

ST. SERAPHIM ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Orthodox Church in America – Diocese of the South

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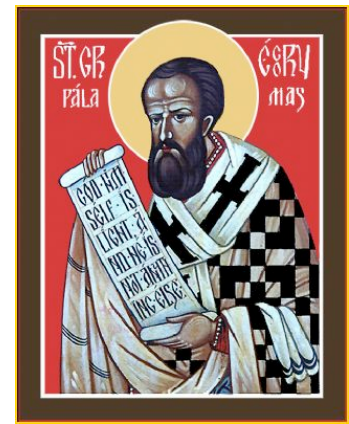
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah , Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the South

His Eminence, Archbishop Dmitri, Retired, Attached

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Sunday, February 28, 2010 – St. Gregory of Palamas



This Week at St. Seraphim

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Hours 9:30 Divine Liturgy Church School 6:00 Lenten Vespers at St. Mary Rom. Orthodox Church.	6:30 Lenten Daily Vespers CIC follows Vespers	6:30 Lenten Reader Vespers	6:00 9 th Hour and Typica 6:30 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	6:30 Lenten Reader Vespers	10:30 4F Group 6:00 9 th Hour and Typica 6:30 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	Memorial Saturday 9:00 Hours 9:30 Divine Liturgy 4:00 Confessions 5:00 Vigil

WE WELCOME - all our visitors today and those returning. We pray that you will make St. Seraphim your spiritual home. Please fill out a visitor's card and leave it at the candle desk if you would like more information about St. Seraphim's.

IT WAS OUR JOY-to have His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah with us for Friday evening's Presanctified Liturgy and last evening's Vigil. His Beatitude is at St Maximus Church in Denton today and will leave Dallas tomorrow morning. His Beatitude met with the parish council last night and distributed a letter, copies of which are available today, in which he made some administrative changes to better coordinate the work of the Cathedral and the Cathedral with the diocese. Father John continues to be the Associate Pastor at SSOC and Father Joseph Fester has been named Dean of the Cathedral. The Metropolitan continues to be the Rector of the Cathedral and the person of ultimate responsibility and accountability. The Cathedral dean will be next in accountability working with the clergy and parish council in organizing the day-to-day life of the Cathedral. The Cathedral office will be moved to the Chancery upon Fr. John's return and the Cathedral bookstore will move into the current Cathedral office and foyer while the old Cathedral space will be primarily used for fellowship space. For more details, please read the letter of His Beatitude and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Joseph.

DURING THE GREAT FAST-there are many opportunities to gather in worship here at SSOC. Every evening there is either a priest led service or a Reader service. The Holy Eucharist is offered on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is very important that we take advantage of the lenten season and break out of our usual worship routine and make more time to offer to God. This helps us to move God up the list of priorities in our daily life - where He should be first, our care and concern for others second, and lastly thinking about ourselves. Being an inner city community we have to plan our travel and be more intentional, which is a good thing because it requires that we pray, make a plan, and then take action. His Beatitude desires that SSOC be a model community not just for us but a place the parishes and missions of the entire DOS can look to as an example of what a Orthodox community is called to be. All that we do and are as Orthodox begins with our worship of the Triune God. As our liturgical life expands it will help us build out other activities here and thus offer the Cathedral a greater focus of life for all of us.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

28 ND-Marina May

MARCH

- 01 ND Tonya (Antonina) Svetlichny
BD Lori Nonna Rodriquez
BD Sophia Queal (2005)
AN Matthew and Mindy (Mary) Redard
(Wedding Anniversary)
- 02 BD Olga Vassilieva
- 03 BD Nectarios Hinkle
BD Marina May
- 06 BD Edmond Karçanai (2006)

PLEASE KEEP- our brothers and sister who have "Important Dates This Week" in your

Coffee Hour Hosts - Coordinator: Jeanie Potthoff

Hosts

- March 7 BAGELS and COFFEE
- March 14 BAGELS and COFFEE
- March 21 BAGELS and COFFEE
- March 28 BAGELS and COFFEE

The 4F Mom's with Kids Group-meets this coming Friday at 10:30am. The group will discuss the season of Great Lent.

The Monastery Retreat-yesterday at Kemp was very well attended by Orthodox faithful from most Orthodox churches in North Texas. His Beatitude offered his continued support for the monastic effort here and asks us to pray that the Lord will direct women to become part of the community there as nuns.

Fr. John-was able to attend the retreat, in a wheelchair. He was in good spirits and thanks everyone for their continued prayers. He hopes to be able to return to the SSOC as soon as he is able

TODAY-we remember the name of Saint Gregory Palamas, one of the great Saints of Orthodoxy, who against heresy and doubt, proclaimed, from within the experience of the ascetics and of all believers, proclaimed that the grace of God is not a created Gift - it is God Himself, communicating Himself to us so that we are pervaded by His presence, that we gradually, if we only receive Him, open ourselves to Him, become transparent or at least translucent to His light, that we become incipiently and ever increasingly partakers of the Divine nature. This is not simply a promise; this is a certainty which we have because this has happened to thousands and thousands of those men and women whom we venerate as the Saints of God: they have become partakers of the Divine nature, they are to us a revelation and certainty of what we are called to be and become. (*Met. Anthony Bloom*)

TONIGHT- at 6pm the Sunday Pan-Orthodox Lenten vespers continues at St John Greek Orthodox Church in Eules. Please try to attend and show our loving support for all our brothers and sisters in Christ as we all journey during the Lenten Spring that leads to our Lord's Pascha.

St Seraphim Orthodox Cathedral Church Income	Eight Weeks 2010	Eight Weeks 2009	Eight Weeks 2008	Eight Weeks 2007	Eight Weeks 2006
General Fund					
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 40,038	\$ 32,921	\$ 38,007	\$ 45,721	\$ 24,712
Candles	2,308	2,736	2,381	2,751	1,927
Prospora	169	110	147	368	292
Weddings, Baptisms, Memorials	<u>395</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>50</u>
Subtotal	\$ 42,910	\$ 36,267	\$ 40,595	\$ 50,700	\$ 26,981
Special Revenues					
New Cathedral	\$ 4,604	\$ 3,675	\$ 8,940	\$ 8,632	\$ 8,415
Iconography	32	3,725	560	486	825
Capital Projects & Renovations		0		0	1,500
Charity	576	1,472	240	238	175
Humanitarian	1,666				
Coffee Hour	176	197	491	221	199
Missions		0		50	50
Tom Thumb Rewards	138	0	88	92	78
Total Income	\$ 50,102	\$ 45,337	\$ 50,915	\$ 60,419	\$ 38,222