints of the Day

Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane; Gregory the Dialogist, pope of Rome; Venerable Simeon the New Theologian; Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron the High Priest.

## A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, please plan to attend the annual parish membership meeting on Sunday, March 19. At that time, we will receive reports from Father Peter and the parish organizations. We will be voting on the annual budget. We will also be filling three vacancies on the Parish Council. **Dave Abramson** is retiring from the Council and as treasurer, creating a vacancy. We are very grateful for his many years of service. **Yordan Yordanov** and **Therese Dagher** have completed their first terms but would like to be considered for re-election. Accordingly, the Parish Council is nominating **Bill Harrison**, **Yordan** and **Therese** to fill the three vacancies. However, nominations can be made from the floor providing the person nominated is in good standing

and is willing to serve for three years. To vote, you must be a member of the parish for one year, in good sacramental and financial standing with the Church and have completed the Parish Registration/Pledge Form. Thank God for our Church – Rob Booms.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn (2<sup>nd</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Akathist Hymn (3<sup>rd</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers/Akathist Hymn (4<sup>th</sup> Stasis), 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.  
Friday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.  
Friday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> – Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



A terrible earthquake struck parts of Turkey and Syria on February 6, 2023. As of this writing, over 45,000 lives have been lost. The Turkish city of Antakya was nearly destroyed, including its principal Orthodox church. We know the city by its earlier name, Antioch. Along with Rome and Alexandria, it was one of the three great capitals of the Roman Empire. The term “Christians” was first used there to describe our Lord’s followers. St. Paul and St. Barnabas formed the first church in Antioch and preached there for a year. St. Peter established the first bishopric. The historic cave church in which he preached apparently survived the earthquake,

saved by the mountain from which it was carved. In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea elevated the Antiochian church to a Patriarchy. It remained headquartered in Antioch until 1342 A.D when it moved to Damascus, Syria. It's sad to see such a place of historic significance forever changed. However, Antiochian Orthodox Christians continue to worship under the leadership of our Patriarch JOHN X and soon-to-be Metropolitan SABA. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering and grieving. Our parishioners gave over \$1,700 to the victims of the earthquake. May the Orthodox church in Antioch rise from the dust and restore its holy places.

Blessings be upon your Lenten season---Theo

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### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“A fool’s lips bring strife, and his mouth invites a flogging.” Proverbs 18:6

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

Parents and teachers please note there is no Church School on Sunday March 19, and April 9 and 16

**The traditional fasting discipline** of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and Palm Sunday.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the 30+ years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and

return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then please make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

**Lenten potluck meals** shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

On Monday, April 3, His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS will visit us. A Lenten potluck luncheon will be served at 11:30 A.M. At 6 P.M. that evening, we shall have a Lenten potluck dinner. Please join us for one of those meals as we receive our beloved bishop.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.

To offset the team members expenses for coffee hour, the team leaders are asking for one-dollar donations from adults for each coffee hour to cover the expenses for plates, bowls, forks, spoons, knives, cups, etc. They continue to generously provide us with snack/lunch items at no expense to us. Donations by check should be made payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Thank you for your assistance in making this happen. God bless you.

**Today’s Coffee Hour:** Team 2. Thank you.    **Next Week:** Team 3.

**Today’s Usher:** Pam Nugent    **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar & Naheel Rafeedie

**Epistle Reader:** Yazmin Incaprera