



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, March 22 *Bishop-Martyr Basil of Ancyra*

6:40 P.M. 9th Hour and Typica
7:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 23 *Martyr Nicon of Sicily*

12:00 P.M. Sixth Lenten Hour

Friday, March 24 *Prefeast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos*

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

Saturday, March 25 *Annunciation of the Theotokos*

4:30 P.M. Order of Confession

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for +William & +Pauline Bodnar, given by son Bill & family

Sunday, March 26 **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**
Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

9:00 A.M. Order of Confession

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
The Epistle Reading will be Hebrews 9:11-14 and the Gospel will be Mark 10:32-45. 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, Tarentum

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 26th.** The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of St. Thomas, April 16th.



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

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

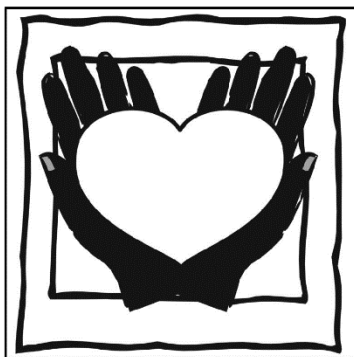
Amount enclosed: \$_____

\$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

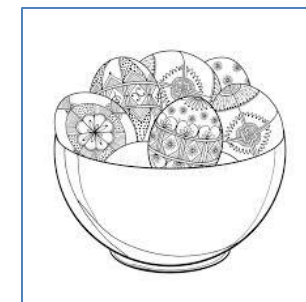
Cash is always welcome and will be used to purchase whatever they need at the time.

"Where mercy, love, and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too."

William Blake

Slavic Easter Items for Sale in the Church Hall!

On this Sunday, March 19th, we welcome Oles & Lyubov from Cataract Press in Parma, Ohio. They are visiting us today with a large selection of Slavic (Rusyn, Slovak, Polish, and Ukrainian) merchandise. This will include books, CDs, jewelry, and embroidery imported from Ukraine and much more!



The focus of the display is Easter-Pascha and includes Easter eggs-Pysankas, egg wraps, wooden eggs, basket covers, and books. The display will be in the Church hall and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to St. Gregory's.

Announcement

Today: Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor our venerable father John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. This Sunday's theme is St. John's witness to the real spiritual struggle needed for entrance into God's Kingdom. It also is encouragement for the faithful to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, for according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:13).

Tuesday: Final Lenten Series with Fr. David

On Tuesday evening, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Final Lenten Series with Fr. David Abernethy. Plan to be here as Fr. David will focus on "Obedience to God: Receptivity to the Spirit of Truth and the Creative Freedom of the Life of Grace." Join us for this final class as we learn from the spirituality of the Eastern Church that leads to the fullness of beauty, love, and life in Christ.

Thursday: Lenten Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, March 23rd, 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.

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.

Feast of the Annunciation

On Saturday, March 25th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos. To celebrate the “beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery,” the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated on Friday, evening, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m. (Pre-Feast of the Annunciation). Join us as we celebrate this feast of “good tidings” that teaches us of our own personal annunciation, that we must accept the preludes of our salvation, which is the greatest notification in our life.

Order of Confession

Next 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.

Next Sunday: Best Lent Ever Discussion

Following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, March 26th, 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.

Chant Group Practice

On Thursday evening, March 30th, 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 in preparation for Holy Week and Pascha-Easter.

Easter Kolbasa Sale

Our annual kolbasa sale will take place on Friday, March 31st (8:00 am – 11:00 am); Saturday, April 1st (9:00 am – 11:00 am), Saturday, April 1st (after 5:00 pm Liturgy) and Palm Sunday, April 2nd (10:30 am – 12:00 pm). The last day to place your order is Friday, March 24th. 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).

For more information or to order, please call Antonio Wolfe at (412-735-6025) or email Antonio at 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.

Children’s Story Time

St. Gregory’s Library Ministry invites all the children for Story Time in the Church hall on Monday, April 3rd 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. Please call the parish office (412-835-7800) or let Trisha Krofcheck (585-749-3270) know if your child will attend to help in planning.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, March 12th, 2023, was \$5,092.28. (Envelopes: \$2,875.00; Online: \$362.28; Loose: \$94.00; Candle: \$88.00; Debt: \$150.00; ECF: \$300.00; Chocolate Cross: \$563.00; Easter Flowers: \$510.00; DeZubay Memorial: \$150.00).



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

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.



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 28th, 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.