

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Conflict in the Holy Land & the Ukraine Please continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East.
- Coffee Hour The schedule is available online. Talk to Gracie, if you would like to join a team or have questions,
- Prospora Sign up is online with the Coffee Hour Schedule. See Fr. Nikolai, if you have questions

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Women's Group March Dinner

**Thur. Mar. 19 6:30 PM** Thai Table Restaurant 2222 SW Washburn

### Annunciation

**Tues. March 24 5:15 PM** Vigil  
**Wed. March 25 8:00 AM** Divine Liturgy  
**6:00 PM** Annunciation Fund Raising Dinner (*Proceeds will be sent to the Widowed Clergy Wives Endowment Fund*)

## LENTEN CHARITY ALMSGIVING PROJECT

We will be collecting Hygiene Products for the *Topeka Rescue Mission's Hope Center*

Hope Center provides temporary housing for individuals & families in the Topeka Area. *More information is available in the Narthex.*

## LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

Services are scheduled daily during Lent. There will be Pan-Orthodox Vespers at one of the Kansas City Area Churches each Sunday. Schedules for Lent and Holy Week are available in the Narthex.

## SUMMER CAMPS

July 26-August 1 *EOYC* in Linwood, KS

**WAYS TO DONATE TO OUR BUILDING FUND** Other than cash or writing a check the church accepts donations via Venmo, PayPal & Square through its website. If you wish to contribute to our new building, you can specify your donation as being for the Temple Fund or Building Fund.

**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 appear in the live stream while it is active but the video will not remain on the internet.

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Rev. Fr. Nikolai Meyers,

Pastor Deacon Michael DeHaven

## ***March 8, 2026***

### ***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.

<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Orthros & Sunday School
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Divine Liturgy
		Followed by Coffee Hour
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Lenexa, KS
<b>Mon. Mar. 9</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>	Great Reader Compline
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Presanctified Liturgy @ St Mary Magdalene
<b>Tues. Mar. 10</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>	Lenten Daily Vespers
<b>Wed. Mar. 11</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>	Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Soup Supper
<b>Thurs. Mar. 12</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>	Great Compline
<b>Fri. Mar. 13</b>	<b>1-4 PM</b>	Wood Cutting
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	Small Compline & Akathist
<b>Sat. Mar. 14</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene in Manhattan
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	Catechism Class
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	9th Hour & Great Vespers
<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Orthros & Sunday School
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Divine Liturgy
		Followed by Coffee Hour
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Holy Trinity, Overland Park, KS

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### **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 SS. PETER & PAUL (Tone 4)**

O first enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the Universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

### **KONTAKION FOR THE SUNDAYS OF 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!”

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

On this day, the Second Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of our father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica.

This divine father was born in Asia and was brought up from infancy in the royal palace of Constantinople. When he was of age, Gregory left the palace and gave himself to asceticism on Mount Athos. He eventually moved to Thessalonica to seek cure for the diseases he contracted because of his asceticism and piety. In 1349, he was elevated to the episcopacy, tending to his people in an Apostolic fashion for 13 years. He is glorified as an ascetic, a hierarch, a theologian who defeated the heretics of his era, and a miracle-worker who forsook a prominent, secular lifestyle to take up his cross and follow Christ. The Most-Holy Theotokos, St. John the Theologian, St. Demetrius, St. Anthony the Great, St. John Chrysostom and angels of God appeared to him at different times. Through his intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen