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## SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

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Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)

Mark 2:1-12 (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 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**

### Thursday, March 17

6:30 pm Parish Board Meeting

### Wednesday, March 18

6:00 pm Confession

6:30 pm **Presanctified Liturgy**

### Saturday, March 21

9:00 am **Memorial Liturgy**

4:20 pm Confession

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

**Sunday, March 22** **3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent; Veneration of the Cross**; Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (†362-363); Martyr Drosida, daughter of Emperor Trajan (†1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup> c.); Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (†4<sup>TH</sup> c.); Monastic Martyr Euthymius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—†1814).

READERS: *Hours*: Marlo PERRY; *Epistle*: Sevasti BERGSTROM

GREETER: Greg GRABAVOY

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy**

### Wednesday, March 25 **The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy**

6:30 pm **Presanctified Liturgy**

*St. George Serbian Orthodox Church 300 Stryker Ave, Joliet, IL*

### **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

**Hierarchical Presanctified Liturgy** His Grace Bishop PAUL, will join the faithful of St. Nicholas parish for the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 18<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30pm. We will also be joined by the clergy and faithful from St. George Serbian Orthodox Church and All Saints Greek Orthodox Church.

**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 schedule of Chicago Deanery Sunday lenten evening services has been cancelled for lenten season of this year.

**MANY YEARS...** Happy Birthday to 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 JOVANOVICH 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 1:10-2:3)**

Brethren... "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.

**Today 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!"

**Апостол Дня (Евреям 1:10-2:3)**

Братия... В начале Ты, Господи, основал землю, и небеса - дело рук Твоих; они погибнут, а Ты пребываешь; и все обветшают, как риза, и как одежду свернешь их, и изменятся; но Ты тот же, и лета Твои не кончатся. Кому когда из Ангелов сказал Бог: седи одесную Меня, доколе положу врагов Твоих в подножие ног Твоих? Не все ли они суть служебные духи, посылаемые на служение для тех, которые имеют наследовать спасение? Посему мы должны быть особенно внимательны к слышанному, чтобы не отпасть. Ибо, если через Ангелов возвещенное слово было твердо, и всякое преступление и непослушание получало праведное воздаяние, то как мы избежим, вознерадев о толиком спасении, которое, быв сначала проповедано Господом, в нас утвердилось слышавшими от Него.

**Евангелие Дня (Марк 2:1-12)**

Через несколько дней опять пришел Он в Капернаум; и слышно стало, что Он в доме. Тотчас собрались многие, так что уже и у дверей не было места; и Он говорил им слово. И пришли к Нему с расслабленным, которого несли четверо; и, не имея возможности приблизиться к Нему за многолюдством, раскрыли кровлю дома, где Он находился, и, прокопав ее, спустили постель, на которой лежал расслабленный. Иисус, видя веру их, говорит расслабленному: "чадо! прощаются тебе грехи твои." Тут сидели некоторые из книжников и помышляли в сердцах своих: "что Он так богохульствует? кто может прощать грехи, кроме одного Бога?" Иисус, тотчас узнав духом Своим, что они так помышляют в себе, сказал им: "для чего так помышляете в сердцах ваших? Что легче? сказать ли расслабленному: прощаются тебе грехи? или сказать: встань, возьми свою постель и ходи? Но чтобы вы знали, что Сын Человеческий имеет власть на земле прощать грехи," - говорит расслабленному: "тебе говорю: встань, возьми постель твою и иди в дом твой." Он тотчас встал и, взяв постель, вышел перед всеми, так что все изумлялись и прославляли Бога, говоря: "никогда ничего такого мы не видали."