

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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15 March 2020

2nd Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves

Martyrs Agapius, Publius (Pausis), Timolaus, Romulus, 2 named Dionysius,

and 2 named Alexander at Caesarea in Palestine

Hieromartyr Alexander of Side, in Pamphylia

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
John 10:9-16
Tone: Lenten Triodion
Reader: Mike Ratai

UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Wed., March 18	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (at St. Demetrius, Carteret)
Thurs., March 19	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts (at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Parish, So. Plainfield)
Sun., March 22	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent – Veneration of the Cross 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Wed., March 25		Annunciation of the Theotokos
Sun., March 29	4 th Sunday of Great Lent – Venerable Mary of Egypt 9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

READER'S LIST: Andy Olear (3/22), Andrei Marinich (3/29), Anita Anderson (4/5)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Mike Ratai (22)

LENTEN SERVICES IN THE NY/NJ DEANERY: As is done every year, the deanery parishes host, in rotation, the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts during the weekday. Please follow the distributed schedule of services.

Every Wednesday:

10 a.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Bilingual) – St. Andrew Memorial Church

Every Friday:

6 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Bilingual) – St. Sophia Seminary Chapel

Thursday, March 19:

6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

**In an abundance of caution, there will no longer be a Lenten meal after Liturgy.

The Council of Bishops of the UOC of USA has issued a statement regarding the **CORONAVIRUS OR COVID-19 THREAT**. It is posted on the UOC of USA website. Please take the time to read it. In addition, in today's bulletin you can also find the "Prayer in Time of Coronavirus" and a poster put out regarding protective measures, (which are also found on the website). Also based on CDC regulations, our Council of Bishops released directives to the clergy and how to implement preventative measures for before, during and after services (which are to be implemented immediately) in the parish. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Fr. Vasyl.

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

LENTEN RETREATS: In an abundance of caution, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both UOL sponsored retreats on March 28 and April 4 have been cancelled. The March 28th retreat will be held in an online format – more information to follow in the next few weeks. As of today, the April 4th St. Stephen 13th Annual Lenten Retreat (609 Lane Ave., So. Plainfield, NJ) is still happening.

COFFEE HOUR: Until further notice, there will be NO coffee hours after Divine Liturgy.

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Petro, Fr. Oleh, Fr. Volodymyr, Fr. Stephen, Fr. George, Fr. James, Fr. Nestor, Fr. William, Fr. Andrew, Protodeacon Michael, Maryanne Quartuccio, Flo Ratai, Kathie Thomas, Edward Anderson, John Sherby, Natalia, Nagy, Emil, Anna, Emily Tucker, Verona, Mona, Ivan and Penelope. *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!