



## Catechist Connection



The Second Sunday of the Great Fast is dedicated to St. Gregory of Palamas. We commemorate the struggles of St Gregory Palamas on the second Sunday of Lent. The defeat of the heretics and the vindication of his teachings by the Church in the 13th century was acclaimed as a second triumph of Orthodoxy and the Church has rightly prescribed an annual celebration on the second Sunday of Great Lent. St Gregory Palamas has been accepted by the Church as a great Theologian. In our Christian Church we have the following saints who are considered as Theologians:

St John the Apostle of Christ.

St Gregory of Nazianzos. 328 - 391 AD

St Simeon the new Theologian. 10th century

St Gregory Palamas. 1296 - 1359 AD

The word 'theologian' refers to one who teaches about the Word of God:

"Theos" God and "Logos" Word ie the second person of the Holy Trinity.

The Gospel is Mark 2: 1-12 the healing of the paralyzed man brought by his friends to Jesus. Here before us is a good example for the fast. The example, that only together people can be saved, supporting each other, loving, believing, helping and then God will help each of us. Because as He himself gets us out from the depth of sin, so He wants us to help each other. Sometimes we can't help by outward works, but we can help by inner ones, to help by a prayer. Every day prayer for each other, relatives, friends and even for enemies must be pronounced with such persistence and love as those people, carrying a paralytic man, tried to get into the house where Christ was.

A while ago I mentioned a book entitled Goodnight Jesus by Angela Isaacs. This book is published by Ancient Faith Store. There is a website by the author that provides some activity pages that can be used with the book. It is a great book for Preschool and Kindergarten Children. Here is the author's website: [www.angelamisaacs.com](http://www.angelamisaacs.com) You may have to retype it into Google or another browser to get to the website. On the website she showcases her book and has several PDF's with activities that can be used with the book. If you want a copy of the book, please contact the UCREC office and we will be pleased to assist you.

Just a friendly reminder:

Regina Adult Faith Formation begins in Regina at St. Basil's Parish on March 17 & 18, 2017

Yorkton Adult Faith Formation begins in Yorkton at Mother Perpetual Help Monastery on March 24 & 25, 2017.

If you are interested in joining these programs, email us at [rel.ed@sasktel.net](mailto:rel.ed@sasktel.net).

Also, we are taking applications for the Saskatoon Eparchial Lay Formation Program which starts in September, 2017. If you are interested, please contact us at the same email address.

Have a blessed Great Fast,

Blessings, Sr. Bonnie