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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**April 7, 2024**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of  
Moscow and All Russia and  
Enlightener of North America

Saint George the Confessor, Bishop  
of Mytilene

## SAINT GEORGE THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF MYTILENE

Saint George, Metropolitan of Mytilene, from his youth led a monastic life, and was especially accomplished in the virtue of humility. In the reign of Leo the Isaurian (716-741) the saint underwent persecution from the iconoclasts and became a Confessor.

During the reign of the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos (780-797) Saint George was elevated to the cathedral of the city of Mytilene on the island of Lesbos.

His life was radiant with prudence and purity and resembled the life of angels. He possessed a gift of wonderworking, cast out unclean spirits and healed incurable diseases.

The saint distinguished himself by his compassion, and he helped all the needy. In 815, during the reign of the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820), the holy archpastor was banished and sent to Cherson, where he died after the year 820.

At the hour of his death a bright star shone in the heavens over the city of Mytilene.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: John, Edward, Jackson, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

DEPARTED: Yuri

BIRTHDAYS: Luca Margheiritno, Ezekiel Shoffner

ANNIVERSARIES: Wesley & Debra Smith

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: It is important that every Orthodox Christian receives the Mystery of Confession during the Lenten season. In the coming weeks, Fr. Alessandro will be available for Confession after the Liturgy of the Presanctified, after Great Vespers (Sat), or by appointment. If you wish to come before these services, please let him know ahead of time. Please, note that Friday, April 26 is the last day when Fr. Alessandro will hear Confessions before Pascha. When we enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, our focus must be exclusively on walking with our Lord through His passion.

POST-PRESANCTIFIED POTLUCKS: As it is customary in many Orthodox communities, we will share a lenten meal following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Please, feel free to bring (but not mandatory), a lenten dish or side to share.

MEALS SIGN-UP: A sign-up genius has been shared via email to invite parishioners to sign up for dishes to share after the Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsal is scheduled for May 18 after Vespers (6-7).

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

April 7, Sun  
8:45 AM Church School  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

April 10, Wed  
6:00 PM Presanctified Lit.

April 13, Sat  
5:00 PM Great Vespers

April 14, Sun  
8:45 AM Church School  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

## MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>
Coffee Hour:	Hughes	Barr
Reader:	Barr	Hughes

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