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**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**  
**Leave-taking of the Annunciation**  
**Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel**

**Troparion: Tone 8**      *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One. Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to thee

**Troparion: Tone 4**      *(Leave-Taking)*

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!

**Troparion: Tone 4**      *(Synaxis of the Archangel)*

Gabriel, Commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech thee: by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee: Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the Commander of the Powers on high.

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

**Kontakion: Tone 8**      *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in thy resurrection, and the world celebrates thy rising from the dead, O Great Merciful One.

**Kontakion: Tone 8**      *(Synaxis of the Archangel)*

Supreme Commander Gabriel, thou art the glorious intercessor and servant before the all-radiant, worthy, all-powerful, infinite and awesome Trinity. Ever pray now that we may be delivered from all tribulation and torment, so that we may cry out to thee: Rejoice, protection of thy servants!

**Kontakion: Tone 8**      *(Leave-Taking)*

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, thy servants delivered from evil sing our grateful thanks to thee, O Theotokos. As thou dost possess invincible might set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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

**Prokeimenon: Tone 8**      *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Prokeimenon: Tone 4** *(Leave-Taking)*

From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God! *(Ps. 95:2a)*

**Epistle:** (314) Hebrews 6:13-20

**Tone 8** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)*

*V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)*

**Tone 1**

*V. He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth. (Ps. 71:6)*

**Gospel** (40) Mark 9:17-31

*(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 Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. *(Ps. 131:14)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Announcements**

- Next Orthodox Study will be on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m.
- Donations for the epithaphios are welcome; please see Marleen or Liz.