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## FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

March 8, 2020

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Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle)

John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

**TODAY** **Sunday of Orthodoxy;** St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (†842-845); Ven. Lazarus (†1391) and Athanasius (†15<sup>TH</sup> c.), of Múrom; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (†1<sup>ST</sup> c.); Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (†4<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Dometius (†363); The "Kursk-Root" Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos.

READERS: *Hours:* Marlo PERRY; *Epistle:* Maria LLAMAS

GREETER: Deacon DAVID

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy & Memorial** for: Matushka Ruth KUCHTA (†March 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2012) followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

6:30 pm **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers** *St. George Antiochian OC 1220 S 60<sup>TH</sup> Court, Cicero, IL*

### Wednesday, March 11

6:30 pm **Presanctified Liturgy** *All Saints Greek Orthodox Church 102 N Broadway St., Joliet, IL*

### Saturday, March 14

9:00 am **Memorial Liturgy**

4:20 pm Confession

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

**Sunday, March 15** **2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Lent; Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas;** Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra; Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius, and two named Alexander, at Cæsarea in Palestine (†303); Hieromartyr Alexander of Side, in Pamphylia (†270-275); Martyr Nicander of Egypt (ca. †302).

READERS: *Hours:* Marlo PERRY; *Epistle:* Maria LLAMAS

GREETER: Andy HAUG

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

6:00 pm **Lenten Vespers** *St. Joseph Church 412 Crescent St., Wheaton, IL*

**MANY THANKS TO** KUCHTA family for hosting this mornings fellowship hour.

**ALTAR CANDLES** Today, on Sunday, March 8<sup>TH</sup> the altar candles are sponsored by the KUCHTA family in memory of Matushka Ruth KUCHTA. *Remember, altar candles are available for purchase.*

### **YOUR GIFTS LAST WEEK**

Last week's income \$

Weekly Income Budget \$

YTD Income \$

YTD to Budget \$

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS & RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** Please check when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board.

**SCRIP** is available at every Sunday Fellowship Hour.

**PASTORAL MINISTRY** Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

**OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS** 1018 Barber Ln., Joliet, IL 60435-2918

**CELEBRATION OF BOOKS** Thousands of Orthodox books and Icons will be on display for all to browse and purchase for their library. Bookstore Hours 10am-2pm.

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S Wolf Rd., Westchester, IL.

Sunday, March 15<sup>TH</sup> at 8pm Presentation: **Growing Healthy Churches** Fr. Theodore Dorrance

Tuesday, March 17<sup>TH</sup> at 8pm Presentation: **Making Home a Little Church** Fr. Harry Pappas

Thursday, March 19<sup>TH</sup> at 8pm Presentation: **Overcoming Infertility, Struggles & Despair** Dr. Nicole Roccas

**CHICAGO DEANERY LENTEN VESPERS** All services begin at 6:00 pm. Fellowship with refreshments follow.

- Sunday, March 22<sup>ND</sup> — St. Panteleimon Church 7549 W 61<sup>ST</sup> Pl., Summit, IL
- Sunday, March 29<sup>TH</sup> — St. Nicholas Church 1018 Barber Ln., Joliet, IL
- Sunday, April 5<sup>TH</sup> — Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church 2505 S 30<sup>TH</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI
- Palm Sunday, April 12<sup>TH</sup> — Bridegroom Matins Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N Leavitt St., Chicago, IL

**MANY YEARS...** *Happy Birthday* to Vladimir SHILTSEV on March 14<sup>TH</sup> & Polina STUDIOVA on March 15<sup>TH</sup>

**May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Arthur COOK Tom KOMPARE Richard JOVANOVIH Frank WHALEN Lubov SIROTUK Lydia ODOM Jose FELIX  
Katherina BRADLEY Georgia PATTEN Matthew FIGURA June BRADLEY Peggy BENNETH Kathy HANNEMAN John SUTKO

**Today Epistle** (Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2)

Brethren... By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Today Gospel** (John 1:43-51)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**Апостол Дня** (Евреям 11:24-26, 32-12:2)

Братия... Верою Моисей, придя в возраст, отказался называться сыном дочери фараоновой, и лучше захотел страдать с народом Божиим, нежели иметь временное греховное наслаждение, и поношение Христово почел большим для себя богатством, нежели Египетские сокровища; ибо он взирал на воздаяние. И что еще скажу? Недостанет мне времени, чтобы повествовать о Гедеоне, о Вараке, о Самсоне и Иеффаве, о Давиде, Самуиле и (других) пророках, которые верою побеждали царства, творили правду, получали обетования, заграждали уста львов, угашали силу огня, избегали острия меча, укреплялись от немощи, были крепки на войне, прогоняли полки чужих; жены получали умерших своих воскресшими; иные же замучены были, не приняв освобождения, дабы получить лучшее воскресение; другие испытали поругания и побои, а также узы и темницу, были побиваемы камнями, перепиливаемы, подвергаемы пытке, умирали от меча, скитались в милотях и козьих кожах, терпя недостатки, скорби, озлобления; те, которых весь мир не был достоин, скитались по пустыням и горам, по пещерам и ущельям земли. И все сии, свидетельствованные в вере, не получили обещанного, потому что Бог предусмотрел о нас нечто лучшее, дабы они не без нас достигли совершенства. Посему и мы, имея вокруг себя такое облако свидетелей, свергнем с себя всякое бремя и запинаящий нас грех и с терпением будем проходить предлежащее нам поприще, взирая на начальника и совершителя веры Иисуса, Который, вместо предлежавшей Ему радости, претерпел крест, пренебрегши посрамление, и воссел одесную престола Божия.

**Евангелие Дня** (Иоанна 1:43-51)

На другой день Иисус восхотел идти в Галилею, и находит Филиппа и говорит ему: иди за Мною. Филипп же был из Вифсаиды, из одного города с Андреем и Петром. Филипп находит Нафанаила и говорит ему: мы нашли Того, о Котором писали Моисей в законе и пророки, Иисуса, сына Иосифова, из Назарета. Но Нафанаил сказал ему: из Назарета может ли быть что доброе? Филипп говорит ему: поиди и посмотри. Иисус, увидев идущего к Нему Нафанаила, говорит о нем: вот подлинно Израильтянин, в котором нет лукавства. Нафанаил говорит Ему: почему Ты знаешь меня? Иисус сказал ему в ответ: прежде нежели позвал тебя Филипп, когда ты был под смоковницею, Я видел тебя. Нафанаил отвечал Ему: Равви! Ты Сын Божий, Ты Царь Израилев. Иисус сказал ему в ответ: ты веришь, потому что Я тебе сказал: Я видел тебя под смоковницею; увидишь больше сего. И говорит ему: истинно, истинно говорю вам: отныне будете видеть небо отверстым и Ангелов Божиих восходящих и нисходящих к Сыну Человеческому.