



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

Monday, April 21 *Bright Monday*

10:45 P.M. Paschal Hour

11:00 A.M. Paschal Divine Liturgy, Procession and 4 Resurrection Gospels
 Paschal Divine Liturgy celebrated in English and in Church Slavonic, with a Procession and Gospel Readings after the Ambon Prayer.

Wednesday, April 23 *Bright Wednesday-St. George the Great Martyr*

11:00 A.M. Paschal Divine Liturgy
 Joining us for this Divine Liturgy are students and staff from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School in Coraopolis

Thursday, April 24 *Bright Thursday*

12:00 noon Paschal Hour

Saturday, April 26 *Bright Saturday*

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for +Dolores Hast, given by Hast Family

Sunday, April 27 **The Sunday of St. Thomas**

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 The Epistle Reading will be Acts 5:12-20, and the Gospel will be John 20:19-31. Supplications will be offered for +Rosemary Tomko, given by Kehm and Tomko Families. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for fellowship.

	MARY	ANGEL	SNOW	AWE		SEFULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE	
						STONE	ROBE	
						JESUS	RISEN	
						JOY	GREETINGS	

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GCU 2ND ANNUAL **SPRING ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION**

Join us on the first Sunday in May at the GCU St. Nicholas of Myra Chapel in Beaver, PA, as we gather to honor our patron saint, St. Nicholas! This special celebration, established by Fr. Valerian Mithlik, is a meaningful opportunity for all the faithful to come together in devotion—we'd love to see you there!

DIVINE LITURGY
Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at St. Nicholas Chapel at 3^{PM} with special guest homilist: Fr. Brian Welding

MUSEUM
At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the GCU Museum, combining Greek, Catholic, and Carpatho-Rusyn histories, will be opened to all visitors until 5^{PM}

BANQUET
A banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club will follow. \$40 for adults, \$20 for children (12 & under). Must be registered and prepaid online.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration required for both the Liturgy & Banquet. Due to the size of the chapel, the liturgical celebration is limited to the first 80 who reserve a spot. Register today!

SUN, MAY 4TH
3^{PM} - 7:30^{PM}
ST. NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CHAPEL
5400 Tuscarawas Rd
Beaver, PA 15009

Banquet to follow at:
SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
132 Lisbon Rd, Beaver, PA 15009

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Spring St. Nicholas at the GCU Chapel

Join us for the “Spring St. Nicholas Day 2025” celebration at the GCU St. Nicholas of Myra Chapel in Beaver, PA (5400 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009).

A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4th, 2025, at St. Nicholas Chapel at 3:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy the GCU Museum will be opened until 5 pm for visitors.

A banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club will follow. Due to the Chapel’s size the event will be on a first-come first-served basis and requires registration by using the QR code.

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*

As a parish family let us preserve this Paschal joy throughout the entire year. Let us unite spiritually, let us embrace one another, in order that the benevolent Lord may see love and unity among us and allow us to “glorify His sublime resurrection for ever and ever.”



Wishing you a Blessed Pascha!

*Fr. Valerian & Family
Fr. Deacon Timothy & Family*

*Fr. Deacon Michael & Family
Fr. Deacon Josh & Family*

Announcements

Sincere Thanks:

To all parishioners for the beautiful Easter cards, greetings, and gifts. May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity.

Privileged Week

Please remember that during Bright Week (Sunday of Pascha to the Sunday of St. Thomas), there is no fasting at all. Bright Week is seen, liturgically speaking as one single day – a continuation of Pascha throughout the whole week.

Bright Monday: Divine Liturgy & Procession

On Bright Monday, April 21st, the Divine Liturgy for this solemn day will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in English with parts in Church Slavonic. At the conclusion of this Divine Liturgy, we will have the Bright Monday Procession with the reading of the Resurrection Gospels. Come and be part of this celebration!

Bright Wednesday: Divine Liturgy with OLSH

On Bright Wednesday, April 23rd, we will also honor St. George the Great Martyr. Divine Liturgy for this solemn day will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Prior to the beginning of the Divine Liturgy we will welcome students and staff from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School in Coraopolis. Join us for this Divine Liturgy and to welcome our guests from OLSH to St. Gregory’s.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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Congratulations!

As a community of faithful we offer our best wishes to our parishioners Joseph and Justine Mehalik who celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, April 15th. May our Lord bless them for many happy and blessed years! Mnohaja lita!

Single Seniors Luncheon

The Single Seniors Luncheon for April is scheduled at 11:30 am on Bright Wednesday, April 23rd, at Bella's (De Lallo's) On Fort Couch (91 Fort Couch Road). Please make your reservation by calling Mary Eicher at 724-743-5909. Our Single Seniors Ministry of St. Gregory's is for men and women who have never married or have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. As a group, it is our goal to provide spiritual, emotional, and mental support for one another. Please come and join us for this luncheon.

Sixth Hour and Soup

On Bright Thursday, April 24th, at 12:00 noon in the Church, 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Thomas Sunday, April 27th, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place (weather permitting) following the Divine Liturgy. All children from our parish family are invited to be part of this happy event.

Graduation 2025

As we have in years past, we will recognize all of our graduates by celebrating with a special Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. 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.



Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, April 13th, 2025, was \$3,972.24 (Envelopes: \$2,848.50; Online: \$567.74; Loose: \$254.00; Children: \$5.00; Candle: \$100.00; Easter: \$100.00; Flowers: \$70.00; Chocolate Crosses: \$27.00).

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

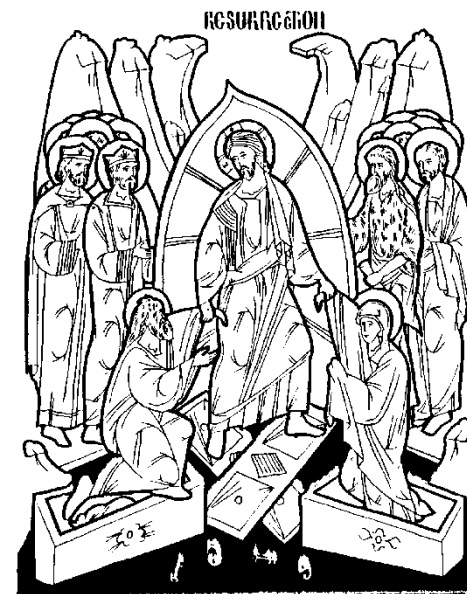
Resurrection of Our Lord - Icon Reflection

“Christ is Risen,” is the Gospel proclamation. All four Gospels are silent on the manner of Christ's Resurrection. Nowhere in Scripture is there a factual account of the event, but rather it expresses what occurred before or after the Resurrection.

Two Icons depict this mystery of the Resurrection, the Descent into Hades and the Myrrh-Bearing Women. The more familiar one is the Icon of the Descent into Hades. In it, Christ is seen trampling the gates of Hades, taking Adam and Eve by the hands and drawing them to life.

Our Lord's entrance into Hades, (depths of the earth) transforms it. Through death He entered the realm of Hades which in the Icon is shown by the black abyss. Christ's presence in Hades showed that He took upon Himself every humiliation and sin of mankind. He is shown as a conqueror with a radiant halo, the symbol of glory. His garments are brilliant, filling the darkness with the light of His divine presence. He stands upon the broken gate of the kingdom of death, thus indicating His victory over death by His own death and resurrection. Through His humiliation and death, He raised all creation to participate in Divine Life.

Bolts, broken chains, and keys are scattered about to signify the freeing of those held captive and the breaking of death's hold over men. By Christ's descent, Hades is destroyed and its gates trampled. Having broken the bonds of death's power, Christ is seen raising Adam and Eve from the grave. In freeing our first parents, Christ also frees those who put their faith in His coming.



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, Theresa Lokes, Nancy Romza, Andy & Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, John Tury 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.