

**HONOR THE PANAGIA
BY DECORATING HER ICON**
FOR THE UPCOMING SERVICES OF THE SALUTATIONS



The SALUTATION TO THE THEOTOKOS will be held on the following Friday's of Lent at 7pm:

March 22

March 29

April 5

April 12

Akathist Hymn - April 19

During these days we do not pray to the Theotokos, but rather ask for her intercession with Christ, her Son. We also ask that she may pray for us to be strengthened in our journey to salvation. This is a period where we seek to strengthen our relationship with Christ, and it is a good thing to include the Virgin Mary in our spiritual growth.

The Virgin Mary lived a life worthy of emulation. She was not God. She was not perfect. She was, however, perfectly obedient to God's plan for our salvation. She personified loving God and loving our neighbors. The Virgin Mary is also called the "bridge" between earth and heaven. She helps provide the way for Christ to save us and to open the gateway to Paradise. It is our choice to journey to Paradise.

We invite you to come join us in honoring the Theotokos on these special Fridays during Lent.

MAY THE PANAGIA ALWAYS BE WITH US

If you wish to order a wreath to decorate her icon, please call Elaine at the church office
860-956-7586 Option 1 – Tuesday through Friday 9 am – 4 pm.