

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**March 5, 2023**

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**4:30pm Akathist**

**5:00pm Vespers Liturgy 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**9:30am Adult Education: Metropolitan Anthony Bloom's**

**Beginning to Pray**

**10:10am Third Hour**

**10:30am Divine Liturgy**

**Intention: +Joseph Richard Santo**

**Pot Luck following Liturgy**

**1:00pm Enquirers of Italo-Greek Orthodoxy**

**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00am Jesus Prayer**

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00am Jesus Prayer**

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00am Jesus Prayer**

**11:30am 6<sup>th</sup> Hour**

**12:00pm Helpers of St. Nicholas Homeless Ministry**

**7:00pm Pre-sanctified Liturgy**

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am 6<sup>th</sup> Hour**

**4:00pm Vespers**

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm Pre-sanctified Liturgy**

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**4:30pm Akathist**

**5:00pm Vespers Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom**

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**9:30am Adult Education: Metropolitan Anthony Bloom's**

**Beginning to Pray**

**10:10am Third Hour**

**10:30am Divine Liturgy**

**Intention: +Michael Spencer**

**Pot Luck following Liturgy**

**1:00pm Enquirers of Italo-Greek Orthodoxy**

**N.B. Confession is available before and after all services**

**4<sup>th</sup>** - Our Venerable Father, **Gerasimus**, a Hermit, founded a monastery on the bank of the River Jordan. In his youth, a follower of the heretic Eutyches, he did severe penance the rest of his life. Died A.D. 475.

**5<sup>th</sup>** - **St. Comon**, Martyr, a poor Christian gardener of Nazareth in Galilee, who in Pamphylia (Asia Minor), or on the Island of Cyprus, was martyred A.D. 250, by Governor Pomplius. With nails driven through his ankles, he was forced to run before a chariot till he fell dying to be crushed under its wheels.

**6<sup>th</sup>** - **Forty-Two Martyrs at Ammorius: Theodore, Constantin, Callistus, Theophil, and others with them**, died at the hands of the Saracens, about A.D. 840, in the reign of Theophilus, the Iconoclast.

**7<sup>th</sup>** - **SS. Priest-Martyrs at Chersonia: Basil, Ephrem, Capito, Eugene, Everius**, Missionary Bishops to the Crimea and South of Russia, and **four others with them**. Suffered A.D. 296. Venerable **Paul, the Simple**, in Egypt, a Solitary of wonderful patience and meekness. He passed away about A.D. 339, in the reign of Constantine II, Emperor.

**8<sup>th</sup>** - Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theophylact**, Bishop of Nicomedia, was a disciple of Tharasius. Bishop, defended the veneration of Icons and Statues of Saints. Died in 30 years exile A.D. 845, in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

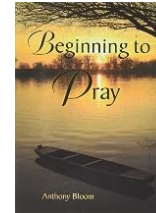
**9<sup>th</sup>** - **SS. Forty Martyrs at Sebaste in Armenia**, were exposed naked on a frozen pond until death, by the power of Licinius, A.D. 320.

**10<sup>th</sup>** - **SS. Codratus** and companions: **Cyprian, Anectus, and Criscent**, died A.D. 257, after years in prison, under Valerian, Emperor.

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Our Holy Father, **Sophronius**, Patriarch of Jerusalem, died A.D. 638, in the reign of Heraclius the Emperor. He revised the prominent Church Book called the "Mineia," and also composed the prayer for the solemn blessing of the water on the Feast of the Epiphany.

**12<sup>th</sup>** - Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theophane** of Syngria, was banished by the Emperor Leo the Armenian, for his stand against the Iconoclasts at the Second Council of Nicea, A.D. 787. Died in exile A.D. 818, bound and starved to death. — Our Holy Father, **Gregory the Great**, Dialogus, Pope of Rome, who probably composed the Liturgy of the Presanctified for the Eastern Churches. He died A.D. 604, in the reign of Emperor Phocas.

**TEACHING** – Join Fr. Nathan in the Hall at 1:00pm each Sunday for "Enquirers of Italo-Greek Orthodoxy" teaching sessions.



**Great Fast 2023 Adult Education:** We will cover the incredible work on prayer by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom. Don't be fooled by the name, it will challenge all levels of spiritual development. Study is each Sunday at 9:30am in the parish hall. If you would like to join us, please purchase the book. Amazon has plenty of very cheap copies.

**PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY** will be celebrated Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ALL SOULS LITURGY** will be celebrated Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

**2023 EPARCHIAL APPEAL** has begun. All parishioners should have received your Appeal packet from the Eparchy. This year, our parish goal is \$26,259.92. The appeal runs through August 31, 2023.

**RUMMAGE SALE** – The parish will be holding a rummage Sale on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to sort, organize and set up the items and also to work the weekend of the sale. Please contact Karen St. George or Cheryl Rosales to volunteer and if you have any questions.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week: Stephen Melancon, March 7. *God Grant You Many Happy Blessed Years!*

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