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Services' Schedule / Programul Slujbelor

Sunday, March 1st - Ven. Martyr Eudoxia; Ven. Domnina. 36th Sunday after Pentecost - Expulsion of Adam from Paradise (Farewell to Dairy). Epis. Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4. Gos. Matthew 6:14-21. Tone 4.

9:10 am — Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

Monday, March 2nd - 6.00 pm - *Beginning of Great Lent - non-liturgical day. Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – Part 1. Canonul Sfantului Andrei Criteanu.*

Tuesday, March 3rd - 6.00 pm - *Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – Part 2. Canonul Sfantului Andrei Criteanul.*

Wednesday, March 4th- 6.00 pm - *Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – Part 3. Canonul Sfantului Andrei Criteanul*

Thursday, March 5th - 6.00 pm - *Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – Part 4. Canonul Sfantului Andrei Criteanu.*

Saturday, March 7th-*Martyr Sabinas of Egypt; Ven. Christodoulos of Patmos (St Theodore Saturday – Memorial Saturday)*

6.00 pm - *Confession /Sfanta Spovedanie*

Sunday, March 8th -Ven. Hierarch Theophylactus the Confessor, bishop of Nicomedia 1st Sunday of Great Lent (Orthodoxy). Epis. Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40. Gos. John 1:43-51. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 5. Martyrs of Communist Persecution.

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

11:45 am - *Memorial Service/ Pomenirea mortilor.*

Saturday, March 14th - 6.00 pm - *Confession /Sfanta Spovedanie*

Sunday, March 15th - Martyrs Agapius, Publius & Timolaus .2nd Sunday of Great Lent (St. Gregory Palamas). Epis. Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3; Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 (Hierarch). Gos. Mark 2:1-12 (Healing of paralytic in Capernaum); John 10:9-16 (Hierarch). Tone 6

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

11:45 am - *Memorial Service/ Pomenirea mortilor.*

Friday, March 20th - 6.00 pm- *Spiritual Conseling / Consiliere Spirituala/ Spovedanie - by appointment.*

Saturday, March 21st - 6.00 pm - *Holy Confession/ Taina Spovedaniei*

Sunday, March 22nd - *Hieromartyr Basil, priest of Ancyra; Martyr Drosida, daughter of Emperor Trajan*

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy of Annunciation/ Sfanta Liturghie a Bunei Vestiri.*

11:45 am - *Memorial Service/ Pomenirea mortilor.*

Saturday, March 28th - 6.00 pm - *Holy Confession/ Taina Spovedaniei*

Sunday, March 29th - Hieromartyrs Mark, bishop of Arethusa and Cyril the deacon; Martyrs Ionas and Varahisios.4th Sunday of Great Lent (St. John of the Ladder). Epis. Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:8-19 (Ven. John). Gos. Mark 9:17-32

(Healing of the epileptic son); Matthew 4:25; 5:1-12 (Ven. John) (Sermon on the Mount – Beatitudes). Tone 8.

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/Sfanta Liturghie.*

11:45 am - *Memorial Service/ Pomenirea mortilor.*

The Lord came to send fire upon the earth (cf. Lk. 12:49), and through participation in this fire He makes divine not just the human substance which He assumed for our sake, but every person who is found worthy of communion with Him.

Even when your body does nothing, sin can be active in your mind. When your soul inwardly repulses the evil one's attack by means of prayer, attention, remembrance of death, godly sorrow and mourning the body, too, takes its share of holiness, having acquired freedom from evil actions. This is what the Lord meant by saying that someone who cleans the outside of the cup has not cleansed it inside, but clean the inside and the whole cup will be clean

If you put something fragrant on to burning coals, you motivate those who approach to come back again and to stay near, but if instead you put on something with an unpleasant, oppressive smell, you repel them and drive them away. It is the same with the mind. If your attention is occupied with what is holy, you make yourself worthy of being visited by God, since this is the sweet savour which God catches scent of. On the other hand, if you nurture evil, foul and earthly thoughts within you, you remove yourself from God's supervision and unfortunately make yourself worthy of His aversion.

Gregory Palamas

Many thanks to everyone involved in the renovation of the basement! I sincerely thank you all my parishioners for your generosity, your donations for this project and all your support! May God reward your efforts!

God Bless you all!

Father Lucian

