



**ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THOMAS WEEK**

Wednesday, April 17      *Venerable-martyr Simeon of Persia*

**7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn to the Resurrection of Christ**

Saturday, April 20      *Venerable Theodore Trichinas*

**5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for +Dolores Hast, given by Robert and Anne Hast

Sunday, April 21      **The Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

The Epistle Reading will be Acts 9:32-42 and the Gospel will be John 5:1-15. Supplications will be offered for +John Vanden Bosch, given by Bartz Family. Please join us in the Church hall following the Divine Liturgy for a time of fellowship and refreshments

*The Myrrh-bearing women stayed by the Cross out of love. They did not flee or hide one does not flee or hide from the Sun. They did not shirk. "The world has turned around: the weaker half became the braver half," exclaimed the Venerable John Chrysostom.*

*Christ had not disclosed to them the mysteries of His death and Resurrection like he did to the Apostles. Yet in their hearts, they knew that Christ on the Cross was the Crucified Truth Who would triumph over death. Then, at the end of Saturday these "weaker vessels", departed in the dark to anoint the body of their Teacher. They became the first to see the resurrected Christ and to hear from Him the words that represent the essence of the Christian faith: "Rejoice!" "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).*

**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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RISEN	MARY	TOMB	SPICES	ROLLED
SUNRISE	JESUS	WEEK	ANOINT	STONE



***We honor the Myrrh-bearing Women:  
Who are they?***

The Holy Myrrh-bearing women followed the Lord while He preached and served Him and His disciples from their own possessions. For His sake, they aided the poor, the sick, and the suffering. During His sufferings and death on the Cross, even when all the apostles had run away in fear, the Myrrh-bearers did not abandon their Savior. They stood at Golgotha (the place of the Crucifixion) and with their presence helped ease the unbearable pain and suffering of the All-Pure Mother of God.

The Myrrh-bearers did not abandon the Lord even after His death and burial. Very early in the morning, they came with myrrh (expensive oil) according to the Jewish tradition, to anoint the Lord's precious Body and render Him their final respects. There, the Lord rewarded the women for all their undying love and devoted care. The Myrrh-bearers worthily became the first witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ, having found the empty tomb and having heard the joyful news from the angel. The Holy and Equal-to-the-Apostles Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene was the first to meet and worship the Risen Savior and to go and tell of this to His Apostles.

***MOTHER'S DAY***

*Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following*

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

***Given By:***

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***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: Myrrh-bearing Women**

This Sunday is dedicated to the Myrrh-bearing Women who cared for the body of the Savior at His death and who were the first witnesses of His Resurrection. As we read in Holy Scripture these women had been together throughout Our Lord's public ministry. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others (Luke 8:3) are described as providing for Jesus out of their possessions. Today we honor their love, faithfulness, and dedication, as they faithfully followed Christ Our Savior.

**Today: Plant the Seed**

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, all women of our parish family are invited for the Plant the Seed Activity. This event will take place in our church hall. We will plant common herb seeds, receive a fact sheet on the herb, and a recipe for the herb. We will have three samples of various recipes. Next, we will receive scripture using seed in its' passages. We will reflect on these in a small discussion. Finally, we will reflect how we can share these scriptures with others who are looking to strengthen their Faith or begin a relationship with our Risen Lord. Join us for this faith-fun event!

**Tuesday: ECF Teachers Meeting**

On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have an ECF Teachers meeting. This is a very important meeting as we are making plans for the upcoming summer months. On the agenda is Vacation Church School, BYZANTEEN Youth Rally, Summer Camps, and more. We will meet in the Church Hall. Please be here for this meeting.

**Wednesday: Akathist to the Risen Lord**

During this Paschalia-Easter Season, we continue to celebrate the Akathist Hymn to the Risen Lord. This week it will take place on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. With our busy schedules let us find the time to break away and find that time during the week for prayer and to glorify Our Risen Lord.

**Saturday: Spring Clean-up Day**

We are holding a "Spring Clean-up Day" on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We want to clean and spruce up the Prayer Trail, Church hall and the shed. Plan to be at the church at 9:00 a.m. dressed for work. Food and beverages will be served. There will be work for young and old alike. Come and help for all or part of the day.

### **Last Call for Contestants: St. Gregory's Jeopardy**

Ever dreamed of being a game show contestant? Are you a Jeopardy fan? Do you love St. Gregory's and want to participate in a fun and exciting event? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then we cordially invite you to become a team contestant for our very own St. Gregory's Jeopardy! Our ByzanTeens have been hard at work prepping to host teams of parishioners as they face off in this friendly, faith-and fun-filled game after Divine Liturgy next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to be on a team, please sign up in the vestibule before all the slots are filled! For more information, please see our parishioner Tara Bartz or contact her at dg33ad@gmail.com.

### **Women of Faith Meeting**

The next meeting of the Women of Faith Ministry is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Graduation 2024**

As we have in years past, we will recognize all of our graduates by celebrating with a special Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 Thomas Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was \$4,959.68 (Envelopes: \$3,010.00; Online: \$1010.68.; Loose: \$105.00; Candles: \$112.00; Easter: \$420.00; Debt: \$250.00; Children: \$9.00; Chocolate Cross: \$43.00).

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

### **Choir Paschal Program**

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites faithful and friends to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord.

Presented at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church in Munhall, Pa. next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the program will begin at 3:00 p.m., and will feature many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, "Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!"



A cake-and-coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall. Members of the Archeparchial Choir and Father Vitalii Stashkevych, pastor of St. Elias Church, invite everyone to this joyous celebration on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. St. Elias Church is located at 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120.

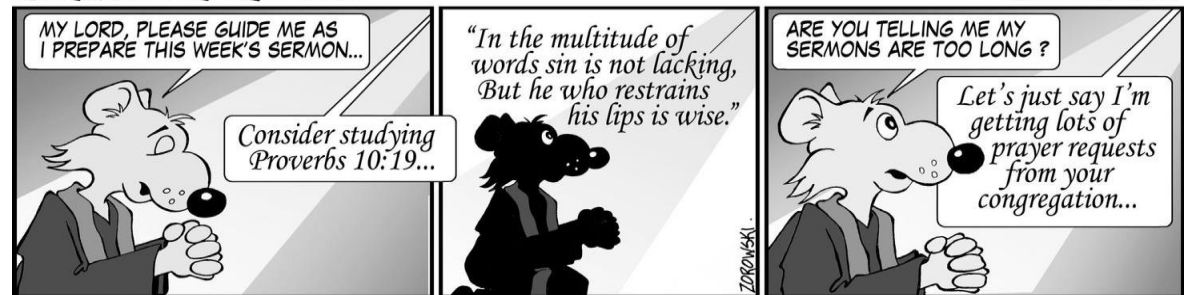
The PBCAC was founded in 1998 by +Archbishop Judson Procyk under the direction of Darlene Fejka and consists of singers from parishes of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

### ***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.*

### **Church Mice**



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