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**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*“Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome,  
Thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear.  
While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions,  
God may grant us great mercy.”*

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<u>Schedule of Services</u>		
Daily Matins	Monday – Friday (Except Thursday)	6:00 am
	Saturday	7:00 am
Vespers	Tuesday & Friday	5:00 pm
<b>Divine Services</b>		
Great Vespers	Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday Matins (Orthros)	Sunday	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy	Sunday	9:15 am
*Special Services scheduled as appointed*		

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

**PL. 2<sup>ND</sup> MODE / EOTHINON 6; SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**COMMEMORATION OF GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA**

**\*\*DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT\*\***

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PL. 2<sup>ND</sup> MODE**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS IN PL. 4<sup>TH</sup> MODE**

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

### KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN PL. 4<sup>th</sup> MODE

To thee, the Champion Leader, I thy servant offer thanks of victory; O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. But as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free; from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: "Rejoice, O Bride without bridegroom!"

### THE EPISTLE

(For the Second Sunday of Great Lent)

*O Lord, Thou wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)**

"In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end." But to what angel has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

### THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Great Lent)

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)**

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**\*\*\* *Announcements for the Week of March 15th* \*\*\***

- \* TODAY Home Search committee meets. We ask all the faithful carefully to read the UPDATE contained within today's bulletin. Of course, any of you are welcome to attend these meetings...
- \* Usual weekday morning and evening services of Great Lent take place this week. See the calendar for details.
- \* St. Patrick's Day falls on Tuesday this week. Pray for your priest and for all of the Irish!
- \* THIS COMING SATURDAY, March 21, marks the date of a parish work-day to accomplish many tasks related to our move as a parish. We need as many as will work: for one hour or for several!
- \* Men's fellowship will meet AT CHURCH over a Lenten breakfast, before our work-day.
- \* UPCOMING: Great Feast of the Annunciation falls on Wednesday, March 25. We will keep the feast with Festal Vigil on Tuesday evening, March 24, and Divine Liturgy on Wednesday morning, March 25.
- \* **Youth** meet every Monday at 5:30 PM.
- \* **SAVE THE DATE!** The evening of May 17 will be our St Peter's Dinner and Talent Show. This event will take place to raise money for a summer Monastery Retreat to Arizona for our girls and young ladies. If you are interested in underwriting any of the costs for this event, please contact Kh Christina.
- \* **Inquirers/ Catechumen class** meets every Saturday, directly after Great Vespers. Class begins at about 6:30 PM and runs until 7:45, or so.
- \* Now/Again available in the bookstore: Pocket Preparation prayer books for Holy Communion & the blue Prayer Book from Holy Transfiguration Monastery.
- \* A newly revised March calendar is available by the front door.