



First Sunday of Great Lent (Triumph of Orthodoxy)

Also Commemorating—Theophylact the Confessor,
Bishop of Nicomedia; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy

March 8, 2020

Welcome to our Guests—

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! To follow along with the service, a service book is available for your use in the pew. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests are welcome and invited to join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) and receive holy bread (as a sign of hospitality) at the conclusion of the Liturgy. After the Dismissal, please join us in our Social Center (next door) for Coffee (Fellowship) Hour so that we can meet and greet you!

Reception of Holy Communion—

In order to receive Holy Communion (the Eucharist), Orthodox Christians must be prepared through fasting, prayer, the Sacrament of Confession, and be at peace with others. Also, it is of great importance to hear the Word of God (Epistle & Gospel readings) before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ (Holy Communion). Our Lord likens the Kingdom of God to a banquet in which we've been invited (which as Orthodox Christians, we believe that we are participating in the heavenly worship), thus we encourage you to be on time for Divine Liturgy and stay until the Dismissal.

Parents and Children—

The presence of children during worship is a gift from God and reminder that our parish community is growing! A little commotion and noise is understandable, but if you feel the need to exit the sanctuary, please use the "cry room" in the back (near the narthex) or the classroom area, and please come back. For our Lord said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

****Liturgical Variables for TODAY celebrating the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can cause all his praises to be heard? Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Let them praise the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. (*Refrain*)

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to loose the sons of the slain. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, Only-begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

✦ *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the First Sunday of Great Lent.*

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUNDAYS

Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**, for now we sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ *After the Little Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

APOLYTIKION OF 1ST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgression, O Christ God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: "You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world!"

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT TONE EIGHT

O Victorious Leader of triumphant hosts, we your servants, who have been delivered from danger, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos. As you have power which is invincible, set us free from ev'ry danger, that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

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Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

O taste and see that the Lord is good: Alleluia!

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

TODAY	Bethesda Gardens Visitation	2:00p
	Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Fellowship (Holy Trinity – Carmel)	5:00p
Monday, March 9	Great Compline	6:00p
Tuesday, March 10	WEEKLY Bible Study	11:00a
Wednesday, March 11	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck	6:00p
Friday, March 13	Akathist to the Theotokos	6:00p
Saturday, March 14	Altar Server's Retreat	11:00a
	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, March 15	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship Hour, & Adult Education	10:00a

March is Ladies' Month in our Archdiocese:

Bulletin—Esther Simbol Epistle Reading—Nancy Ellis
Collection—Roseann Corey, Stacey & Iliana Bocard, & Patti Maloof
Communion Line—Roseann Corey & Patti Maloof

Parish Announcements—

Bethesda Gardens Visitation (TODAY): Join us at 2:00p for our monthly prayer service and visitation with residents.

Altar Servers' Retreat (Saturday, March 14): We invite those wanting to serve to join us for a training retreat at 11:00a followed by a luncheon. Please contact Fr. Paul for more details.

Adult Education Class (Sunday, March 15): We will offer our monthly Q&A session with Fr. Paul following Fellowship Hour.

Ladies' Society Meeting (Wednesday, March 18): Join us after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Potluck Dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Esther Simbol.

Akathist Service & Guest Speaker (Friday, March 20): Fr. James Ellison of St. Nicholas Church in Champaign, IL will be serving the Akathist at 6:00p and offering a presentation following service. *Please bring a Lenten dish to share for this gathering!*

WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday Mornings): Join us Tuesday mornings at 11:00a. We have begun a NEW Study reading through the Book of Job from the Old Testament - join us!

Upcoming Parish Events—Mark Your Calendars:

- WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday mornings)
- Great Compline (Mondays during Great Lent)
- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Wednesdays during Great Lent)
- Akathist Service (Fridays during Great Lent)
- Great Feast of Annunciation (Wednesday, March 25)
- PASCHA (Sunday, April 19)
- Ladies' Fashion Show (Thursday, May 7)

PROCESSION OF HOLY ICONS

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We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgression, O Christ God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: "You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world!"

THE SYNODICON: THE AFFIRMATION OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration. **This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!**

Then all present recite the NICENE CREED: "I believe in one God..."

The Orthodox Christian Churches of Central Indiana Celebrate Together

5 pm Each Sunday of Lent 2020

March 8: Vespers for the Triumph of Orthodoxy

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

3500 W. 106th Street • Carmel, Indiana

All the Faithful Are Invited to Bring and Bear Icons
Declare the Faith of the Apostles in Words and Images!



Presiding and Homilist:

*His Grace Neophytos, Bishop of Nieri and Mount Kenya
Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria*

Theme:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28.19a)

March 15: St. Stephen Church

1435 N. Medford Ave. • Indianapolis • Fr. Dragan Petrovic, *homilist*

March 22: Joy of All Who Sorrow Church

1516 N. Delaware Ave. • Indianapolis • Fr. Zachariah Trent, *homilist*

March 29: St. Nicholas Church

7855 N. Marsh Rd. • Indianapolis • Fr. Alexis Miller, *homilist*

April 5: St. Stephen Church

802 Whitlock Ave. • Crawfordsville • Dn. Paul McDonald, *homilist*

Reception Will Follow Vespers Each Sunday

Free will offerings will be accepted to support pan-Orthodox ministries in Central Indiana.

Know Some Orthodox Terms —

LITURGY: The work or public service of the people of God, which is the worship of the one true God. The Divine Liturgy is the Eucharistic service of the Orthodox Church.

MYSTERY: The ways of God, especially God's plan for salvation, which cannot be known with the rational, finite human mind, but can be experienced only by the revelation of God. The Orthodox Church also uses the term mystery for the sacraments of the Church.

UNCTION: Anointing of the sick with blessed oil, for the healing of body and soul. The gift of healing is bestowed by the Holy Spirit through the anointing, together with the prayers of the Unction service.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers—

“True fasting lies in rejecting evil, holding one’s tongue, suppressing one’s hatred and banishing one’s lusts, evil words, lying, and betrayal of vows.”

- St. Basil the Great (d. 379)

“Let us think of David the king, whose two such grievous and awful crimes were wiped away by one word of penitence. Neither here do we see that the merit of what he did was equal to obtaining pardon for such great offence, but the grace of God did the more abound when on the occasion of true penitence He did away with all that weight of sin for one single word of genuine confession.”

- St. John Cassian (d. 435)

HOLY OBLATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY—March 8, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the David Family for the health and well-being of their family.

March 15, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Turner Family for their health and well-being and in honor of Jeremiah's birthday.

March 22, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by Mike & Nancy Ellis, for the health and well-being of their family and in honor of Christopher's birthday.

SUMMARY—MARCH 1, 2020

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 2,207.00
Candles & Cash	\$ 201.00
Donations	\$ 250.00
Memorials	\$ 40.00
Bookstore	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 2,720.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance: **82**

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

NANCY ELLIS	8TH
KADIN BELL	9TH
JEREMIAH TURNER	15TH



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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest •
His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY, Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo

Parish Council

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Kal Ellis	Tony Tanoos	Michael Tom	Alexis Green Esther Simbol
Ray Azar	Sandy Kassis	Jeremiah Turner	Gary Watts

Parish Organizations & Ministries

<u>Ladies' Society</u>	<u>Society of St. George</u>	<u>Church School</u>
Esther Simbol	Zack Kassis	Christy Ellis

<u>Choir</u>	<u>Teen SOYO</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
Jaimie Ellis	Jillian Turner, President	Michael C. Ellis
Joanna Dailey	Jennifer Turner, Advisor	Zack Kassis

<u>Social Center Coordinator</u>	<u>Senior Group</u>
Michael C. Ellis	Patti Maloof