

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS - SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

VENERABLE GERASIMOS OF THE JORDAN; SAINT GREGORY OF CYPRUS
MARTYRS: PAUL & HIS SISTER JULIANA, KODRATOS, AKAKIOS, AND STRATONIKOS

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Sermon: Who Can Forgive Sins?

Orthros

Tone: Six

Sixth Eothinon: Luke 24:36-53

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 (pg. 138)

Gospel: 2:1-12 (pg. 139)

Epistle Reader: Angelica Sotiriou Rausch

Prophora: Terry Corkos

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Vicki Cerrito, Thalia Dimitri, Annamarie Sylvia

Parish Council: Philip Rausch, Alex Goumas, Craig Brothers

Memorials: JoAnn Kefalas, 40 days Patricia Ballas, 1 year; Katherine Kokenes, 2 years; Bill Ballas, 9 years
Antonios Drakakis, 20 years; Zoe Ballas 14 years; Andrew Vasila, 14 years

Organ Selections: *Collection*: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (H. L. Hassler) *Dismissal*: Meditation (R. Schaab)

Altar Boys Team: One

Next Week's Team: Two

Parish Schedule for the Week March 4, 2018

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Sunday, March 4	Orthros Divine Liturgy Sunday School GOBL Home Game (vs. St. Sophia)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM
Monday, March 5	Compline & Confessions	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 6	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 7	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Confessions Boys Basketball Practice	10:00 AM 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 8	Girls Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, March 9	Pre-sanctified Liturgy & Confessions Hellenic Culture Program Greek School 3 rd Salutations Service	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 10 (Daylight Savings begins at 2AM!)	Greek Language School	9:30 AM

Sponsored Coffee Hour – May their memory be eternal:

Today's coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of Patti Ballas by the Ballas Family; in loving memory of JoAnn Kefalas by the Kefalas Family; and in loving memory of Antonios Drakakis by the Drakakis-Iliopoulos Family.

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Six): Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. And from the dead You arose Lord, we give glory to You.

Book your Lenten confession without delay:

Lent and confession go hand in hand. Fr. Michael will hear confessions (by appointment only) after services on Monday evenings and Wednesday & Friday mornings. To book your appointment please call the church office.

Fasting... YES! Fainting... NO!! Let our Physicians Ministry help protect you from the rigors of the Fast:

Our Saint Katherine's Physicians Ministry has prepared a very helpful pamphlet on safe fasting practices. Please visit the brochure rack and avail yourself to the great information presented in this "safe fasting" publication.

Adult Religious Education – Come and learn about your Orthodox Faith:

Demetrios Wilson will be resuming Bible Study immediately after Presanctified Liturgy starting on Wednesday, March 14. The class will resume with Old Testament history and the study of the prophets of the Southern Kingdom. Please bring a vegan dish we can all enjoy at our weekly Lenten Potluck. Starting next Sunday, March 11, Demetrios will begin offering a weekly Adult Catechism/Orthodox Theology class (during the Sunday School hour.) All are welcome to attend, especially those preparing for baptism/chrisamation into the Holy Orthodox Church. Both classes will be held in the Fotion Fellowship Hall.

Speakers unite at the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival – Sunday, March 18:

Topic choices will be available today in both the junior & senior high classrooms. Mr. Don Frazier will once again be available to assist speakers with the writing and presentation of speeches. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in this festival. Public speaking skills will be useful throughout your public and professional lives.

GOBL Home Game TODAY!

It's that time of the year... March Madness and the like. Our own Greek Orthodox Basketball League is also in full swing. Today our teams are hosting cross-town rivals, Saint Sophia! Please stick around and cheer our teams on!

St. Katherine Foundation 2018 Scholarship packets still available in the church office:

Please give yourself enough time to meet the *April 11* deadline (*5PM sharp!*) Awards ceremony will be on May 20.

Greek Independence Day and Annunciation Luncheon & Program – Sunday, March 25:

The Greek Language Program invites you to a delicious luncheon and spirited program in honor of this "double feast" for the Greek nation. A fish or pasta meal will be offered. \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6 and older. To reserve your seats contact Maria Polson at GreekSchool.StKatherine@gmail.com, or Mary Pruitt at pruitt@usc.edu.

Hellenic Culture Program Meeting and Potluck Luncheon – This Friday, March 9 at 11AM:

Join us for fellowship, a Lenten Potluck meal and an interesting talk by Connie Constant who will speak on the wisdom in the old Greek proverbs passed down to us, most probably from our mothers.

Seniors Meeting – Next Tuesday, March 13 – All are welcome to join us for fun, fellowship and information:

It will be fun and games after our short meeting... try your luck at several calls of BINGO! Dr. Jim Dimitriou will inform us about current events in Greece. Being the Lenten season, our chef Chris Loukatos will prepare for us a delicious Lenten meal. Bring a prospective member and lunch will be "on us" for both you and your guest.

Ionian Village Announces 2018 "Summer Camp" & "IV Next" Programs – Scholarships Available:

2018 summer camping program (for grades 9-12) offers two sessions: *Summer Travel Camp* (June 15-July 4 & July 15-Aug 3). Program participants will travel across Greece, venerate the relics of saints, walk in the footsteps of the Apostles, and visit significant sites of Greek history and culture; returning home with strengthened faith and a greater appreciation for the Church and Greek culture. New for 2018 is *IV Next* (May 31-June 11) the only travel-based program for young adults (ages 19-28) that has our Greek Orthodox faith as a core tenet of the program. *IV Next* combines professional development, international travel, and the Orthodox Faith into one all-inclusive program. In addition to excursions to the cornerstones of Greek heritage, participants will also engage in discussions about career goals, the financial realities of being a millennial, and how to successfully incorporate our Orthodox Faith into everyday business life. *IV Next* is fully funded by Leadership 100. Apply online at www.ionianvillage.org.