



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 23 *The holy great martyr George*

11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 25 *The holy apostle – evangelist Mark*

12:00 noon Prayer of the Sixth Hour

Friday, April 26 *Bishop-martyr Basil of Amasea*

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

Saturday, April 27 *Bishop-martyr Simeon of Jerusalem*

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 28 **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 +Rosemary Salerno Tomko, given by daughter Jennifer & Family. Supplications will be offered for Dorothy A. Nenadich Balog, given by daughter Darlene Fejka & Family. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship and to celebrate the First Reconciliation of our children.

“We needed an Incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him, that we might be cleansed; we rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him; we were glorified with Him, because we rose again with Him.”

- Our holy father Gregory of Nazianzus

The Resurrection

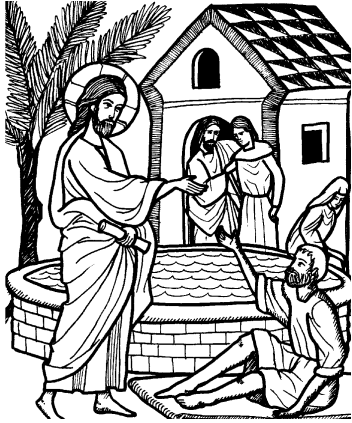
“Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



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SUNRISE	JESUS	WEEK	ANOINT	STONE



The Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Today, the Fourth Sunday of the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, we commemorate the healing of the Paralytic Man at the pool of Bethesda. We remember this event that not only transformed the life of the paralytic physically, but spiritually as he was led to a conversion and to a righteous life. Moreover, we celebrate this event as it exemplifies Jesus' Divine Power to give life. As we commemorate this event detailed in the Gospel of John, does it induce a transformation similar to that of the paralytic in our lives? Granted, we may not need to be lifted from a bed where we lay physically paralyzed, but spiritually can we make such a boast that we do not need the Lord's Divine Power? Are we able, a mere three weeks after His glorious Resurrection to carry His light that was passed to each of us and walk in His brilliance? My guess is that each of us, to some degree, whether we are willing to admit to ourselves or not, is waiting for the water to be stirred in our life that brings about that healing of body and soul and sets us on a righteous path.

The water though has already been stirred! Let us not forget that at our baptism we were baptized into Christ through our immersion into the water of the font. We were freed from the paralysis of sin and given life in Christ. Similarly, then, we should TODAY celebrate our spiritual transformation along with the paralytic and as Jesus said, "sin no more".

MOTHER'S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased

Given By:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation.

Donation for each candle is \$5.00.

*** DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 ***

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 Church, we are told, together with the paralytic, "to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14).

Today: St. Gregory's Jeopardy

St. Gregory's Jeopardy is here! Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy two teams of St. Gregory parishioners will face off in a friendly game of Jeopardy, hosted by our very own St. Gregory ByzanTeens. Join us in the Church hall for this unique parish event!

Thursday: Prayer of the Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, April 25th, 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.

Friday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Friday evening, April 26th, 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. Be part of this prayerful event as we pray before the icon of the Mother of God known as the "Inexhaustible Cup".

Women of Faith Meeting

The next meeting of the Women of Faith Ministry is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 28th after the Divine Liturgy in the church hall. All women in the parish are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please forward any ideas, suggestions, or thoughts regarding agenda items prior to the meeting to Susan Ruglovsky (412-720-3542 or srflynn@comcast.net). We hope to see you then!

Chant Group Practice

On Tuesday evening, April 30th, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Chant Group rehearsal in the Church hall. As a parish family we are blessed with parishioners who take upon themselves the ministry of Liturgical singing. Join us on Tuesday evening as we practice together our liturgical chant in preparation for the first "Spring St. Nicholas" celebration at the GCU St. Nicholas Chapel in Beaver.

Parish Assembly

Following the Divine Liturgy on Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5, we will have a Parish Assembly Meeting during which we will discuss our parish finances, the importance of stewardship, vision, and future planning/projects of St. Gregory's. This will be a very important meeting of our parish community, so please-please plan to be here and to participate in this parish assembly.

PAC & PFC Meeting

On Tuesday, May 7th, a joint meeting of the Parish Advisory Council and Parish Financial Council will take place in the Church hall at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all parishioners. For those who may have parish related questions or concerns, our Parish Financial Council and Parish Advisory Council members are available to help clarify matters for you and ensure your input is heard. We are also open to comments and suggestions and extend a warm invitation to everyone who may wish to attend our meetings.

Graduation 2024

As we have in years past, we will recognize all our graduates by celebrating with a special Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. We would like to begin planning for this wonderful event. If you or a member of your family will graduate this spring from high school or college, please contact the parish office. Please, email your college/high school graduate's name, school they are graduating from and plans for the future to stgregoryusc@aol.com.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.

Collection- May God bless you...



The total for Sunday, April 14th, 2024, was \$5,880.68 (Envelopes: \$2,411.00; Online: \$1810.68.; Loose: \$60.00; Candles: \$295.00; Easter: \$50.00; Debt: \$135.00; Children: \$4.00; Mother's Day: \$15.00; GCU: \$1,000.00; Iconography: \$100.00).

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

Real Courage...

When I was a small boy, I attended Church every Sunday at a big Gothic Presbyterian bastion in Chicago. The preaching was powerful, and the music was great. But for me, the most awesome moment in the morning service was the offertory, when twelve solemn, frock-coated ushers marched in lockstep down the main aisle to receive the brass plates for collecting the offering. These men, so serious about their business of serving the Lord in this magnificent house of worship, were the business and professional leaders of Chicago. One of the twelve ushers was a man named Frank Loesch. He was not a very imposing looking man, but in Chicago he was a living legend, for he was the man who had stood up to Al Capone.



In the prohibition years, Capone's rule was absolute. The local and state police and even the Federal Bureau of Investigation were afraid to oppose him. But singlehandedly, Frank Loesch, as a Christian layman and without any government support, organized the Chicago Crime Commission, a group of citizens who were determined to take Mr. Capone to court and put him away. During the months that the Crime Commission met, Frank Loesch's life was in constant danger. There were threats on the lives of his family and friends. But he never wavered. Ultimately, he won the case against Capone and was the instrument for removing this blight from the city of Chicago. Frank Loesch had risked his life to live out his faith. Each Sunday at this point of the service, my father, a Chicago businessman himself, never failed to poke me and silently point to Frank Loesch with pride. Sometimes I'd catch a tear in my father's eye. For my dad and for all of us this was and is what authentic living is all about.

-Bruce Larson, in Charles Swindoll, Living Above the Level of Mediocrity

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, Maeve Krieger, Theresa Lokes, 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.