



ST. GREGORY’S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 28

Great Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium

7:00 P.M. Akathist to the Mother of God “Healer of Cancer” with Holy Anointing

Thursday, October 30

Martyrs Zenobius & Zenobia

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

Saturday, November 1

Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 2

Twentyfirst Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Galatians 2: 16-20 and the Gospel will be Luke 8: 26-39. 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.

“Learn to dance, so when you get to heaven the angels know what to do with you.”

“There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future.”

“In order to discover the character of people we have only to observe what they love.”

- St. Augustine

The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV).



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H R T A U P U R P L E O M E E
T I Z E R W N L W K R H R C D
P L T L I A B R C E E V E E L
S A V U E T L I G U S P P L S
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Q A S U G R I N D X X A N K O
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G S Q R I C H P B N I S N F N
S H O B F A B A Q B G Q S E B
N E L M A W T W A R N E N E O
E V L B F D K T G O Y I L W D
B E G G A R Y P P Q L Q R S D

AGONY	BEGGAR	DIED	BAD	ANGELS
DOGS	WATER	WARN	HELL	PITY
GOOD	TABLE	LICKED	PURPLE	DRESSED
LINEN	GATE	LAZARUS	RICH	TONGUE
BURIED	SORES	FINGER	REPENT	LUXURY



Chili Cook-Off

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

Sampler tickets are \$10 each and will get you samples of all chili and dessert entries, a slice of cornbread, a beverage, and five voting tickets that you will pick up at the cook-off and cast for your favorites. Additional voting tickets will be available at 10 tickets for \$5 or 25 tickets for \$10. In addition, full bowls of chili with cornbread will be sold for \$5 each once sampling has ended and until sold out.

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.

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, Agnes Yanchak, and Joanne Futato (sister of Carol Olack).

Announcements

Today: Trunk or Treat at St. Gregory's Church

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, our Parish Trunk or Treat event will take place. We will begin in the Church Hall with the costume parade based upon age group and then continue the "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot (weather permitting). Join us in the Church Hall for fellowship and to support our St. Gregory's kids.

Tuesday: Last Akathist Hymn & Anointing

On Tuesday evening, October 28th, at 7:00 p.m. we will have the final Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer". As part of this Divine Service, we will also celebrate the Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Anointing-Unction. Everyone in the parish in good ecclesiastical standing may be anointed with the Holy Oil for the healing of spiritual and bodily ills. Holy Unction is a mystery of great comfort to the faithful that provides uplifting and asks for patience to accept the will of God, whatever the physical outcome.

Thursday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Thursday evening, October 30th 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".

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.

Honoring our Veterans and Military Personnel

Again, this year in a special way, on Saturday & Sunday, November 8-9, 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 7th.

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.

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 19th, 2025, was \$5,739.57 (Envelopes: \$3,051.00; Online: \$725.99; Loose: \$99.00; Candles: \$50.00; Children: \$2.00; Memorial: \$200.00; Holiday Food Bank: \$160.00; Men's Club: \$825.63; Kielbasa: \$10.00; PNC: \$615.95).

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

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!

*Please, remember to turn your clock **1 hour back** next **Saturday evening, November 1st, 2025** before you go to bed. **Standard Time Resumes!***

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table..."

As we can see in today's Gospel reading, Lazarus did not blame anyone for his poverty and misery. Unlike insurance companies in our modern-day society, he certainly did not blaspheme against God for his situation. He did not even reproach the rich man for his meanness. No, he accepted his situation in humility. And because of his humility he went to heaven, to the bosom of Abraham.

As for the rich man, to whom tradition gives the name of Dives, he on the contrary never once thought of thanking God for his wealth. He did not show his gratitude to God by caring for the poor men at his gate. No, he feasted at sumptuous banquets and lived for his belly. No doubt he attributed his wealth to his own imagined cleverness. For he possessed no humility, he had only hard-heartedness, allowing Lazarus to die at his gates, surrounded by stray dogs who licked Lazarus' sores, while he made merry. And because of his hard-heartedness he went down to hell. Dives' attitude is rather like that of those clever people who imagine that with their computers and satellites no ill thing will ever befall them. "Saved" by modern science they imagine that no electrical failure will cause their satellites to fall out of the sky, and that no power cut will ever put their computer out of operation.

On this Sunday we must remember that nothing we have is our own. We cannot possess anything. It is all God's. The moment we actually begin to claim it as our own is actually the time we begin to lose those gifts God has given. As we see today the Rich Man was so self-absorbed and never saw Lazarus. He was not aware of Lazarus' pain, his hunger, and his need even to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's sumptuous table. Let us all make a commitment to live our lives in simplicity and awareness. Our every singular act of love to each "Lazarus" we encounter, will begin to change the world, one person at a time. Amen.

