

March 4, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
(ST. GREGORY PALAMAS)

Venerable Gerasimus of Vologda

Saint Gerasimus, First Vologda Wonderworker, accepted monastic tonsure on March 4 (at that time it was customary to give a new monk the name of the saint commemorated on the day of his tonsure) at the Kiev Gniloë Dormition monastery, having been attracted to the Caves where Saint Theodosius (May 3) secluded himself during Great Lent.



Out of obedience to the brethren, Saint Gerasimus accepted the rank of hieromonk. In imitation of the exploits of the Fathers of old, the monk felt drawn to Northern Rus and he arrived at the River Vologda (August 19, 1147). He blessed the emerging settlement on the right bank, "foretelling that here would be a great city."

The saint chose the dense virgin forest for his dwelling place, separated from the settlement by the Kaiserova creek. There the monk built a hut, and in the tranquil solitude he devoted himself to the contemplation of God, unceasing prayer and work. He built a church in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, and so the first monastery in the north named for the Most Holy Trinity came into being. The monastery served for the spiritual enlightenment of the surrounding peoples.

The monk peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on March 4, 1178, the day of his monastic tonsure, and the Feast of his namesake Saint Gerasimus of the Jordan.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/03/04/100650-venerable-gerasimus-of-vologda>

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE GERASIMOS OF THE JORDAN
GREGORY, BISHOP OF CONSTANTIA IN CYPRUS
MARTYRS PAUL AND JULIANA OF PALESTINE
DANIEL THE WONDERWORKER, PRINCE OF MOSCOW

Tone 6 - Eothinon 6

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION FOR ST GREGORY PALAMAS - Tone 8 - O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Women of St. Philip's, 12 pm
Lenten Vespers, 4 pm @ St. George in Upper Darby or
St. Mary (UOC) in Allentown

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 11):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Justin G.	Tadesse
EPISTLE READER:	Terry Kaminsky	Justin Gohl
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	---
GREETERS:	Celia-Marie & Sharon	Greg & Jennifer Howanetz
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge & Alex	Olena, Carol, Tadesse
COFFEE HOUR:	---	Hirut/Fr. James/Bushellis

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

Mark Your Calendar:

Choir Workshop
Saturday, March 10 - Retreat, 9 am - 9 pm

Friends & Family Day – Choir Concert
Sunday, March 11 - Concert, 1 pm

Lenten Retreat - “A Christian Ending”
Saturday, March 17 – 9 am - 7pm

Please speak with Fr Noah, Martha, or Stephanie about Burial Ministry Teams.

Pascha
Sunday, April 8

Pentecost
Sunday, May 27

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

SAINT PHILIP’S is a place of prayer and repentance and a “Pan-Orthodox” parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21)
Am I My Brother’s Keeper?

This Week: **Great Fast Continues ...**

Fr. Noah is away through March 6.

- Monday, Mar 5:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Great Compline, 7 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 6:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 7:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Confession, 6:30 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Mar 8:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Friday, Mar 9:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 am
Akathist, 7 pm
Choir Practice, 8 pm
- Sat, Mar 10:** Choir Retreat, 9 a.m.
VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
- Sunday, Mar 11:** **Friends & Family Sunday**
MATINS 9 a.m.,
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Robert Germany One-Year
Memorial, 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School &
Teens, 11:45 am
Choir Concert, 1 pm.

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Vladimir R	Constantine
Valentine	John N.
Christine S	Assaad
Angela G	Daria
Mary K	
R Maxime	
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	St. Nina’s List
Robert C	Catechumens
Kristen C	
Stephanie	Couples prepar-
Helen	ing for marriage
R Herman E	
Nicholas A	Corrine
Abdess Emiliani	Faith
Zafer	Mary
	Michael

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Baby Care Items.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: The Church is the Arena.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Feb 24: 67 Divine Services on Feb 25: 201
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$279.26. Collections, \$360. Youth, \$4. Book Shelf, \$72. Cemetery Fund, \$2,000. Stewardship, \$5,112. Total received: \$7,827.26.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!