

✂ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✂

- **Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria** — We will continue to collect donations for the victims of the Earthquakes to be sent to the Patriarchate in Antioch for distribution.
- **Ukrainian Refugees Fund** — Donations can be made to assist refugee families in Topeka. Mark donations Ukrainian Alms.
- **Donating to Ss. Peter and Paul** — Don't forget to set-up your Pay Pal, Dillon's Dollar and Good Search accounts for easy donations to the church. Check Father's e-mail for instructions.
- **Sign-up sheets** — Check out the Sign-up sheets in the Kitchen Hall and sign up to help with Soup Suppers and other Lenten Needs, Pascha, Coffee Hours, etc.
- **Save the Date** — Mark your calendars **SS. PETER & PAUL FOOD FESTIVAL 2023** is scheduled for October 14.

✂ LOOKING AHEAD ✂

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

- Presanctified Liturgies: Wednesdays at 5:15 PM beginning March 1
- Akathist to the Theotokos: First 4 Fridays of Lent at 5:15 PM
- Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers: Sundays at 5:00 PM in Kansas City starting on March 5

For more information see the Service Schedule for Lent 2023 available in the Narthex.

ANNUNCIATION

Friday March 24 5:15 PM Great Vespers

Saturday March 25 8/9 AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy

LAZARUS SATURDAY AT THE CHANCERY

April 8 12:30 pm - 3 pm The children are invited to the Chancery in Wichita for the Annual Lazarus Saturday Outing. Please see flier in the Narthex regarding donations to The Treehouse.

Lenten Fasting continues through Holy Saturday, April 15

Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs, wine and oil.

(Wine and oil are allowed on Saturday and Sunday during Lent)

Notice: Sunday services are streamed on our YouTube page. Following services they are edited down to only the homily and do not remain up on the internet. You may

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March 12, 2023

Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Our usual Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and have properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

Sunday March 12

9:00 AM Orthros & Sunday School

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy Followed by Coffee Hour

3:00 PM Baby Shower for Baby Boy Wright

5:00 PM Lenten Vespers @ St. Basil, Kansas City KS.

Monday March 13

7:00 PM Great Compline

Tuesday March 14

5:15 PM Lenten Daily Vespers

Wednesday March 15

5:15 PM Precommunion Prayers & Presanctified Liturgy

(No Soup Supper or Study)

Thursday March 16

5:15 PM Great Compline

Friday March 17

5:15 PM Small Compline & Akathist Hymn

Saturday 18th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene, Manhattan

4:45 PM Catechism

5:45 PM 9th Hour & Great Vespers

Sunday of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Orthros & Sunday School

10:00 PM Divine Liturgy followed Coffee Hour

5:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers@ St. George Serbian Orthodox in Lenexa, KS.

Ss. Peter and Paul is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 6)

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 of ST GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE 8)

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.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I 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: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

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

Thou, “O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail.” But to which of the angels did He say at any time, “Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?” Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things

that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

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!”