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February 28th -38th Sunday – 2nd Sunday Of Lent – St. Gregory Palamas
(Remembering – the Great-Martyr Theodore Stratelates; the Prophet Zechariah, St. Sava the 2nd)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Hebrews 1: 10-2: 3

Today's Gospel

Readings Mk. 2: 1-12

Resurrectional Troparion (Tn. 5): “Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our sakes from a virgin. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection!”

Troparion Of 2nd Sunday: “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!”

Today's Meditation:

His Thorn in the Flesh

St. Paul complained to God about his “thorn in the flesh” — a physical ailment that bothered him to no end. He asked God to remove it, but God said, “No, Paul, my grace is sufficient for you. My strength is made perfect in your weakness.” And we can hear Paul answering, “God did not answer my petition but He did answer me. He did not make life easier, but He did give me strength equal to life's demands. He did not remove the nagging thorn in my flesh, but He did help me to live with the thorn and to transform it into a powerful means of grace. I know from personal experience that in everything (physical ailments included) God works together for good with them who love Him.”

No Perfect Marriages

Many couples enter marriage with expectations that are altogether too idealistic. Imperfect people marry imperfect people and then begin to expect perfection from one another. We expect from our spouse the kind of perfection that belongs only to God.

A husband said to his wife one day, “Young lady, you made a grave mistake. You married a man instead of an archangel.” No marriages are made in heaven. They come in kits and we have to put them together. A perfect wife is the one who doesn't expect a perfect husband. One wife said to her husband one day, “If you weren't such a perfectionist, you'd be a perfect husband.”

I guess we need to remember that love has eyelids as well as eyes.

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** our ‘Fellowship Hour’ is hosted by the Medich Family – Join us! (We need the next couple of months filled out with ‘hosts’ – do your part – Sign up NOW!)

(1-A) **Special REMINDER:** our Pre-Sanctified Liturgy service is there for OUR Spiritual benefit – **PLEASE – do your soul some good** – come and worship at this most beautiful of services and join us for the pot-luck dinner after!

(2) Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:

Patriarch IRINEJ Arlene Crnkovich Gladys Mrvos Bertha Cervo Bertha Lalich
JoAnn Korach Mika Rocknage Darinka Grba Louise Popelas-NH
Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-NH Dawn Hamm Mildred Miljus
Nick & Dorothy Trbovic Fr. Deacon Christopher/Andreja Rocknage Pr. Michael Lewis

(3) As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

+ Ljubica Trbovich +Richard Sinsel +Nicholas Vuick +Amy Pacura +Ruby Petrisko
+George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich + Sophie Vranesevic

(4) THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY: our Education Class for Great Lent continues – 7 PM (The Sacraments)

Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30 PM – Pot-luck meal afterwards!

Friday: Fish-Fry – 11 AM to 6 PM! **Special Akathist Service** – 6:30 PM!

(5) **No “YAH” Meeting this week** – they will meet in April, as customary!

(6) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** NUT-ROLL BAKING - THIS Wednesday, the 24th!

(7) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getting your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in as soon as possible!

(8) **LENTEN VESPERS TODAY: JOIN US!** Lenten Vespers at Holy Ascension in Youngwood at 5:30 PM – with Fr. Stevo as guest homilist!

(9) MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday – March 20th – Parish Renewal Day – 10 AM – 4 PM – Spend a day in prayer, Meditation and fellowship – GREAT for the soul! (Confessions at 4 – Vespers at 5 that day!)

ALSO THAT DAY: Last local Show of the Duquesne Tamburitzans (at Gateway) – see Protinica JoAnn for specially-discounted tickets – last chance to see Mike Dern, Nikola Vranesevic, Greg Yovetich, and Dushan Rocknage on stage this year!!!!

(10) **REMINDER:** IF you wish to rent the Church hall, you must abide by the Church's Calendar Year, with the Fasting Seasons, etc. – NO EXCEPTIONS – if interested, please call Helen Barna @ 1-724-225-0645.....