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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

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**Gospel: Mark 2:1-12**

**March 28, 2021, St. Gregory Palamas**

**Epistle: Heb.1:10-2:3**

#### **Schedule of Lenten Services**

**Sunday, March 28, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m.** – Parastas for Ivan Topchiiski, offered by Son Svetoslav, daughter; Polina, grandson; Ivailo and granddaughter's; Valentina & Andriana

**Wednesday, March 31, Confession 6:00 p.m.** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 4, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m.**

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**Great Lent in the Orthodox Church** Please make every effort to keep the prescribed fast, and attend the modified services for the third week of the of Fast.

**Confession and Covid 19:** Once you receive your second vaccine, please wait 14 days and you may approach private confession with Fr. John. (Our Priest has been fully vaccinated with both shots) and wearing masks still should be normative.

**The Presanctified Liturgy** will be held this Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. The responses will be led and chanted by Bill and Maryann Dubee. **Please began the fast from 12:00 (noon)**

**The end of the month heat & air special collection-** will be taken this morning. Please use the appropriate basket. We thank you in advance of your generosity!

**Memorial Divine Liturgy** will be held on Saturday, April 10. Please submit the names of the departed members of your family to be commemorated to Fr. John by Friday, April 9. **Please use the form included in this week's bulletin.**

**Archbishop Mark will be making his Lenten** visit to our Church on Sunday, April 18. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m., Archbishop Mark will be serving as a Priest and the service will end the normal time. **Please make an effort to attend!**

**Making Home-Made Bread (Loaves)** will be held on Monday, March 29, 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. If interested in helping, please contact Protodeacon Gabriel at 876-0411, for orders please call Ruth at 876-1456. (Plain & Raisin Loaves) The sale will be this Wednesday, March 31 (1pm – 5p.m.)

**Easter Flowers (Lilies \$15.00 & \$20.00) Easter Candles \$10.00 donations** are being accepted. You can make your offering for the health of your family or in loving memory of your departed family members.

**\$15.00 Lily and \$10.00 Easter Candle offered in loving memory** of husband Samuel Mattise, offered lovingly by Joanne Mattise.

**\$50.00 offering in loving memory of Ivan Topchiiski,** offered by son; Svetoslav, daughter; Polina, grandson; Ivailo & granddaughters; Valentina & Andriana. **May his memory be eternal!**

**Church (Altar Wine) and Incense** will be needed for the remaining part of Great Lent, Holy Week & Easter (Paschal) Services. Please contact Fr. John if you are interested in making this offering.

**OCA Online Church School** Please go to [OCA.org](http://OCA.org) and click on OCA Online Church School. Classes will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm EST/4:00 PM PST. Click on the buttons to enter the appropriate class. The links will go live 15 minutes before the class starts

**In order for us to meet our basic monthly bills,** we need a steady source of income every week. **Please send in your envelopes when you are not in Church.**

**If your Church Dues are in arrears,** please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

**Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

**St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica:** In the face of this great danger St. Gregory Palamas developed the fundamental teaching of the Church concerning the great mystery of the indivisible distinction between the essence and energy of God. All spiritual life is a result and fruit of the energy of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the saint taught, we cannot participate in God's essence, but we can know and participate in His uncreated energies. In this way St. Gregory preserves the true teaching of the Church. Gregory Palamas was born in 1296 and educated in Constantinople. Palamas became the archbishop of Thessalonica in 1347. Respected as a pastor and teacher, he was canonized in 1368, just nine years after his death.

