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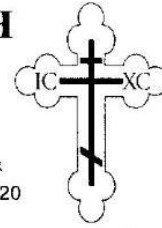
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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6.

St. Gregory Palamas. Welcome Fr. John Chudik.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests – Welcome to St. Raphael Orthodox Church.

We are thankful for your visit and for praying with us. Please join us for Brunch at Myrrhbearers Hall following Divine Liturgy. We would like to get to know you. Please sign our Guest Book!

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK		We are asking parishioners to please respect the fact that Fr. Sergius is on medical leave and not try to contact him. He is to be fully away from the church at this time. He is not answering his phone or reading texts or emails sent from parishioners, as is required.	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS	
Sun.:	Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Gregory Palamas with Fr. John Chudik		Mon:	Isaiah 8:13-9:7, Genesis 6:9-22, Proverbs 8:1-21
Thu.:	Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Tue:	Isaiah 9:9-10:4, Genesis 7:1-15, Proverbs 8:32-9:11
Fri.:	Akathist to the Theotokos 4:00 PM		Wed:	Isaiah 10:12-20, Genesis 7:6-9, Proverbs 9:12-18
Sat.:	Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Thu:	Isaiah 11:10-12:2, Genesis 7:11-8:3, Proverbs 10:1-22
			Fri:	Isaiah 13:2-13, Genesis 8:4-21, Proverbs 10:31-11:12
			Sat:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, John 5:24-30, Hebrews 10:32-38, Mark 2:14-17

+EPISTLE+ (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 had 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.

Choir Practice - Sunday 9:00 AM and Monday 2:30 PM)

+GOSPEL+ (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!"

LENTEN SOUP SALE CONTINUES! The Holy Myrrhbearers are selling frozen quart containers of home-made soup suitable for the Lenten season for \$5 each.

Check with Margaret Wagner to see what varieties are available each week.

EASTER QUILT RAFFLE CONTINUES! Helen Kaimer has handcrafted a beautiful full/queen bed quilt in shades of lavender and purple which could also be used as a wall hanging. The Myrrhbearer quilt raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. See Helen Kaimer for raffle tickets. Winner will be drawn on Palm Sunday.

EASTER BASKET RAFFLE KICKS OFF! The Holy Myrrhbearers are assembling an Easter basket filled with traditional Paschal foods like ham, bacon, kielbasa, horseradish, salt, butter, colored eggs, bread, cheese, wine & a Pascha candle.

Tickets are \$2 each, three for \$5, or seven for \$10. See Nancy Kinley for tickets.

THE GIFTS-MAR. 8		VIGIL CANDLES - MARCH 8
<p>Attendance 59</p> <p>Regular Offerings 725</p> <p>Candles 156</p> <p>Brunch 40</p>		<p><u>Margaret & Ken Wagner</u> - Memory of our son Michael, Gerard, Mary. Health of Roberta, Sue, Jennie, Barbara, George.</p> <p><u>Nikolai</u> - Health of Nikolai's family.</p> <p><u>Nancy Kinley</u> - Health of Bill, Julianna, Jakob, Zoe, James, Dolores, Fr. Sergious, Judy, Paul, Peter, Nick & Pat.</p>
<p>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</p>	<p>New St. Raphael Church Directories are in the Narthex</p>	<p><u>Nick Berick</u> - Health of Helen, Lydia, Douglas, Elaine, Alice, Nick & Pat, Nancy, Mary Ann H., Linda L., Margaret, Isidora, Diane.</p> <p><u>Stanley Vandergrift</u> - In memory of Rose Marie.</p>

✠ CLEANSING OUR SOUL AND BODY ✠

Once again, the time of Great Lent is upon us, when every Orthodox Christian will enter an intense period of spiritual discipline. During these 40 days, the Church implores us to do certain things:

FASTING: At this time, we will be called upon to Fast. It must be understood, however, that fasting means more than merely abstaining from meat and dairy products. Fasting also means a strict curtailment of our social activities. We are reminded "earthly pleasures" can easily interfere with our concentration on the Passion of our Lord. The term "fasting" applies as well to having a stricter control over our thoughts, words and deeds.

PRAYING: During Lent, a great emphasis is placed upon Prayer. Special services, such as the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the Akathist to the Mother of God provide us with the liturgical means of becoming closer to our Saviour as we approach Pascha.

REPENTING: Above all, we will be asked to Repent during the Lenten Season, and to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist as we prepare to proclaim His Resurrection at the conclusion of our 40-day journey. We must all obey Christ's command given to His Apostles at the Mystical Supper: Do this in remembrance of Me.

While Great Lent is often characterized by its dark liturgical colors and mournful hymns, we must remember the words of one of the sticheras from Forgiveness Vespers: "Let us enter the season of Lent in the spirit of joy, giving ourselves to spiritual strife, cleansing our soul and body as we limit our food, living on the virtues of the spirit, rejoicing all the while with spiritual joy."

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