



## ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR WEEK

Tuesday, May 13      *Martyr Glyceria*

**7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn to the Risen Lord**

Thursday, May 15      *Venerable father Pachomius the Great*

**12:00 noon Prayer of the Sixth Hour**

Saturday, May 17      *Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy*

**5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for +Lois Selelyo, given by Michelle Reese

Sunday, May 18      **The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

The Epistle Reading will be Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30, and the Gospel will be John 4:5-42. Supplications will be offered for +Joseph Yanchak; given by Agnes Yanchak & Joyce Yanchak. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

*St. Gregory the Theologian, in his 45<sup>th</sup> Oration on Pascha, declares: "Now is the world's salvation, for all creation, visible and invisible. Christ has risen from the dead; rise with Him! In His glory, ascend too! Christ is free from the tomb; be unbound from the shackles of sin! Hell's gates are flung open, and death itself is vanquished. This is our feast of feasts, the celebration that outshines all others, surpassing all other observances in Christ's honor, as the sun outshines the stars."*



Then, the woman went back to the town. What did she tell the people?

Use the code to find out.

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## St. Gregory's Library Ministry Book Club

Please join us as we discuss the New York Times Bestseller and winner of the David J. Langum, Sr. Prize in American Historical Fiction, *Mercury Pictures* Presents by Anthony Marra.

This is an epic tale of Maria Magana, a brilliant woman who must reinvent herself to survive, moving from Mussolini's Italy to 1940s Los Angeles. A timeless story of love, deceit, and sacrifice.

Our discussion will take place on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Books are available in the Church vestibule.

### 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, Nancy Romza, Andy & Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, and Agnes Yanchak.*

*If you would like to add your name or the name of a loved one to this list, please contact the parish office via phone or email. In the Church vestibule, you are invited to add the names of the sick and any other intentions you would like to be remembered in our Prayer Intention book.*

## Church Mice

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## Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

*O most merciful Father, Eternal God: we ask You to be attentive to the voice of our supplication which we, Your humble and lowly servants, offer today in behalf of all of our mothers. Give Your guidance and wisdom to our youthful mothers; reassure and inspire those of our mothers who are in the prime of life, endowing them with that spiritual joy that comes from having truly experienced mature motherhood; comfort and sustain our elderly mothers: and generously favor those of our mothers whom You have already called to Your heavenly abode by abundantly rewarding them. We pray to You. O heavenly Father, on this day as we especially pay tribute to all of our mothers, to accept our prayers and to promptly hear us and show all of them Your mercy.*



*Our Parish Family wishes special blessings upon all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and spiritual mothers on this Mother's Day. Grant them, O Lord, many happy and blessed years! Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!*

### Announcements

#### Today: Paralytic Man

The Fourth Sunday of Pascha is dedicated to Christ's healing of the paralytic as we read in the Gospel reading from John 5: 1-15. The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. Through Baptism in the Church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the Church, we are told, together with the paralytic, "to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (Jn 5:14).

#### Tuesday: Akathist to the Risen Lord

During this Paschalia-Easter Season, we continue to celebrate the Akathist Hymn to the Risen Lord. This week it will take place on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. With our busy schedules let us find the time to break away and find that time during the week for prayer and to glorify Our Risen Lord.

#### Thursday: Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon we will have the Prayer of the 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.

### **Single Seniors Luncheon**

The Single Seniors Luncheon for May is scheduled at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at Carbonara's (250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd)). Please make your reservation by calling Sylvia Bender at 724-255-6222. 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.

### **Vacation Church School 2025**

Come join us for fun and take a Journey Through the Feasts of the Theotokos! Our fourth year of Vacation Church School will be Monday, June 16 – Thursday, June 19, from 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Each day will include Prayer, a Saint-of-the-Day, a Lesson, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Games, and a Field Trip on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are in the church vestibule.

If you have any questions, please email our ECF Coordinator Mrs. Lorri at [lorri.george@gmail.com](mailto:lorri.george@gmail.com) or call 412-860-9231. High School students join us as team helpers with games and crafts. Volunteer hours that can be used for school as well as in college applications.

### **Thank You: Easter Kolbasa Sale**

Our parish has concluded the 2025 Easter kolbasa sale by which we achieved a profit of \$7,200.00. Thanks to all who participated in the sale and thereby contributed to its success. Profits from kolbasa sales are used to support parish maintenance and improvements and are a very important component of St Gregory's operating funds.



#### **Collection- May God bless you...**

The total for Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, was \$3,972.58 (Envelopes: \$2,670.00; Online: \$471.58; Loose: \$128.00; Candles: \$80.00; Easter: \$200.00; Maintenance: \$180.00; Children: \$3.00; Initial: \$15.00; Mother's Day: \$225.00).

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

***“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.”***

***St. Thérèse of Lisieux***

### **A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers**

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



### ***Our holy fathers Cyril and Methodius, Equal to the Apostles May 11***

Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers from Thessalonica of distinguished and wealthy parents, Leo and Maria. The older brother Methodius spent ten years as an officer among the Macedonian Slavs and thus learned the Slavic language. After that Methodius withdrew to Mount Olympus and dedicated himself to the monastic life of asceticism. It was here that Cyril (Constantine) later joined him. When the Khazarite king, Kagan, requested preachers of the Faith of Christ from Emperor Michael III then, by command of the emperor, these two brothers were found and sent among the Khazars. Convincing King Kagan of the Faith of Christ, they baptized him along with a great number of his chief assistants and even a greater number of the people. After a period of time, they returned to Constantinople where they compiled the Slavonic alphabet consisting of thirty-eight letters and proceeded to translate ecclesiastical books from Greek into Slavonic. At the request of Prince Rastislav, they traveled to Great Moravia where they spread and established the devout Faith and multiplied books and distributed them to the priests to teach the youth. At the request of the pope, Cyril traveled to Rome where he became ill and died on February 14, 867 A.D. Methodius then returned to Great Moravia and labored to strengthen the Faith of Christ among the Slavs until his death on April 6, 885 A.D.

