



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

Monday, January 30 *Three Holy Hierarchs*

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

Wednesday, February 1 *Pre-feast of the Encounter of Our Lord*

**7:00 P.M. Vespers Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Candles**

Thursday, February 2 *Encounter of Our Lord in the Temple*

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Candles**

Saturday, February 4 *Post-feast of the Encounter of Our Lord  
Venerable Isidore of Pelusium*

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

Supplications will be offered for +Pat Tichi, given by Barbara Stasiuk

Sunday, February 5 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
Post-feast of the Encounter of Our Lord**

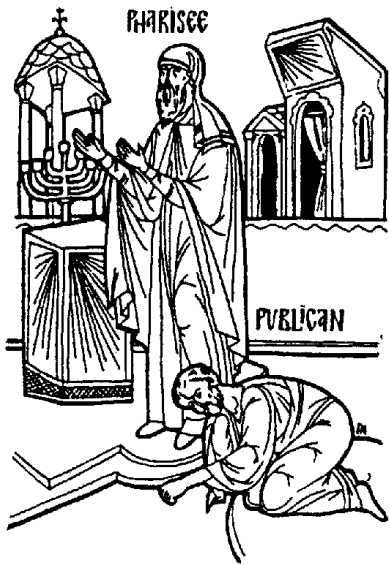
**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

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

The Epistle Reading will be I Corinthians 6:12-20 and the Gospel will be Luke 15: 11-32. Supplications will be offered for + Stephan "Steve" L. Medvec, given by Michael & Donna Medvec. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

VIRTUOUS	TWO	TEMPLE
TAX	COLLECTOR	GRASPING
MANKIND	FAST	TITHES
BREAST	SINNER	EXALTS

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## *Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee*

Today we are confronted with the parable-story of the Pharisee and of the Publican. The Publican was aware of his unworthiness, he was aware that he was unworthy of presenting himself before the face of God, but also of being admitted into the company of respectable people, people of whom God would approve. He came to the door of the Temple and could not cross the threshold because he knew that in this world – soiled, polluted, desecrated by human sin, by blood and evil in all its forms, the Temple was a place which was devoted to God alone.

As the Publican stood on the threshold, he knew that he belonged to the realm of evil and had no access into the realm of God; and yet, he felt the difference, he felt horror at himself and a sense of worship, of adoration with regard to the Divine Realm. He beat his chest and asked for mercy because there was nothing else, he could hope for and count on.

The Pharisee stood right in the middle of the Church; he had walked in and taken his stand there as one who had the right to be there. Why? Not because he was a man of pure heart, but because he was faithful to every one of the formal rules established by the Synagogue, as a number of us are faithful to the outer, external rules of life that do not penetrate even through our skin, which do not reach our heart, which do not give a new shape and meaning to our thoughts.

So, again, we are confronted by two men and asked by Christ: who are you? Are you one who is so deeply aware of the sanctity of God that he knows that, apart from a God who would step down to us to heal and save, there is no access to Him. Or are we like the Pharisee who would say to God, throw it in His face: I have done all that is prescribed. You have nothing to ask of me!

Let us ask ourselves then: Do we imitate the Pharisee in deeds, outwardly faithful to all the tenets of our Christian Faith? And beyond this, do we allow our Faith to transform our heart, to rule our will, to enlighten our mind? This is the task which the Gospel offers us today. Think about it.

## Announcements

### Today: Honoring our Patron Saint

This weekend in our parish family is special as we celebrate our patron saint Gregory of Nazianzus. Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church Hall for a festive potluck luncheon as we honor our patron saint.

### St. Gregory's New Lectors

As a parish family we are blessed to have new Lectors-Readers who have embraced this important ministry in our Holy Church. We offer our prayers and best wishes to our parishioners Christine D'Alessandro and Amy Sclight, as they begin this new ministry in our parish family! Mnohaja lita!

### Privileged Week

Please remember that this week (from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee to the Sunday of the Prodigal Son), according to our Liturgical calendar we enjoy the "privileged week" during which the laws of abstinence (from meat on Friday) do not oblige.

### Three Hierarchs

At the end of the month of January we honor the Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, John Chrysostom and Gregory the Theologian. To celebrate the memory of these three holy bishops Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. During these winter months in case of inclement weather, please contact the parish office first to see if the Divine Services are being celebrated or have been cancelled.

### Encounter of Our Lord

On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To celebrate this Feast day we will have Wednesday evening, February 1<sup>st</sup>, a Vespertal Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Candles at 7:00 p.m. On Thursday morning, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Candles will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. If you wish to have your candles blessed, please place them on the Tetrapod in the center of our Church. Remember to come and to celebrate this Feast Day that has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the fourth century.

### 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.

### **All Souls Saturday**

The 1<sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:40 p.m., prior to the beginning of the Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy. On these All-Souls Saturdays, it is tradition in our Holy Church to prayerfully remember our beloved departed family members, loved ones, etc. Amongst your offertory envelopes you have a purple envelope for the commemoration of departed souls marked “All Soul’s Remembrance”. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on this envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

### **St. Valentine Party**

Mark your calendars as we prepare to have a St. Valentine Party on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. This fun event will take place following the Sunday Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall. We will have refreshments, and you will get to enjoy making Valentine crafts, Valentine jewelry, Valentine cards, and more. Plan to be here!

### **Super Bowl LVII Pool Fundraiser**

We continue running a Super Bowl pool again this year with prize giveaways at the end of the first quarter (\$100), half-time (\$100), third quarter (\$100) and final score (\$200). To purchase a “square” on the Super Bowl Pool, please see our parishioner Greg Uhrlen in the Church narthex following the Divine Liturgy, or email Greg at saintgregorysb@gmail.com. You can also make your payment on our St. Gregory’s our electronic giving app Tithely. A square may be purchased for \$10. (Please supply your full name and email address or phone number if you do not have email) Final square purchases must be made by Super Bowl Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

### **Last Call: Statement of Contribution**

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2022 for tax purposes, please contact the parish office or our parishioner David Mayernik.

### **Collection- May God bless you...**



The total for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, was \$5,778.74 (Envelopes: \$3,160.00; Online: \$325.74; Loose: \$106.00; Candle: \$72.00; Altar Candles: \$260.00; Initial Offering: \$40.00; Debt: \$100.00; All Souls: \$395.00; Comedy Night: \$490.00; Super Bowl: \$130.00; Iconography: \$700.00). *The QR code will take you to our donation portal. Your engagement, support and prayers are very much appreciated.*

## **St. Gregory’s 2023 Men’s Club Ribs & BBQ Fundraiser**

As a 2023 fundraiser, St. Gregory’s Men’s Club will once again be selling fully cooked ready to “thaw, heat and eat” Baby Back Ribs and BBQ Pulled Pork. Score a touchdown at your Super Bowl gathering while helping to support your church! Serve slow-roasted Baby Back Ribs and Pulled Pork without slaving over your BBQ pit.

Each rack of ribs arrives in a cryovac package. The package is approximately 11lb 12 oz, contains 11 to 12 rib bones in each pack and costs \$23. Also available is a 11lb 2oz container of BBQ Pulled Pork for \$12 per container. This year we are also offering Big Ben’s BBQ Sauces at \$7.00 a bottle.



Orders can be placed using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or by calling Tom Prokop at 724-916-4731. Payment is by cash or check payable to St. Gregory’s Men’s Club. Pickup times after Divine Liturgy on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> and on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

### **13<sup>th</sup> COMEDY NIGHT AT ST. GREGORY’S: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Comedy Night will take place on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include snacks, soda, and beer. We will also have a 50/50 Raffle and Gift Auctions.

Table reservations are being taken by contacting Mike Kiss in person or by phone at 412-818-1295 or email at MKISS@CALLEQUITY.NET. Tickets are now available after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Divine Liturgy.

**If you are planning to attend this popular pre-Lenten event, make sure to reserve your tickets NOW! We wish to accommodate our parishioners first before this event is announced to the public.**

### ***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, Theresa Lokes, Betty Shovlin, Rita Smochko, and Michael Sirochman.***