



**ST. NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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 Orthros 9:00 AM
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 Reservations only
Sunday School- Zoom
Office Hours During Great Lent
 Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

MARCH 21st 2021

SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

We commemorate: Hilarion the New, Herodion the Apostle of the 70. Stephen the Wonderworker.

THE EPISTLE reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

"IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

THE GOSPEL According to Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins'-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And

he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE BEING HELD!
RESERVATIONS ONLY.**

Please call the church office at 603-436-2733 or email stnicholasreservations@gmail.com. We are also broadcasting via the internet. Please go to: <http://www.stnicholasportsmouthnh.org> and click on Watch Live Broadcast.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY, MARCH 28** –SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS
–GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM by the Greek School following Liturgy
- MONDAY, MARCH 29** –GREEK SCHOOL: 4:00-6:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31** –OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM
–GREEK SCHOOL: 5:00-7:30 PM
–PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY: 6:00 PM
- THURSDAY, APRIL 1** –OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM
–ADULT GREEK SCHOOL: 11:30-12:30 & 1:00-2:00
–BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM (Zoom)
- FRIDAY, APRIL 2** –OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM
–3RD SALUTATION SERVICE: 6:00 PM
- SUNDAY, APRIL 4** –SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY - JOIN THE ST. NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY following Divine Liturgy. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Greek War of Independence. Students will be presenting information on the importance of March 25, 1821 At the end of our brief presentation, students will be offering each parishioner gifts in honor of the Panagia and the heroes of 1821.

TSOUREKI (EASTER BREAD): if you would like to order Tsourekis, the order form is in the Spirit or contact Hilde: hildekama@gmail.com or 603-498-3233

BIBLE STUDY: April 1st at 7 pm (Zoom). "Can God be cruel?" Watch for the zoom invitation.

LENTEN RETREAT: St. Demetrios Church in Saco is sponsoring a Lenten retreat for 3rd-12th graders on Saturday, April 17th from 9-4. Please contact Leon Nicholas at 603 770 9687 to register.

HEALTH AND SAFETY SCREENING SCHEDULE: The Safety Committee is **seeking** new volunteers to augment our team. Volunteers are needed for Sundays and for Weekday Service to perform Health Screening (Greeting, taking temperature and asking brief questions) Training provided. Please email Barbara: casspamboukes@gmail.com, Fran: frandamianos@gmail.com or Kathleen: kathgvc@aol.com if you have an interest in volunteering.

LUMINARIES FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: This year the walkways of St. Nicholas will be lighted with luminaries for the Lamantations Service.. We ask that each family donate at last one luminary at \$10 each. Please see the flyer in the April Spirit or call the Church to donate one or more.