

ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 5

Martyrs Galaction and Episteme

7:00 P.M. Moleben-Prayer Service for our Nation

Friday, November 8

Archangel Michael and All Angels

10:40 A.M. Third Hour

11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 9

Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Anita Kornosky, given by husband Robert Kornosky

Sunday, November 10

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Ephesians 4:1-6 and the Gospel will be Luke 10:25-37. Supplications will be offered for +Terry Seijas, given by Chris Weber. Please join us in the Church hall following the Divine Liturgy for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

“Our guardian angels are our most faithful friends, because they are with us day and night, always and everywhere. We ought often to invoke them.”

- St. John Vianney

“How great is the dignity of souls, that each person has from birth received an angel to protect it.”

- Venerable father Jerome

WINTER PASCHA **PHILIPPIAN FAST – 2024**

The Library Ministry is once again sponsoring a **PHILIPPIAN FAST /WINTER PASCHA** program to support the spiritual growth of our parish family as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord.

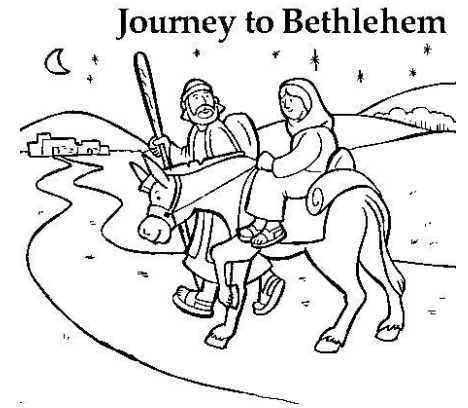
To participate, please write your name and e-mail address on the sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule, or you can send an e-mail to srflynn@comcast.net (Susan Ruglovsky). Beginning November 15th, each participant will receive a daily e-mail with meditations and information relating to the Philippiian Fast and the Winter Pascha.

Please also consider “A La Carte Items” for your personal program:

1. Increase abstinence from meat on Mondays and/or Wednesdays in addition to Friday.
2. Observe a strict fast (abstinence from meat AND dairy/eggs) on any or all of the above days.
3. Do not eat in between meals and restrict the amount of food eaten.
4. Almsgiving to the needy or to charities.
5. Increase time spent in daily prayer and attend additional church services during the week.
6. Suggested reading: *Christ is Born*, published by the Archeparchy and available in our library.

The culmination of **PHILIPPIAN FAST / WINTER PASCHA** program is planned for Sunday, December 22nd after the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy in the church hall/library. We will gather together to discuss and share our individual Philippian Fast journey with one another as we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Ruglovsky via e-mail or call or text at 412-720-3542.





Calling All Bakers!!!

Preparations are underway for our annual TASTE OF HEAVEN Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. This year the Women of Faith have a goal of 50 bakers from our parish family and are asking each to bake 10 - 12 (or more!) dozen cookies for the event. They will be sold to the public in a “cookie walk” style, with specialty and “ethnic” cookies packaged separately. We’ll be sharing more information regarding our plans to decorate Christmas cutout cookies as a group effort.

Please sign-up on the sheets on the table in the Church vestibule. For logistics, cookies can be dropped off on Thursday, December 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or Friday, December 6th between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Please refer questions to Dorothy Mayernik (dk-may@verizon.net; 412-310-0521), or Kathy Smith (kathryn.smith1@comcast.net; 412-445-3763) or Susan Ruglovsky (srflynn@comcast.net; 412-720-3542). Looking forward to another successful and delicious event!



St. Gregory's T-Shirt Fundraiser

Support our church and get your hands on these awesome T-shirts available in multiple colors and sizes! Great gift for Christmas! You can choose to have your order delivered to the church for easy pick-up or shipped directly to your door.

Order Deadline: Friday, November 29

Church Pickup: By Saturday, December 21

Delivery to your residence: Pay postage for shipping directly to you!

Click the link to check out the shirts and place your order today.

Link: <https://stgregorynbcc.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Thank you for supporting St. Gregory's!

Announcements

Monday: Children's Story Time

St. Gregory's Library Ministry invites all the children for Story Time in the Church hall on Monday, November 4th at 10:30 a.m. The Storytime is for pre-K – 1st grade, and will consist of stories, a craft, and snack. Siblings are welcome. Please bring your children and their friends for this fun event. To help in planning, please call the parish office (412-835-7800) or let Trisha Krofcheck (585-749-3270) know if your child will attend.

Tuesday: Moleben for our Nation

On this upcoming Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:00 p.m. a special Moleben-Prayer Service will be celebrated for our Nation. We invite you to join us on this Election Day as we pray for our country and offer together our prayerful supplications.

Friday: Feast of St. Michael and Angels

On Friday, November 8th, we celebrate the Synaxis of Archangel Michael and All Angels. To honor St. Michael and all the Angels, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Join us as we honor Archangels Michael and Gabriel, along with Raphael, and all other bodiless and heavenly orders.

Honoring our Veterans and Military Personnel

Again, this year in a special way, next Saturday & Sunday, November 9-10, we will honor St. Gregory's Veterans and Military Personnel. This celebration will include prayerful supplications and a blessing at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you served in the armed forces of our country and are planning to attend this celebration, please notify the parish office by Friday, November 8th.

Freewill Pasta Deanery Dinner

This Pittsburgh Deanery event will be taking place at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, (4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall), next Sunday, November 10th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses. Any profit will be sent to the Priests' Pension Plan. Join us to support this event and to share fellowship with our faithful from all our Pittsburgh Deanery parishes.

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.

PAC & PFC Meeting

On Tuesday, November 12th, 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 the 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 also are open to comments and suggestions and extend a warm invitation to everyone who may wish to attend our meetings.

Chant Group Rehearsal

According to St. Augustine: "He Who Sings, Prays Twice". On Wednesday evening, November 13th, at 6:30 p.m. the Chant Group rehearsal will take place in the Church hall. Join us as we practice together our liturgical chant in preparation for the upcoming holiday season.

Prayer of the Sixth Hour & Soup

On Thursday, November 14th, 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.

St. Gregory's Book Club

The upcoming St. Gregory's Book Club will be based on the historical fiction novel The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This book is based on the real-life extraordinary friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune, a civil rights activist and daughter of formerly enslaved parents. Books are available in the Church vestibule. Our discussion will be taking place on Thursday November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Cookie Baking & Decorating

The Women of Faith are planning Christmas cutout cookie baking and decorating sessions in preparation for our Taste of Heaven Cookie Sale. First, we will be baking cookies in the church hall kitchen on Saturday, November 16th beginning at 9 a.m. Then, we are planning TWO (Royal icing) decorating sessions on Sunday, November 17th and Sunday, November 24th after our morning social gatherings. Whether you have cookie baking or decorating skills, we can use your help! Please consider joining the group for comradery, fun and maybe a little bit of learning! Please refer questions to Kathy Smith (Kathryn.smith1@comcast.net /412-445-3763) or Susan Ruglovsky (srflynn@comcast.net / 412-720-3542).

Bethany Ministry Meeting

As part of the Philip's Fast-Advent journey, we will have a Bethany Ministry meeting following the Sunday Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 17th. This meeting will take place in the Parish Library. Be part of this important meeting as we plan visitations during the Advent season.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1st, we will honor at St. Gregory's all our couples who are celebrating their 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th plus wedding anniversary in 2024. If you wish to participate in this celebration, we ask that you please contact the parish office immediately. As part of this celebration, we will have a special blessing service at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, October 27th, 2024, was \$4,735.35 (Envelopes: \$3,120.00; Online: \$1,132.35; Loose: \$39.00; Candles: \$95.00; Children: \$4.00; Debt: \$345.00).

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: Maureen Cerny, Theresa Lokes, Nancy Romza, Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, and Agnes Yanchak.

Saint Nicholas Charity Event

Sunday, December 8th

A Byzantine Catholic Seminary Benefit

***Moleben Service: 3:00 P.M followed by Dinner at St. John Cathedral Center
210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA***

Tickets: \$45 per adult and \$20 per child (ages 12 and under)

For more information please call the Parish Office

******Deadline to order tickets is Monday, November 18th******