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## Second Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas HOLY LITURGY OF ST. BASIL Tone 2

**Troparion**                      **Tone 2**                      *(Resurrectional)*

When thou didst descend to death, O life immortal, thou didst slay hell with the splendor of thy godhead. And when from the depths thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to thee.

**Troparion**                      **Tone 8**                      *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, O ideal of monks and invincible champion of the theologians, O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace,// always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.

**Troparion to Saint George:** You were bound for.... Glory to the Father ....

**Kontakion**                      **Tone 8**                      *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing thy praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since thou now standest before the original mind, guide our minds to him, O Father,// so that we may sing to thee: Rejoice, preacher of grace.”

**Kontakion**                      **Tone 4**                      *(from The Lenten Triodion)*

Now is the time for action. Judgment is at the doors. So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: Our sins are more in number than the sand of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all,// so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns.

**Kontakion of Saint George:** God raised you .... Now and ever ...

**Kontakion**                      **Tone 6**

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition, and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

**Prokeimenon**                      **Tone 5**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. *(Ps. 11:7)*

*v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

**Prokeimenon**                      **Tone 1**                      *(St. Gregory Palamas)*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

**Epistle** (304) Hebrews 1:10-2:3

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**V.** *May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee. (Ps. 19:1)*

**V.** *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call. (Ps. 19:9)*

**V.** *The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

**Gospel** (7) Mark 2:1-12

*(Instead of "It is truly meet" we sing the following)*

**Hymn to the Theotokos**

All creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb he made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace, glory to thee.

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. *(Ps. 148:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Announcements**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

\* Orientation to Orthodoxy at 12 noon, in the Sunday School corner of the Fellowship Hall.

**Presanctified Liturgies,**

**Salutations to the Theotokos,**

**Bridegroom Vespers,**

**Great Vespers, etc.**

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At this time of the year, most people notice that Orthodox churches hold presanctified liturgies, Salutations to the Theotokos, Bridegroom Vespers, Great Vespers, six memorial Saturdays, etc., in addition to major feasts, even if they fall during the week. It is unthinkable, in their minds, that any Orthodox church would be closed while another Orthodox church celebrates special days.

Saint George operates on a minimalist budget. It does have loyal members that faithfully support the church with their pledges, with offerings, with talent, time, knowledge, and effort. They set a fine example, but they are only a handful. The majority of those that attend with us have chosen not to pledge, and our church accepts them gladly. As long as we are able, we will let the few support the many. We pray for all, and we serve as God permits us to serve.

For those that would like a reminder, we have a minimum for membership – \$10 per week. If our budget translates into closed doors on occasions on which we would wish to be open, please pray with us that God will send workers and co-workers who will make our worship more acceptable in his sight.