



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 21

Venerable Hilarion the Great

7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer"

Thursday, October 23

The holy apostle James, Brother of the Lord

12:00 noon Prayer of the Sixth Hour

Saturday, October 25

The holy apostle and evangelist Luke

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 26

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Greatmartyr Demetrius of Thessaloniki**

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Galatians 1:11-19 and the Gospel will be Luke 16: 19-31. Supplications will be offered for the Health of Sandy Zenk, given by Don and Pat Paslowski. Please join us in the Church hall following the Divine Liturgy for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

"Do you realize that our best friend is ourselves? We don't have a closer and more intimate friend than ourselves....So the first person you must befriend is yourself. You will then be able to see yourself with great love and compassion."

- Fr. Maximos in *THE INNER RIVER*



JOIN THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF THE C-RS FOR

CARPATHO-RUSYN DAY 2025

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RUSYN CHRISTMAS: JERRY JUMBA

6 PM | Join the Professor Cantor, musician and cultural activist, for his presentation on traditional Carpatho-Rusyn Christmas customs, with a focus on the "Bethlehem Play."



RUSYN MUSIC, SONG & DANCE: DEAN POLOKA

2 PM | Join the choreographer, researcher and radio host, for his presentation on Carpatho-Rusyn music, song and dance, followed by an all-levels dance class.

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RUSYN HISTORY: JOHN RIGHETTI

2 PM | Join the C-RS founder/President Emeritus, scholar and tour guide extraordinaire, for Part One of his three-part presentation: "The Carpatho-Rusyns: A Complex History, a Distinctive Culture."



LOCATION: C-RS CULTURAL CENTER

915 DICKSON STREET

MUNHALL, PA 15210



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Chili Cook-Off

Get your sampler tickets now for the St. Gregory ECF Fall Chili Cook-off Fundraiser on Sunday, November 2nd!

Sampler tickets are \$10 each and get you samples of all chili and dessert entries, a slice of cornbread, a beverage, and five voting tickets to cast for your favorites. These are for sale after each Divine Liturgy. Additional voting tickets will be available for purchase at the cook-off: 10 tickets for \$5 or 25 tickets for \$10.

The chili and the dessert that collect the most voting tickets by the end of the cook-off will each win \$25. Two additional \$25 "Sampler Prizes" for our voters will be drawn from among the voting tickets.

All chili entries are due by TODAY. Entry forms are available in the vestibule and can be placed in the designated box. Each chili entrant will receive one free sampler ticket.

Please join us for this tasty and fun new ECF fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact Tara Bartz at 724-494-4834.

November Book Club - You're invited!

Join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall for a stimulating discussion about Percival Everett's National Book Award Winner and NY Times bestseller, JAMES. Named one of the ten best books of 2024.

This is a brilliant retelling of Mark Twain's canonical novel Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884) from the perspective of Jim, an enslaved man. JAMES delves deeply into the themes of morality, the nature of freedom, and enslavement.

Books are available in the back of the church.

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, Pat Paslowski, Nancy Romza, Andy & Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, and Agnes Yanchak.

Announcements

Welcome Elizabeth!

We welcome Elizabeth Kiss who received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation on Saturday, October 18th. As a parish family we ask Almighty God to bless Elizabeth, her parents and her entire family for many happy and blessed years!

Today: Cancer Awareness

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, join us for a presentation given by our own parishioner Jennifer Kehm! This presentation will focus on what cancer resources are available in Pittsburgh. As a 25 year breast cancer survivor Jennifer has knowledge on what patients and caregivers can learn, gain insight, and reduce stress of a cancer diagnosis.

Today: MaryFest & Deanery Pasta Dinner

The Pittsburgh Protopresbyterate invites ALL our faithful to a Deanery Pasta Dinner which will take place this Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church in Munhall (4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road). This pasta dinner will be prepared and served by the priests and deacons in our Pittsburgh deanery. This is a free will offering event. Prior to the Pasta Dinner, the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir will present MaryFest at 2:00 p.m. Come and be part of this song filled program dedicated to the Holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

Tuesday: Healer of Cancer

On this upcoming Tuesday evening, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. we will continue with the celebration of the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer." Come and be part of this Divine Service that gives strength and hope during a time of suffering.

Wednesday: PAC-PFC Meeting

On Wednesday evening, October 22nd, starting at 6:30 p.m. we will have the meeting of the Parish Advisory Council (PAC) and Parish Financial Council (PFC) in our Church Hall. I ask all members to please be present for this important meeting. Attendance at these meetings is open to all our St. Gregory's 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 any of our scheduled meetings.

Thursday: Prayer of the Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, October 23rd, 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.

Thursday: Chant Group Practice

On Thursday evening, October 23rd, 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 and learn new liturgical hymns.

Next Sunday: Trunk or Treat at St. Gregory's Church

We invite all our children, ECF students and ByzanTeens to participate in the upcoming Trunk or Treat event, which will begin following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, October 26th. The children will have the opportunity to get changed after the Divine Liturgy and then we will have the costume parade (in the Church hall) based upon age group. Following that, the "trunk or Treat" will continue in our parking lot. In case of inclement weather this will take place in the Church hall.

Men's Club Meeting

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 9th, a very important Men's Club meeting will take place in the parish library. We invite all St. Gregory's men who are interested in being part of this organization that promotes camaraderie, and sponsors parish events and projects. During this meeting we will plan different events and future projects.

Prayers for the Living & Deceased

In preparation for the year 2026, we ask that if you have any special dates throughout the year on which you would like to have prayers offered for the living or for the blessed repose of your loved ones, you please contact the parish office now to reserve that day.



Collection- May God bless you!

The total for Sunday, October 12th, 2025, was \$3,833.39 (Envelopes: \$2,036.00; Online: \$522.39; Loose: \$127.00; Candles: \$65.00; Children: \$3.00; Memorial: \$1,000.00; Holiday Food Bank: \$80.00).

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

October Outreach: Holiday Food Bank Donations

St. Gregory's is sponsoring a Holiday Food Bank Drive to assist SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement) in serving our less fortunate neighbors to meet basic needs. This year, instead of collecting food items, we will partner with the GCU to collect monetary donations. Money collected by our parish will be matched by the GCU up to \$500.

Donations (checks written to St. Gregory's) may be placed in the basket in the Mother of God Chapel or in the collection basket -- please label an envelope "Food Bank Donation."

Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

Calling All Bakers!!!

We've got ambitious plans for our annual TASTE OF HEAVEN Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. This year the Women of Faith have established a goal of 50 bakers from our parish family who we are asking to bake 15 dozen cookies (if you can!) for the event. They will be sold to the public in a "cookie walk" style, with specialty and "ethnic" cookies packaged separately.

We are also planning "community baking" sessions on Monday, November 3rd, Tuesday, November 11th and Wednesday, November 19th starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. The intent is to ensure we have sufficient cookies for our prewrapped "Grab & Go" trays and to have more cookies to sell. We sold out early last year!

**Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Church vestibule
for our community baking sessions.**

More information and sign-up sheets for cookie sale bakers and volunteers will follow. Please refer questions to Susan Ruglovsky (srflynn@comcast.net; 412-720-3542) or Dorothy Mayernik (dk-may@verizon.net ; 412-310-0521). Looking forward to another successful and delicious event!