



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

Wednesday, March 15

*Mid-Lent/Martyr Agapius*

**6:40 P.M. 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Typica**

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

Friday, March 17

*Venerable Alexis the Man of God*

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

**7:00 P.M. Moleben to the Holy and Life-giving Cross**

Saturday, March 18

*Fourth All Souls Saturday*

**4:40 P.M. Panachida with the reading of the Hramoty (Prayers for the Departed)**

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

Supplications will be offered for +Pat Tichi, given by Mary Taylor

Sunday, March 19

**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Our venerable father John Climacus**

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

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

The Epistle Reading will be Heb 6:13-20 and the Gospel will be Mark 9:17-31. Supplications will be offered for +William "Bill" Marshall, given by Chris Weber. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

**4:00 P.M. Lenten Deanery Vespers at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Duquesne, 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, March 26<sup>th</sup>.** The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of St. Thomas, April 16<sup>th</sup>.



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

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

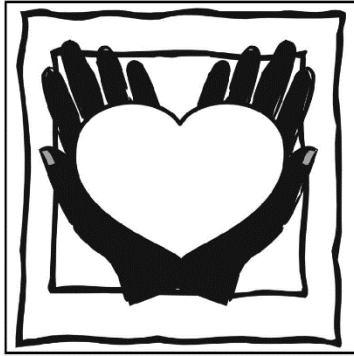
Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**



### **Parish Lenten Outreach 2023: Lenten Works of Mercy**

During this Great Fast-Lent, we are collecting needed items to support the good works of the INTERSECTION, located at 115 Seventh Ave. in McKeesport. The Intersection was founded in 1972 by the Sisters of Mercy and serves individuals and families who are economically poor, disadvantaged, and in need. It continues today to be operated in Catherine McAuley's spirit of compassionate service.

Their On-Site Meal Program provides a hot meal to those who do not have a permanent residence or kitchen facilities. Meals are prepared by various church groups and Intersection volunteers.

Their Food Pantry Club served over 500 income-eligible families last year, distributing 5,000 bags of groceries. The site coordinator Karen was very appreciative of our offer to collect needed items. She suggested the following:

#### **Boxes of Cereal**

Many of the people served are elderly, and they often eat cereal for dinner. It's easy to prepare, tastes good, and is nutritious. Karen said donations of sweetened cereal would be most welcome since their food pantry does not stock any sugary items and people really enjoy this treat. Basically, any kind of cereal will be appreciated.

#### **Cleaning Products**

Dish detergent, toilet paper, small bottles of laundry detergent, and Kleenex to be placed in the "Cleaning Bags" made up by the volunteers.

#### **Monetary Donations**

Cash is always welcome and will be used to purchase whatever they need at the time.

*"Good works are links that form a chain of love."*

*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

### **Announcements**

#### **Today: Third Sunday of the Great Fast**

On this Third Sunday of the Great Fast, we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday evening, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought out in procession and placed on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross as we arrive at Mid-Lent.

#### **Today: Bethany Ministry Meeting**

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, we will have a Bethany Ministry Meeting. This meeting will take place in the parish library. Join us for this important meeting as we plan visitations during the Lenten season.

#### **Our Sympathies**

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + Magdalene Anne DeZubay who was buried on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord commit her soul to the place where the just repose, and may her memory be eternal! Vičnaja Pamjat!

#### **Tuesday: Lenten Series with Fr. David**

On Tuesday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., we will continue with our Lenten Series with Fr. David Abernethy. Plan to be here as Fr. David will focus on "Chastity: The Sacredness of Creation and the Virginitly of Heart that should belong to all." Plan to join us as we continue to learn from the spirituality of the Eastern Church that leads to the fullness of beauty, love, and life in Christ.

#### **Wednesday: Single Seniors Luncheon**

The Single Seniors Luncheon for March is scheduled at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at Bella's (De Lallo's) On Fort Couch (91 Fort Couch Road). Please make your reservation by calling Mary Eicher at 724-743-5909. 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.

#### **Haven't Seen Someone in a While?**

Visit them or give them a call or an email. It is nice to hear from a friend from Church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay.

### Next Sunday: Cross Procession

Next Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### Lenten Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have at 12:00 noon, the Prayer of the Lenten Sixth Hour followed by soup and bread in the Church hall. If you are at home, please come and join us for this time of prayer and fellowship.

### Order of Confession

On Saturday & Sunday, March 25-26, we will welcome to St. Gregory's Fr. Ivan Chirovsky from our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Fr. Ivan will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confession as part of our spiritual preparation for Pascha-Easter. If you have not availed yourself of this life-giving Sacrament, please be sure to do so as part of our Lenten journey. Plan to be here and to receive this Healing Sacrament of our Holy Church.

### Best Lent Ever Discussion

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Gregory's Library Ministry will be hosting a discussion group for the participants of the Best Lent Ever Program. This will take place in our parish library, and we invite participants to come together to share their Lenten reflections with fellow parishioners.

### Easter Kolbasa Sale

Our annual kolbasa sale will take place on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (8:00 am – 11:00 am); Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (9:00 am – 11:00 am), Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (after 5:00 pm Liturgy) and Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (10:30 am – 12:00 pm). The last day to place your order is Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets are available in the Church narthex for placing orders, or the kolbasa can be ordered also on the parish website ([www.stgregoryusc.org](http://www.stgregoryusc.org)). For more information or to order, please call Antonio Wolfe at (412-735-6025) or email Antonio at [awolfeupj@gmail.com](mailto:awolfeupj@gmail.com). Each package is a \$18 donation, 1 Package = 2 pounds 10 oz (\$6.85 per pound). Thank you for the continued support of this important fundraiser.

### Willow Branches

Please remember that we will be in need of willow branches for the blessing of palms and willow branches on Palm Sunday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>). If you are able to obtain budded willow branches, please contact the parish office.

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

The total for Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was \$4,913.84. (Envelopes: \$3,160.00; Online: \$344.84; Loose: \$54.00; Candle: \$40.00; Debt: \$315.00; BCW: \$60.00, Chocolate Cross: \$301.00; All Souls: \$100.00; Initial Offering: \$5.00; Easter Flowers: \$190.00; Comedy Night: \$304.00; Lenten Outreach: \$40.00). *The QR code will take you to our donation portal. Your engagement, support and prayers are very much appreciated.*



*\*\*\*Flowers for the Cross: Jodi Hernandez in memory & honor of the Nazak, Sulkowski & Hernandez Families*

*Health and Blessings for Ben, Lauren, and Christian Popson*

### **St. Gregory's Library Ministry Book Club**

Please join us as we discuss the book **The Only Woman in the Room** by bestselling author Marie Benedict.



*Church Library*

*Hedy Kiesler is lucky. Her beauty leads to a starring role in a controversial film and marriage to a powerful Austrian arms dealer, allowing her to evade Nazi persecution despite her Jewish heritage. But Hedy is also intelligent. At lavish Vienna dinner parties, she overhears the Third Reich's plans. One night in 1937, desperate to escape her controlling husband and the rise of the Nazis, she disguises herself and flees her husband's castle.*

This is a powerful novel based on the incredible life of screen actress Hedy Lamarr. It leads us on a journey into Austria in the 1930's and Hollywood in the 1940's. Our discussion will take place on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. 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: Maureen Cerny, Liz Jones, Theresa Lokes, Betty Shovlin, Rita Smochko, and Michael Sirochman.***