

St. Gregory Palamas

Gregory's father was an eminent official at the court of Emperor Andronicus II Palaeologus. The gifted Gregory, completing his secular studies, did not want to enter the service of the imperial court, but withdrew to the Holy Mountain and was tonsured a monk. He lived a life of asceticism in the Monastery of Vatopedi and the Great Lavra. He led the struggle against the heretic Barlaam and finally defeated him. He was consecrated as Metropolitan of Thessalonica in the year 1347 A.D. He is glorified as an ascetic, a theologian, a hierarch and a miracle-worker. 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. He governed the Church in Thessalonica for thirteen years, of which he spent one year in slavery under the Saracens in Asia. He entered peacefully into rest in the year 1360 A.D, and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of Christ. His relics repose in Thessalonica, where a beautiful church is dedicated to him.

“Let us Attend!”



“Glory of Thessalonica and preacher of Grace...”

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Second Sunday of the Fast – St. Gregory Palamas

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (842–845). Ven. Lazarus (1391) and Athanasius (15th c.), of Múrom. Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.). Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (4th c.). Ven. Dometius (363). **The “KURSK–ROOT” Icon of the Mother of God.**

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10–2:3 (Sunday) Hebrews 7:26–8:2

Gospel: Mark 2:1–12 (Sunday) ; John 10:9–16 (Saint)

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Schedule

- ~ **Monday, 9 March 2026: 9AM Lenten Hours.**
- ~ **Wednesday, 11 March 2026: 6PM Joint Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at St. Nicholas Parish followed by common meal.**
- ~ **Saturday, 14 March 2026. 9AM–12:30PM Middle Way Parish Workshop with Dean Herbry; 5–5:45PM Fr. Paul available for Confession; 6PM Great Vespers.**
- ~ **Sunday, 15 March 2026, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross 9:30AM, Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Coffee Hour Fellowship.**

Announcements

~ We welcome all those who join us today. Please come downstairs and enjoy fellowship together. We have place waiting for you.

~ On Saturday, 14 March 2026, All Saints will hold a workshop with Leadership Consultant Dean Harbry from 9AM–12:30PM. The workshop will focus on acquiring virtue the Middle Way between excess and deprivation. Dean has given many wonderful events at St. Tikhon's and is offering this wonderful opportunity out of his kindness at All Saints. As with our educational series talks it will be sessions with some presentation, but a good deal of discussion. We hope to see you there.

~ Our parish will hold Lenten Pre-order Food Sale on Friday 20 March 2026 from 11AM–4PM. Help is needed for preparation and on the day of the sale itself. For more information about food preparation, please see Ann Schlasta.

~ Please remember in your prayers this week those who are ill and in need of prayer. Out of your love please give a call or visit. It may seem small but it can be so important to those who are struggling.