

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Mar. 5, 2023 9:00am Baptismal Divine Liturgy: **Sun. of Orthodoxy**, (Maximus Hanna)

TODAY'S READINGS:

Heb. 11:24-26,32-12:2 John 1:43-51
Rom. 6:3-11 (Baptism) Matt. 28:16-20

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today: **Second Week of Great Lent**
Coffee Hour
4:00pm Mission Vespers, Holy Ghost, Bridgeport
Tue. Mar. 7 5:30pm Daily Vespers
Wed. Mar. 8 5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thu. Mar. 9 5:00pm OCF Vespers, Lovett Room Battell Chapel
Sat. Mar. 11 4:15pm Memorial Saturday: Memorial Service
5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions
Sun. Mar. 12 9:00am Second Sunday of Great Lent, St. Gregory Palamas
Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12
Heb. 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16
4:00pm Mission Vespers, Christ the Savior, Southbury

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations:, Wedding Ann. **Jim and Ann** BD (Judy Ross' sister), Mar. 4: BD **Laurel**, (Judy's granddaughter), Mar. 6; **Victoria** Bucur Mar. 11. Many Years!

Pray for: **Tatiana** Oji at Orange Care Center, **Maria** Scheirer is at Civita Care Center, Milford.

Orthodox Charity of the Month: In March we will be supporting **ONE Stewards**, supporting diocesan programs above and beyond the operational budget, including youth and seminarians. Please be generous! To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Youth Rally Save the Date: August 7-12, 2023. **Church School:** March 19, focus: cupolas.

Orthodoxy 101: On Wednesdays after Presanctified Liturgy, we will be offering a series on an introduction to Orthodoxy. All are welcome, and if you have questions you would like addressed, please forward to Fr. Steven!

Church School: Older youths are gathering bi-weekly on Fridays at 6:30pm.

Men's Reading Group: A weekly **Men's Reading Group** is continuing on Tuesday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

2023 Budget: As the Generous Giving Team shared at the annual meeting, of our 2023 budgeted expenses, approximately \$174,000 needs to be covered by our parishioner contributions (\$29,000 of budgeted income is expected from other sources). This is \$14,500 per month. **Thanks** to all who contributed in January, particularly those who increased their giving for the month in response to the Parish Council's appeal! We met our monthly requirements, and also received some annual pledges paid now for the full year. With these paid-forward pledges, we have a small cushion into the coming months. Going forward, we'll be reporting a new statistic to let you know how we are doing in covering our expenses through the year: the Year-to-date Percentage of Budgeted Expenses Paid by Member Gifts. For January, this calculation is very good since it includes the paid-up annual pledges; we're 2.8% ahead. With continued support each month, we'll be able to stay ahead.

St. Gregory Palamas: Is remembered on the Second Sunday of Great Lent, after a Synod was held in 1341, in Constantinople, exonerating him. From the proceedings of this Synod, Barlaam the Calabrian came to a community of monks on Mount Athos, sharing his own thoughts about the ability to perceive the essence of God rationally. Later he turned and accused the same monks of these false teachings, identifying St. Gregory Palamas directly. St. Gregory defended the right theological understanding that we cannot know God's essence, but we can participate in His Divine energy, revealed through the Grace of the Holy Spirit. His defense was a written work entitled: *Triads in defense of the Holy Hesychasts*. His arguments were then presented at the synod in 1341, and in a Hagioritic Tome, the abbots from monasteries on Mount Athos signed their agreement with St. Gregory's arguments, and his practice of stillness in prayer that had already been known for centuries. As the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrates the icons in the midst of the church, this second Sunday affirms the life of stillness in knowing God through prayer.

Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- 9:00 Литургия - Воскресенье Православия

[Послание к Евреям 11:24-26,32-12:2 и от Иоанна 1:43-51]

[Послание к Римлянам 6:3-11 и от Матфея 28:16-20]

16:00 Миссионерская вечерня, Святой Дух, Бриджпорт

Ср 17:00чд Исповедь; 18:00чд Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров

Су 16:30 Панихида

17:00 Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск 9:00 Крещенская Литургия – Неделя: Вторая Святаго Поста: Святой Григорий Палама

[Послание к Евреям 1:10-2:3 и от Марка 2:1-12]

[Послание к Евреям 7:26-8:2 и от Иоанна 10:9-16]

16:00 Миссионерская вечерня, Христос Спаситель, Саутбери