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2nd Sunday of Great Lent:
St. Gregory Palamas



Epistle:
Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Gospel
John 10: 9-16

Troparion Tone 6
(Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men. Mary
stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most
pure body. Thou didst capture hell not
being tempted by it. Thou didst come to
the Virgin, granting life.O Lord, Who
didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Troparion Tone 8
(St. Gregory Palamas)

We O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the
Church, its confirmation, O ideal of
monks and invincible champion of
theologians, O wonder working Gregory,
glory of Thessalonica and preacher of
grace, // always intercede before the Lord
that our souls may be saved!

Services

March 15th Wednesday, Joint Presanctified Liturgy at All Saints Parish 6:00 PM
March 17th Friday, General Panikhída, reading of the names of our departed, 5:00 PM
March 19th Sunday of the Cross, Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Announcements

Congratulations to our Newly elected parish Council Members who took the oath of office this morning. God grant them many years!

Church Council Monthly Meeting today after Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Fr" Vladimir and I will be available for confession before Liturgy on Sunday and before Presanctified Liturgy on March 22nd Please arrive one half hour before the beginning of Church. It's our responsibility to receive the Sacrament of Confession and Communion especially during this time of Great Lent.

You are encouraged to attend the joint Presanctified Liturgy on March 22nd. This give us the opportunity to participate in this beautiful service and fellowship with our sister parish at the meal following the Service.

We are asking the faithful once again to donate floral baskets and potted flowers that will adorn Christ's tomb and remain for the celebration of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are asking for a donation of \$25.00 for each basket. Please leave your donation along with your loved ones names at the candle desk. Thank you.

All Saints has Great Vespers every Saturday at 6:30 PM

Coffee Hour Following Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall.

Gardners Easter Candy Sale order form at candle desk. Orders to Anne Thomashefsky by March 19th. Online orders: <gardnerscandies.com> Group# 10-1554 by April 6th.

Lenten Mission Vespers

March 19th @ 4 PM - Sunday of the Cross - St. Michael's, Old Forge Concert to follow!

April 2nd @ 4 PM - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt - All Saints, Olyphant

Prayers for the Sick



Archpriest Vladimir	Joan
ArchPriest James	Vera
Archpriest Michael	Helen
Priest John	Barbara
Julie	Marie
Thom	

*For all who are sick or suffering with afflictions in our parish,
our community and throughout the world!*

Surrendering to Christ

Christ turns suffering into joy. And that's what people want today. They take poisons and drugs to get to worlds of joy: but it's pseudo-joy. They feel something at that moment, but the next day they're wiped out. The one thing wears away at them, eats away at them, brings them down, burns them up. The other, that is giving in to Christ, revitalizes them, gives them joy, makes them enjoy life, feel strong and great.

Saint Porfyrios Kavsokalyvitis

St. Gregory Palamas



In the 1330's, Barlaam, a monk from Calabria, Italy, won a great name for himself in Constantinople. He wrote multiple treatises on logic and astronomy, was a skilled and sharp-witted orator, and received a university chair in the capital. Barlaam was particularly fond of the mystical writings of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite, which he interpreted in an entirely philosophical way, making knowledge of God the object of logic and reason rather than authentic experience.

Barlaam traveled to Mount Athos, where he learned of the spiritual life of the hesychasts, who were said to have experienced the uncreated light of God through prayer. He was scandalized, asserting that mental prayer was heresy and that we could never know the essence of God. Barlaam then traveled about, entering into disputes with Eastern monks practicing hesychasm to demonstrate that the uncreated light they thought they were seeing was, in fact, created and material. The hesychast monks appealed to St. Gregory, who then wrote several treatises in which he answered Barlaam's accusations, including the "Triads in Defense of the Holy Hesychasts" (1338) and the "Hagiorite Tome" (1340).

At the Constantinople Council in 1341, St. Gregory Palamas debated Barlaam, focusing on the nature of the light of Mount Tabor. The Council accepted St. Gregory's teaching: that God, unapproachable in His Essence, reveals Himself through His energies, which are directed towards the world and are able to be perceived, like the light of Tabor, while at the same time remaining immaterial and uncreated. The Church then condemned Barlaam's philosophical humanistic teachings (which would later inspire the European Renaissance), and anathematized him. He then fled back to Calabria, Italy.

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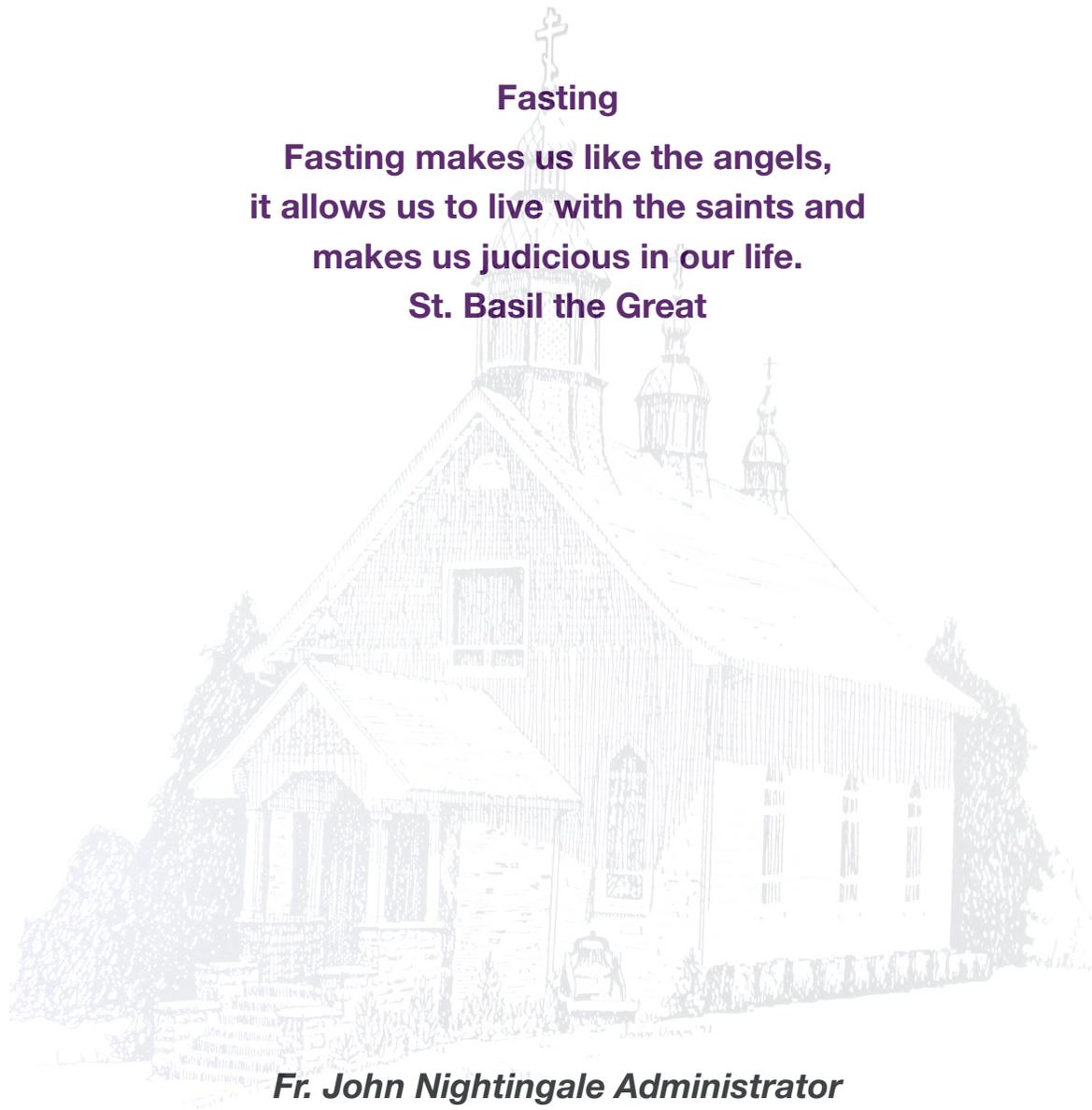
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Fasting

**Fasting makes us like the angels,
it allows us to live with the saints and
makes us judicious in our life.**

St. Basil the Great



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