



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, March 19

Martyrs Chrysanthus & Daria of Rome

6:40 P.M. 9th Hour and Typica

7:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 20

Martyrs of St. Sabbas Monastery

12:00 noon Lenten Prayer of the Sixth Hour

Friday, March 21

Venerable martyr Eudoxia

11:00 A.M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7:00 P.M. Parastas with the reading of the Hramoty (Prayers for the Departed)

Saturday, March 22

Third All Souls Saturday

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 23

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Holy Cross**

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Hebrews 4:14-5:6 and the Gospel will be Mark 8:34-9:1. Supplications will be offered for +John M. Bender, given by wife Sylvia Bender. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Holy Cross as part of our Lenten journey.

4:00 P.M. Lenten Deanery Vespers at St. Gregory's Church, Upper St. Clair, PA

Easter Lily for St. Gregory's

For the upcoming celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord-Pascha, you will have the opportunity this year to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing an Easter Lily to be placed in our Holy Church. If you wish to participate, please fill out this form. After you have completed the form, you can either place it in the offering basket or return it to the parish office. Be sure to circle "memory of" or "honor of." Please **PRINT** your name and the name of the person(s) you are remembering as you wish the names to appear in our parish bulletin. **The deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 6th.** The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of St. Thomas, April 27th.



Given in memory of/honor of (print legibly):

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____

\$15 Medium Plant (one plant per pot) _____ number of plants

\$35 Large Plant (three plants per pot) _____ number of plants

Make check payable to: St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church



Easter Sale: Byzantine Chocolate Crosses

To support our St. Gregory's ECF program activities, we are again having this year the sale of Byzantine Chocolate Crosses. Order envelopes can be found in the Church narthex. Please complete the information on the outside of the envelope, put your cash or check made payable to St. Gregory Nazianzus Church and place it in the collection basket.

The Sarris Candy chocolate crosses are available in white, milk and dark chocolate and are offered for \$8.00 each. **Orders must be placed by next Sunday, March 23rd.** Orders will be available for picking up Palm Sunday weekend. Questions? Contact: Carol Planitzer 724.969.4122

St. Gregory Easter Kielbasa Sale 2025

Our parish will again offer kielbasa for sale this Easter season and we are asking parishioners to buy some of this traditional Easter food personally and to sell some to friends, neighbors, colleagues, and members of other parishes.



Each Package is a \$19 donation, 1 Package = 2 pounds 10 oz

Sign-up sheets are available in the Church narthex for placing orders or the kielbasa can be ordered on the St. Gregory home page www.stgregoryusc.org. For more information or to order, please call Antonio Wolfe at (412-735-6025) or email Antonio at awolfeupj@gmail.com.

You can pick up your order on Friday, April 11th (8:00 am – 11:00 am); Saturday, April 12th (9:00 am – 11:00 am), Saturday, April 12th (after 5:00 pm Liturgy) and Palm Sunday, April 13th (10:30 am – 12:00 pm).

The last day to place your order is Friday, April 4th. Thanks to all St. Gregory parishioners for your continued support of this important fundraiser.

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.”

St. Catherine of Siena

Announcements

Welcome Melina!

We welcome into our parish family Melina Rebecca Schimansky, who received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation on Saturday, March 15th. We ask Almighty God to bless Melina, her parents, and her entire family for many happy and blessed years!

Welcome New Parishioners!

As a parish family we are truly blessed to welcome Vincent & Diana Reda, and Daniel & Melissa Glancy and their children Andrew & Nicholas to St. Gregory's parish family. We ask Our Lord to bless them as we together continue this journey of faith with many happy and blessed years!

Wednesday: Single Seniors Luncheon is BACK!

The Single Senior's Luncheon for March is scheduled at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 19th, at Al's Cafe (440 McMurray Road, Bethel Park). Please make your reservation by calling Lois Griffith at 412-854-0853. Our Single Seniors Ministry of St. Gregory's is for men and women who have never married or have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. As a group it is our goal to provide spiritual, emotional, and mental support for one another. Please come and join us for this luncheon.

Thursday: Prayer of the Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, March 20th, at 12:30 p.m., we will have the Prayer of the Lenten Sixth Hour followed by soup and bread in the Church Hall. If you are at home, come and join us for this time of prayer and fellowship.

Thursday: Chant Group Practice

On Thursday evening, March 20th, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will continue with our Chant Group rehearsal in the Church Hall. Be part of the ministry of liturgical singing and join us as we practice together our liturgical chant for the upcoming Deanery Lenten Vespers.

Flowers for the Cross

Next Sunday, March 23rd, we will honor the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Savior. The Cross will be carried from the altar on a tray of flowers and placed in the middle of the church. If you wish to sponsor flowers for the Holy Cross on this Third Sunday of the Great Fast, you may do so in honor or memory of a loved one. Your prayerful intentions will then be published on that Sunday in our parish bulletin.

Lenten Deanery Vespers

On Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m., our parish family will host the Lenten Deanery Vespers. Priests will be available for the Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession at 3:30 p.m. Following the Divine Service, we will have Lenten soup and bread in our Church hall. Please be here for this prayerful event and to welcome the faithful from the Pittsburgh area to our parish.

Cross Procession

On Sunday, March 30th, a Cross Procession will take place following the Divine Liturgy. As we honor and meditate upon the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Christ, our ECF students will lead this Cross Procession. We invite you to be part of this special event as we raise the Cross in our Brookside Farms neighborhood!

Order of Confession

On Saturday & Sunday, April 5 - 6, we will welcome to St. Gregory's Fr. Frederick W. Gruber, priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Fr. Frederick will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confession as part of our spiritual preparation for Pascha-Easter. Let us remember that as frequent communicants we should make a confession during this and all penitential periods, and whenever the conscience is burdened. Plan to be here and to receive this Healing Sacrament of our Holy Church.

Bethany Ministry Meeting

St. Gregory's Bethany Ministry is now in our 25th year of outreach and support to parishioners. We are seeking new members to be a part of our Prayer Chain, send Get Well cards, prepare Easter gift bags to distribute to our homebound parishioners, and other projects throughout the year. If you would like to help in any way, we invite you to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, April 6th, following the Divine Liturgy. Questions? Please contact Dorothy Mayernik (text/call: 412-310-0521, or email: dk-may@verizon.net) or Jennifer Kehm (text/call: 412-389-0488, or email: 1luckykehm@gmail.com).

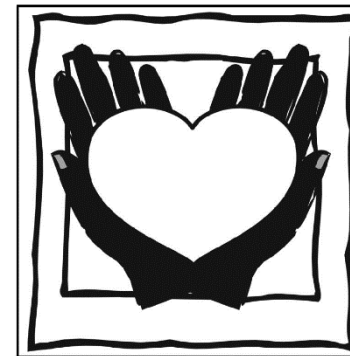


Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, March 9th, 2025, was \$5,050.64 (Envelopes: \$3,935; Online: \$497.64; Loose: \$115.00; Debt: \$40.00; Children: \$7.00; Candle: \$95.00; All Souls: \$40.00; Flowers: \$50.00; BCW: \$20.00; Easter: \$25.00; Chocolate Crosses: \$226.00).

The QR code will take you to our donation portal. Your engagement, support and prayers are very much appreciated.

Parish Lenten Outreach 2025: Lenten Works of Mercy



During this Great Fast-Lent, we are collecting needed items to support the good works of Angels' Place, located in Swissvale and North Side Pittsburgh.

Angels' Place is a cost-free or significantly reduced rate childcare center that helps single parents get an education as well as enriching the lives of their children. They provide education, care, food, and any diapers/clothing that the family needs during the time that they are in the center. The center also uses donations of clothes and toys to be able to send home with these families as well to help provide as much support as possible. The parents are required to do chores around the center to "pay" for their childcare services and are required to do a specified number of hours per week depending on their Child's schedule. The center is filled with so many amazing people and has touched so many lives.

In the Mother of God Chapel, we are collecting the following items:

- Trash bags (Large 39 gallon or 13 gallon)
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Cleaning Products
- Hand soap
- Diapers
- Wipes
- New or gently used clothes/shoes (kid's sizes)
- New or gently used toys
- Blankets

We will be collecting these donations in the Mother of God Chapel until Palm Sunday, April 13th, 2025.

St. Gregory's Prayer List

Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need: Charles & Maureen Cerny, Theresa Lokes, Nancy Romza, Andy & Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, John Tury and Agnes Yanchak.