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## Welcome Guests

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting, and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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## ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)

■ Venerable-Confessor James the New, Bishop of Catania  
■ Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople ■ New-Martyr Michael

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#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

#### APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

O holy apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou has drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

#### KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

## THE READINGS

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE HEBREWS. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## SERVICES FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

- ☐ Wednesday, Great Vespers with Litia -Artoklasia
- ☐ Thursday, Vesperal Divine Liturgy Annunciation of the Theotokos at 6:00pm
- ☐ Friday, Little Compline with 1st stasis of the Akathist Hymn at 6:00 pm
- ☐ Saturday, Great Vespers, 6:00 pm

## FASTING

Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri - Abstain from Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs, Wine & Olive Oil

Thu - Abstain from Meat, Dairy & Eggs

Sat - Abstain from Meat, Fish, Dairy & Eggs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☐ Icons of the Annunciation are for sale in the book store!
- ☐ We are still collecting food items for the Solano Food Bank all through Great Lent for alms giving. The collection receptacles are in the refectory. This last Sunday 65 pounds of mostly canned goods were delivered to the Solano Food Bank, a non-profit organization that feeds more than 178,000 people per month in Fairfield and Concord. Hungry children account for 1 of 4 meals being provided by this organization. This has been a difficult year for many but especially for the underemployed, the unemployed and our homeless populations. (Please no perishable, no glass, or expired items)
- ☐ March Parish Council will meet on Tuesday March 23rd at 7:00pm. All Parish members are welcome to attend. Contact Samer Awwad for video conference details.
- ☐ The Women's Lenten Retreat will be Saturday March 27th from 9:00am to Noon at the Abughazalah Home, 3003 St. Andrews Road in Fairfield. The retreat will be led by Fr Spyridon, RSVP to Johanna Cates (catesjo@aol.com).

## GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

### Happy Birthday

- Martin Esquivel March 21
- Lana Arons March 21
- Lula Kassa March 23
- Mariam Rantisi March 26
- Chona Lilly March 27

### Blessed Saint's Day

- Grace Bezzerides, Annunciation of the Theotokos, March 25
- Jeffrey Minasian, Archangel Gabriel, March 26
- Gabrielle Boubonis, Archangel Gabriel, March 26