



**ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

Tuesday, January 25      *Our holy father Gregory of Nazianzus – Patronal Feast*

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

Friday, January 28      *Venerable father Ephrem the Syrian*

**7:00 P.M. Moleben for those suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence**

Saturday, January 29      *Translation of the Relics of Ignatius, Bishop-Martyr*

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

Sunday, January 30      **Sunday of Zacchaeus  
Three Holy Hierarchs**

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

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

The Epistle Reading will be Hebrews 13:7-16 and the Gospel will be Luke 18:35-43. Supplications will be offered for +Helen Stasiuk, given by beloved daughters Donna, Darlene, and Barbara. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

*“A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”*

*~ Saint Basil the Great*

*“We are not made for ourselves alone. We are made for the good of all our fellow creatures.”*

*~ Saint Gregory the Theologian*

GENNESARET	TYRE	CANAANITE
DAUGHTER	DEVIL	LOST
SHEEP	WOMAN	HOUSEDOGS
SCRAPS	TABLE	WELL

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## A WORD ABOUT PRAYER

The essence of evening prayer is to thank God for the day and for everything that one has met in the course of it, both good and bad. For the wrong which has been done, one must repent and ask for forgiveness, promising to make amends the following day; then one prays to God for protection during sleep.

The essence of morning prayer is to thank God for sleep and revitalization, and to ask Him for help to do things throughout the day for His glory.

Say your prayers with all your heart and mind.

Make known to God your vital needs, both spiritual and material, speaking to God like a child: "See, Lord, my infirmities and weakness! Help me and heal me!" Never read a prayer hurriedly. Try to learn your prayers by heart. This greatly aids undistracted prayer. A prayer must be learned just like anything else.

- An Instruction of St. Theophan the Recluse (†1894)

*If you want to cure your soul, you need four things. The first is to forgive your enemies. The second is to confess thoroughly. The third is to blame yourself. The fourth is to resolve to sin no more. If we wish to be saved, we must always blame ourselves and not attribute our wrong acts to others. And God, Who is most compassionate, will forgive us.*

- St. Cosmas Aitolos



## Announcements

### Today: Women of Faith

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, we will continue in the Church Hall with our St. Gregory's Women of Faith meeting. All women in the parish are welcome and encouraged to participate. The primary focus of the meeting will be to revive/plan 2022 activities for service to our parish family as well as for the group itself. Join us for this meeting with an open mind and be ready for discussion and comradery with other women of faith!

### Wednesday: Chant Group Practice

On Wednesday evening, January 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will have 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 in preparation for our patronal feast day.

### Honoring our Patron Saint

On Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we honor the patron saint of our parish family Saint Gregory of Nazianzus. To honor our Patron Saint, we will have on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, a parish potluck dinner, which will take place following the Divine Liturgy. In the Church narthex we have a sign-up sheet where you can write down the dish you wish to bring to this event. It is our hope that this will become an annual event to honor our patron saint and to bring our parish together as a family.

### Friday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Friday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as we will offer a special Moleben-Prayer Service, during which our prayerful supplications will be offered for those suffering from Alcohol or Drug dependence. This Divine Service will also be LIVE on our St. Gregory's Facebook Page. Be part of this prayerful event!

### Super Bowl LVI Pool Fundraiser

We Continue running a Super Bowl pool again this year with prize giveaways at the end of the first quarter (\$100), half-time (\$100), third quarter (\$100) and final score (\$200). To purchase a "square" on the Super Bowl Pool, please see our parishioner Greg Uhrlen in the Church narthex following the Divine Liturgy, or email Greg at saintgregorysb@gmail.com. You can also make your payment on our St. Gregory's electronic giving app Tithe.ly. A square may be purchased for \$10. (Please supply your full name and email address or phone number if you do not have email) Final square purchases must be made by January 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

## Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2021 for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.



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

The total for Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was \$3052.79 (Envelopes: \$1835.00; Online: \$671.79; Loose: \$59.00; Candle: \$187.00; Debt: \$20.00; Initial Offering: \$10.00; Christmas: \$50.00; Superbowl: \$220.00).

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

### *St. Gregory's Prayer List*

*Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need: Theresa Lokes and Rosemary Tomko.*

*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.*

### **St. Gregory's 2022 Men's Club Ribs & BBQ Fundraiser**

As a 2022 fundraiser, St. Gregory's Men's Club will be selling fully cooked ready to "heat and eat" **Baby Back Ribs** and **BBQ Pulled Pork**. Score a touchdown at your Super Bowl gathering while helping to support your church! Serve slow-roasted Baby Back Ribs and Pulled Pork without slaving over your BBQ pit.

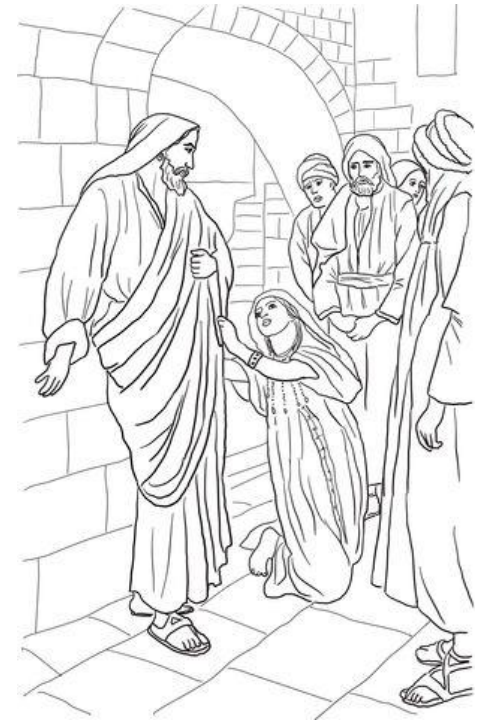


Each rack of ribs arrives in a Cryovac package. The package is approximately 11lb 12 oz, contains 11 to 12 rib bones in each pack and costs \$24. Also available is a 11lb 2oz container of BBQ Pulled Pork for \$12 per container.

Orders can be placed by following the link on our webpage or Facebook page, using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or by calling Tom Prokop at 724-916-4731. Payment is by cash or check payable to St. Gregory's Men's Club. Pickup times after Divine Liturgy on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> and on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

## **Sunday of the Canaanite Woman**

In today's Gospel reading, we find a woman in great need: her daughter is horribly demon-possessed. In such situations, when you experience pain, you do things that you wouldn't do under other circumstances. Just so, this Canaanite woman runs with determination to receive that which she seeks. First, her great faith and second, the depth of her humility, give her complete conviction that she will receive that which she desires. And her entire conversation with Christ develops gradually, in a remarkable way.



1. She seeks, although it looks as though God does not hear. In reality, ALL holy souls come across these difficult moments in life. St. Silhouan the Athonite reached the point of saying: "Lord, you are implacable."

2. Christ says something, but in a way that prohibits any such help: "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Everyone who wants to find God will feel that he is rejected by Him.) Humility makes the woman insist: "Lord, help me". The Canaanite woman is not affected; she does not take offence. In this way, humility holds the door of God's mercy open.

3. With Christ's final response: "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs", one would expect the woman to get up and leave. Her faith, however, informs her and she humbly responds: "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." (When you are humble, you know what to say to the Lord.) Following the whole of this trial the Canaanite woman is made worthy to hear from the Lord: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." He does not simply say: "Your faith has saved you ..."

And what about us? I wonder, will we go down, one step at a time, just as the Canaanite woman did? Will we accept whatever the Lord permits so that we stay faithful until we receive our desired end, our salvation?

- Archimandrite Symeon Kragiopoulos