

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of Saint Gregory Palamas

March 16, 2014

2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – *ST. GREGORY PALAMAS* – TONE 2
THE HOLY MARTYRS SABINAS AND PAPAS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17– MARCH 23

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

9:30 AM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 – *3RD ALL SOULS SATURDAY (SOROKOUSTY); THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR BASIL, PRESBYTER OF THE CHURCH IN ANCYRA; [PASSING INTO ETERNAL LIFE (1924) OF FR. ISIDORE DOLNYTSKY, HYMNOGRAPHER, PROFESSOR AND SPIRITUAL FATHER OF L'VIV AND THE GREEK COLLEGE IN ROME]*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 – 3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERATION OF THE CROSS

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners

Eastern Catholic Lenten Vespers

Let us join our Eastern Catholic brothers and sisters in coming together for Lenten Vespers on the following Sundays at 7:00 PM:

- **March 16** – Hosted by St. John the Baptizer, 4400 Palm Avenue, La Mesa
- **March 23** – Hosted by Holy Angels 2235 Galahad Rd San Diego
- **March 30** – Hosted by St. Jacob Melkite community, 2235 Galahad Rd, San Diego

Lenten Services at

Holy Angels Byzantine Church

During the Great Fast, Holy Angels celebrates a Morning Service with Communion each Wednesday at 10:00 AM. On Fridays, the Presanctified Liturgy is celebrated at 7:00 PM. Holy Angels is located at 2235 Galahad Road San Diego, CA 92123-3931

Proceeds from the Benefit Luncheon:

\$703.00

Thank You! to all who helped by bringing food, setting up and cleaning up!

Every man worthy of it participates differently in the great gift of the Spirit; this corresponds to the degree of his own purity, mingling with the harmony of that Beauty.

St. Gregory Palamas

“THE NATURE OF GIVING IS BEST ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF OUR BLESSED LORD, WHO ONE DAY WAS APPROACHED BY A LEPER WHO ASKED FOR HEALING. THE GOSPEL TELLS US THAT OUR LORD STRETCHED FORTH HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE LEPER. JESUS COULD HAVE HEALED WITHOUT THE TOUCH, AS HE HEALED THE SERVANT OF THE CENTURION AT A DISTANCE. WHY, THEN, IN THE FACE OF ONE OF LIFE’S GREATEST MISERIES AND A DISEASE FROM WHICH THE HEALTHY OFTEN RECOIL, DID THE LORD CURE WITH A TOUCH? THE SON OF GOD MADE MAN TOUCHED THE LEPER IN ORDER TO ANNIHILATE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE GIVER AND THE RECEIVER, BETWEEN THE LOVER AND THE BELOVED, TO PROVE SYMPATHY BY CONTACT, TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH THE WOES OF OTHERS.”

VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN
(FOOTPRINTS IN A DARKENED FOREST)

WHEN I SAY I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I am saved"
I'm whispering "I was lost"
That's why I chose this way.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
and need someone to be my guide.

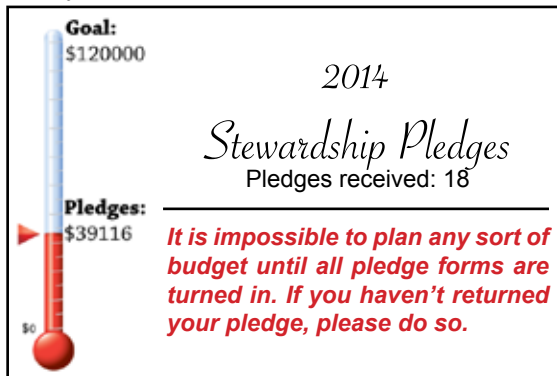
When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are too visible but,
God believes I am worth it.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain,
I have my share of heartaches
which is why I speak His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority.
I only know I'm loved.



Sunday offering for March 9

Amount	Number
\$10.00	3
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	4
\$25.00	2
\$30.00	1
\$32.00	1 (loose)
\$40.00	4
\$50.00	2
\$75.00	2
\$80.00	1
\$100.00	3
\$300.00	1
\$1000.00	1
\$2277.00	

Parishioner Total: \$1202..00

Visitor Total: \$1075.00

Average / parish household (42): \$29.32

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Deficit: **(\$923.00)**

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ March 22nd – 3rd All Souls Saturday
- ❖ March 23rd – Sunday of the Holy Cross
- ❖ March 25th – Annunciation
- ❖ March 29th – 4th All Souls Saturday
- ❖ March 30th – “Soup’s On” Sunday

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Rejoice - a Sinner Repents!

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I

tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, "Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost." In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15: 1-10