

**The Weekly Messenger – March 27, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:10-14; 2:1-3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12*

**The Second Sunday of Lent: The Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas:** On the Second Sunday of Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica, the Wonderworker. The feast day of Saint Gregory Palamas is November 14, however, he is commemorated on this Sunday as the condemnation of his enemies and the vindication of his teachings by the Church in the 14th century was acclaimed as a second triumph of Orthodoxy.

[http://lent.goarch.org/saint\\_gregory\\_palamas/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/saint_gregory_palamas/learn/)

**Thank you to our parishioners:** who attended the semi-annual parish meeting last Sunday. If you were unable to attend the meeting copies of the minutes (for the Oct 2015 meeting) and the current treasurer's reports are available on the glass case in the church hall. Special thanks to Sophia, Stephanie, Albana, Sandi and Spartak, who gave updates for the committees of which they are members.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** The victims of the terror attack in Brussels, Flossie Vissar, Ann Dimitri, Bettye Ledford, Tranette Ledford, Helen Zalli Price Mangino, Bajame (Josef's Mother), Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Semele Halkedis, John Cokos, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Parishioner News:** +Helen Zalli Price Mangino, daughter of St. John's 1<sup>st</sup> president and one of the founders of the church, Dhimiter Zalli. Helen passed away on Feb. 20, 2016. She was 93 years old. Helen was the cousin of Lorraine Monska, Mary DiMassa and the late Peter Monska. May her memory be eternal!

Congratulations to Mirna El Khatib & Davit Jishkariani on their engagement! We wish you many years of happiness!

**Plan to attend Lazarus Saturday (April 23<sup>rd</sup>):** The Charity & Benevolence Committee is coordinating the preparation of 300 sandwiches for the Chosen 300 Ministry. If you are in high school the time will count toward your community service hours. Contact Diane Coraluzzi, Sandi Fiss, Mark Klus, Sophia Kozlov, Susan Melnik or Linda Notskas or Sunday school Director Steve Coraluzzi with questions.

**Upcoming Events:**

March 27<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Flossie Vissar

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 Year Memorial Constantine Duka

**Tuesday** April 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

**Saturday** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

**April 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday,** Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

**Tuesday,** April 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

**Wednesday,** April 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

**Thursday,** April 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

**Friday,** April 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

**Saturday,** April 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

**Sunday,** May 1<sup>st</sup> Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you to those who have signed up!

March 27<sup>th</sup> Haxhistasa Family – Vangel's Nameday &

The Vissar Family in memory of Flossie

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Duka/Budo Family in memory of Constantine

April 10<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Colleen Georgi

April 17<sup>th</sup> Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday & Nameday

April 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday – breakfast

May 1<sup>st</sup> Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Bortner

**Readers Schedule:** March 27<sup>th</sup> Adam C., April 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris M., April 10<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, April 17<sup>th</sup> Michele D. April 24<sup>th</sup> Adam C.

**Welcome to our visitors.** Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

**March giving:** single ply toilet tissue.