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SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

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Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)

Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY **St. Gregory Palamas**; Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves Lavra; Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (†818); Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron (ca. †1500 B.C.); St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (†604); Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (†1021).

READERS: Hours: Sevasti BERGSTROM

Epistle: George KLEINERT

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** - **LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE**

11:40 am **Fellowship**

6:00 pm **Lenten Vespers**

St. Nicholas Church 4313 18TH Avenue, Kenosha, WI

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 pm **Presanctified Liturgy**

Saturday, March 18 Memorial Saturday

9:00 am **Memorial Liturgy**

11:00 am **Church Grounds Clean UP**

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, March 19 3RD Sunday of Lent; Veneration of the Cross; Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome: Claudius, Hilaria, Jason, Maurus, Diodorus the Presbyter, and Marianus the Deacon (†283); Saint Innocent of Komél and Vologda disciple of Saint Nilus of Sora (Vologdá—†1521); Martyr Pancharius, at Nicomedia (ca. †302); "Sweet-Kissing" Icon of the Mother of God of Smolensk (1103).

READERS: Hours: Anna VILCHIS

Epistle: Maria LLAMAS

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** - **LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE**

11:20 am **Sunday School**

11:40 am **Fellowship**

12:15 pm **First Confession Lesson**

6:00 pm **Lenten Vespers**

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday, March 5TH, 2023 — Collection

\$1,983.25

MANY THANKS to Sophia BECKWITH for hosting today's fellowship hour.

LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins, and not to judge others, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP We will be conducting a clean-up of our church grounds and sanctuary before Pascha on Saturday, March 18TH at 11am. Please make sure to dress appropriately and bring gloves to ensure safety. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us and bring any tools you may have such as gloves, rakes, hand pruners, soil knives, hedge shears, yard waste bags, electric chainsaws, extension cords, and any other tools you think may be helpful. Let's make this a fun and productive day!

WHAT WE SHOULD DO DURING GREAT LENT "Prayer is good with fasting, almsgiving, and righteousness. A few prayers with righteousness are better than many with wrongdoing. It is better to do almsgiving than to lay up gold. For almsgiving rescues one from death, and it will wash away every sin. Those who do almsgiving and are righteous will be full of life. But those who sin are enemies of their own life." (Tobit 12:8-10). All of your fasting, praying, personal improvement, and almsgiving must be exercised in secret. Attend Church regularly, and when possible penitential midweek services.

ST GEORGE'S LENTEN RETREAT Thursday, March 16TH. Vespers at 6 pm, dinner after in the lower level of the Social Center, free-will donations, and the retreat will start at 7 pm. Guest speaker Fr Mile SUBOTIC, a priest from Chicago. Topic: St. Gregory Palamas and Hesychasm. Q & A after.

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Vladimir SHILTSEV on March 14TH

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Dn. David HANNEMAN	Tom KOMPARE	Joseph ORLOVICH	Elena PAVLOV	Soldier Sergij MARTYNUK
Kathy HANNEMAN	Susan NICKLAS	Josephine ORLOVICH	Tetiana MAZUR	Stefan KARADJOV
Sevasti BERGSTROM	Sue UNDERWOOD	Duane BRADLEY	Jose FELIX	Toma ANDREEV
Zachary MISSEN	Stevan LUNICH	Emily ROUSONELOS	Alice PISTILLI	Noah FELIX

Today Epistle (Hebrews 1:10-2:3)

"You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken.

Today Gospel (Mark 2:1-12)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Апостол Дня (Евреям 1:10-2:3)

В начале Ты, Господи, основал землю, и небеса - дело рук Твоих; они погибнут, а Ты пребываешь; и все обветшают, как риза, и как одежду свернешь их, и изменятся; но Ты тот же, и лета Твои не кончатся. Кому когда из Ангелов сказал Бог: седи одесную Меня, доколе положу врагов Твоих в подножие ног Твоих? Не все ли они суть служебные духи, посылаемые на служение для тех, которые имеют наследовать спасение? Посему мы должны быть особенно внимательны к слышанному, чтобы не отпасть. Ибо, если через Ангелов возвещенное слово было твердо, и всякое преступление и непослушание получало праведное воздаяние, то как мы избежим, вознерадев о толиком спасении, которое, быв сначала проповедано Господом, в нас утвердилось слышавшими от Него.

Евангелие Дня (Марк 2:1-12)

Через несколько дней опять пришел Он в Капернаум; и слышно стало, что Он в доме. Тотчас собрались многие, так что уже и у дверей не было места; и Он говорил им слово. И пришли к Нему с расслабленным, которого несли четверо; и, не имея возможности приблизиться к Нему за многолюдством, раскрыли кровлю дома, где Он находился, и, прокопав ее, спустили постель, на которой лежал расслабленный. Иисус, видя веру их, говорит расслабленному: "чадю! прощаются тебе грехи твои." Тут сидели некоторые из книжников и помышляли в сердцах своих: "что Он так богохульствует? кто может прощать грехи, кроме одного Бога?" Иисус, тотчас узнав духом Своим, что они так помышляют в себе, сказал им: "для чего так помышляете в сердцах ваших? Что легче? сказать ли расслабленному: прощаются тебе грехи? или сказать: встань, возьми свою постель и ходи? Но чтобы вы знали, что Сын Человеческий имеет власть на земле прощать грехи," - говорит расслабленному: "тебе говорю: встань, возьми постель твою и иди в дом твой." Он тотчас встал и, взяв постель, вышел перед всеми, так что все изумлялись и прославляли Бога, говоря: "никогда ничего такого мы не видали."