

Second Sunday of the Great Fast; Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion, Tone 5: (page 29)

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 8:

Light of orthodoxy, teacher of the Church; its confirmation!* Ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians.* Wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace:* always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 4:

The time for action is now revealed;* the Judge is at the door.* Let us rise then and keep the fast,* offering tears of contrition with alms and crying aloud:* our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea,* but forgive us, O Maker of all, that we may receive incorruptible crowns.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 4:

By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life.”

Prokeimenon, Tone 5: (page 33)

You, O Lord, will guard us* and will keep us* from this generation* and forever.

verse: Save me, O Lord,* for there is no longer left a just man.

Alleluia, Tone 5: (page 33)

verse: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever;* from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever;* in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Hymn to the Mother of God: Instead of “It is truly right...” (page 57)

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices:* the angelic ranks and all the human race.* Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,* virgins’ pride and boast,* from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child*; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne,* and He made it wider than all the heavens.* In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices.* Glory be to you!

Communion verse: (page 67)

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia. **(3X)**