

# Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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**March 11, 2012**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 6. St.**

**Gregory Palamas.**

## **Troparion (Tone 6)**

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive, // not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

## **Troparion (Tone 8)**

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

## **Kontakion (Tone 4)**

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors! So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:

“Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, // so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!”

## **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since you now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, // so that we may sing to you: “Rejoice, preacher of grace!”

## **Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Living:** Lena Robovitsky, Bobby, David, Nina, Anna McCartney, Veronica McCafferty, John Donohue, Neil and Sandra Hourahan, David Albrecht, Patterson family, Pellack family, Witiak family, Priest Sergius [roof fund]. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

**Departed:** Rdr. Leonty Macalush, Helen Spack, Pellack family members. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**



## **Upcoming Services**

Wed.	Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.
Friday	Akathist, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, <b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy</i>

### **Hebrews 1:10-2:3**

And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

### **Mark 2:1-12**

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone? But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – He said to the paralytic, I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

### **Announcements**

#### Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

#### Centennial Team

Please see Debbie Kavalkovich if you would like to serve on the team preparing for our centennial next year.

#### Lenten Calendars

Please note that the Lenten calendars are now available. These calendars will also be posted online on our website.

#### Special Collection March 18

Fr. Adam Sexton, his wife Angie, and eight children lost their rectory in Nanticoke due to fire recently. As such, His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, has asked all parishes to provide a special collection on March 18 to assist Fr. Adam and family. Moreover, if you would like to give on an individual basis, note that a fund has been established. You can send your checks, made out to "St John the Baptist in Nanticoke Relief Fund," to the Diocesan Center, 144 St. Tikhon's Rd. Waymart, PA 18472.

### **Weekly Financial Statement (02.26.12)**

Attendance: 31

Money In: \$1901.00

Money Out: -\$4108.95

Net Total: -\$2207.95

This Sunday was originally dedicated to St Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23). After his glorification in 1368, a second commemoration of St Gregory Palamas (November 14) was appointed for the Second Sunday of Great Lent as a second "Triumph of Orthodoxy."