

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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**24 March 2019**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent*

*St. Gregory Palamas*

*Venerable Zacharias the Recluse of Egypt*

*St. Artemon, bishop of Seleucia*

*Venerable James the Confessor, bishop of Catania*

*Venerable Zachariah, faster of the Kyiv Caves*

**Epistle:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3

**Reader:** Andy Olear

**Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12

**Tone:** Tone 2 + Lenten Triodion

### **UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:**

Mon., March 25	<i>Annunciation of the Theotokos</i>
Wed., March 27	10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. Andrew Church SBB) 6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Holy Trinity, Broome St., NYC)
Fri., March 29	6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Seminary Chapel)
Sun., March 31	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Adoration of the Cross</i> 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great & Anointing of the Sick
Wed., April 3	10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. Andrew Church SBB)
Fri., April 5	8:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God & Greeting of the Miraculous Taylor Icon of the Mother of God (St. Panteleimon, Brooklyn, NY)
Sun., April 7	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. John Climacus</i> 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**READER'S LIST:** Andrei Marinich (3/31), Anita Anderson (4/7), Mike Ratai (4/14)

**UOL LENTEN RETREAT:** Saturday, April 13 at St. Francis Center for Renewal (Bethlehem, PA). Guest Speakers: His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory & Fr. Anthony Perkins. Cost: \$45, Teens \$20, Children under 12 \$7. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**DIAPER FUND COLLECTION:** The UOC of USA is collecting funds to purchased diapers for the children of Znamyanka orphanage. Donations can be sent to Diapers Project PO Box 495, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

**SPECIAL ICON EXHIBIT:** A traveling exhibition of icons painted on Ammo Boxes is on view for a couple more weeks in the Consistory Rotunda. These ammo boxes are from the war-ravaged Eastern Ukraine. Donations and funds collected from the purchase of these icons go directly to support wounded Ukrainian soldiers.

**PARISH DUES:** Please submit your parish dues (\$100/individual or \$200/family), plus updated addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, etc., no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. Checks payable to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church.

**SUPPORT THE PARISH & MAKE A 1-TIME DONATION** to cover the \$900 March snow plowing bills.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Please remember that Holy Communion is only offered to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and sincere repentance of their sins (Holy Confession. Everyone is invited to partake of the "prosfora/antidoron" (blessed bread) which is a reminder of the "agape feast" that followed worship in the early Church at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall. If you plan on hosting an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the parish hall.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Oleh, Fr. Silouan, Fr. Volodymyr, Fr. Stephen, Fr. George, Fr. James, Fr. Nestor, Fr. William, Fr. Andrew, Protodeacon Michael, Deacon Nicholas, Maryanne Quartuccio, Flo Ratai, Bill Shulze, Kathie Thomas, Steffie Tybor, Victor, Natalia, Elena, Oleg and Melissa. *If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.*

*Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.*

*Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.*

*Attend Church as a Family!*