

## LITURGICAL VARIABLES – SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

*St. Gregory Palamas (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent);  
Hypatios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra; Prophet Joel*

### **\*\*Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great\*\***

#### FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Who shall tell of the mighty acts of the Lord? Who shall make all of His praises to be heard? Let the redeemed by the Lord say so, whom He has delivered from the hand of the enemy. *(Refrain)*

Glory...Both now...*(Refrain)*

#### SECOND ANTIPHON

Let them acknowledge the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let them exalt Him in the church of the faithful, and in the assembly of the presbyters. *(Refrain)*

The eyes of the Lord are upon those that fear Him, upon those that hope in His mercy; to hear the mourning of those in captivity, and to loose the sons of those appointed to death. *(Refrain)*

Glory...Both now...O Only-begotten Son...

#### THIRD ANTIPHON

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will acknowledge Thee forever.

• *During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. Then, the following Entrance Hymn:*

#### ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

• *After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE 8)

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

In truth you were revealed to your flock, as a rule of faith, a model of meekness and a teacher of self-control. Therefore, you have won the heights by humility, riches by poverty. Holy Father, Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

#### KONTAKION OF SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

#### THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

*Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (1:10-2:3)*

Thou, "O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail." But to which of the angels did He say at any time, "Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?" Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (2:1-12)*


At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

## COMMUNION HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 8)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest!

## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests will be offered holy bread (*as a sign of hospitality*) in their pew or seat. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (*held by the Priest*) and receive additional holy bread at the end of the Liturgy. After service, please join us for food and drink during Fellowship so that we can meet and greet you! Please contact Fr. Paul Fuller (479-379-6220 or [saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.



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Welcome to our church community! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God our creator to worship and follow Him, and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.