

## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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### Sunday Bulletin, March 24, 2019

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. TONE 2. ST. GREGORY PALAMAS.  
FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION. VEN. ZACHARISH THE RECLUSE.  
ST. ARTEMIOUS, BISHOP OF SELEUCIA. ST. JAMES THE CONFESSOR,  
BISHOP OF CATANIA. VEN. ZACHARISH, ASCETIC, OF THE KIEV CAVES.**

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#### Service Schedule:

Sunday, Mar 24: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)  
Monday, Mar 25: 6 PM Vespers Liturgy for the Annunciation.  
Wednesday, Mar 27: 6 PM Presanctified Liturgy. Confession from 5 PM to 5:30 PM.  
Friday, Mar 29: 6 PM Akathist to Mary. Confession following  
Saturday, Mar 30: 5 PM Great Vespers. Confession following.  
Sunday, Mar 31: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

#### Remember in Your Prayers...

**Health / General:** Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Steve Pregrim, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Matushka Mary Lynn, Lillian Kite & Paulette Ezbiansky.

**Memory Eternal:** Helena Wozniak.

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#### Offerings:

**Vigil Lights: In Memory of:** Marie Horek by Al Horek; Diane Yacopchak by Marie Pasternak

**Vigil Lights: For the Health of:** David Gabriel Cushner (Blessing on Baptism) by Marie Pasternak; George Taylor by Helen & Tammy Wytovich.

**Parastas: In Memory of:** Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich (4/16).

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**Announcements:**(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

**St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry:** The food pantry will be open Thursday, (4/4) and Saturday, (4/20) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: Kris Mitchell & Anonymous

**Confession:** All parishioners should make every effort go to confession during Lent prior to Palm Sunday (April 21). See the handout on "The brief confession from St. Demetrius of Rostov".

**St. Tikhon's Memorial Day weekend:** Will be held from Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. Tikhon's Monastery. Please see the bulletin board for the Pilgrimage schedule.

#### **Lenten Mission Services will start at 4 PM:**

March	24	St. Gregory Palamas	Holy Trinity	Wilkes-Barre
March	31	Sunday of the Cross	Holy Annunciation	Berwick
April	7	St. John Climacus	St. Nicholas	Olyphant
April	14	St. Mary of Egypt	Saints Peter & Paul	Uniondale

## **Today's Holy Scripture Readings:**

### **Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)**

10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

11 They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment;

12 like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail."

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

3 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 (Gospel)**

1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.

2 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.

3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.

4 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.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 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?"

9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic,

11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

12 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!"

## **Commemoration of the Miracle at the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev**

Two friends, John and Sergius, swore brotherhood before the icon of the holy Mother of God in this monastery. John was a rich man, with a five year old son, Zachariah. John fell ill, and at his death commanded his son to the care of Sergius, and left in Sergius's keeping a large sum of silver and gold for him to hand over to Zachariah when he had grown up. When Zachariah came of age, however, Sergius denied receiving anything from the deceased John. Then Zachariah said: 'Let him swear before the same icon of the most holy Mother of God, in front of which he accepted brotherhood with my late father, that he received nothing from John, and then I will seek nothing more from him.' Sergius agreed, but when he had sworn this and went up to kiss the icon, some force held him back and would not allow him to come near. Then, tormented all at once by a demon, he began to cry out: 'Holy Fathers Anthony and Theodosius, do not let this merciless angel destroy me!' The demon had attacked him by God's permission. He then told them of all the money which John had left. But when they opened the box, they found double the amount. Taking it, Zachariah gave it to the monastery and was himself tonsured as a monk. He lived a long time and was worthy of God's great gifts, entering peacefully into eternity.

The Prologue from Ochrid. Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic. Vol. 1, Pp 322-323.