



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, December 1

The holy prophet Nahum

7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel-Advent Prayer Service

Saturday, December 3

The holy prophet Zephaniah

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Archpriest John G. Petro, given by Bob & Anne Hast

Sunday, December 4

Twentysixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Ephesians 5:9-19 and the Gospel will be Luke 17: 12-19. Supplications will be offered for the Health of Andrew David Sakmar, given by Andy & Joan Sakmar. Please join us in the Church hall following the Divine Liturgy for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them' (Mt. 18:20). I reverence even two or three praying together, for in accordance with the Lord's promise He Himself is in the midst of them.

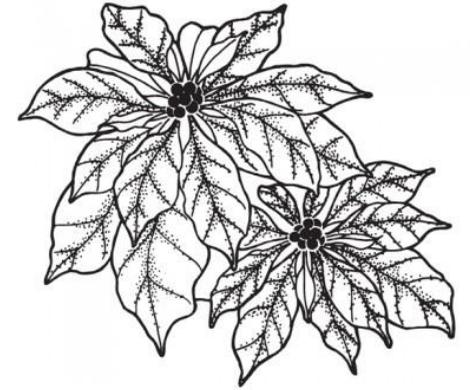
O, how easy it would appear to be to live in simplicity and love, and yet how difficult it is for our corrupt hearts to live in love!

When you say a prayer, He (The Holy Spirit) is in every word of it, and like a Holy Fire, penetrates each word.

- St. John of Kronstadt

Poinsettia for St. Gregory's

For the upcoming Festal Season of the Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Season, you will again have the opportunity this year to honor or remember loved ones, by purchasing a poinsettia 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, December 11th**. The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday December 31, 2022 or Sunday, January 1, 2023.

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

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____

\$10 (6½" pot with one plant) _____number of plants

\$25 (8½" pot with three plants) _____number of plants

Make check payable to: St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church



St. Nicholas Wishing Tree

We continue with a special outreach in our parish family to assist the kindergarten Kolysočka in Prešov, Slovakia, that is now offering classes for Ukrainian children, and help/assistance for the Ukrainian refugees in Prešov and its surroundings.

We are focusing on three areas of assistance: contributions for kitchen items, arts supplies, and sustenance for the Ukrainian staff workers (two teachers, two cleaning ladies, and a cook).

For this purpose, we have a St. Nicholas Wishing Tree in the Mother of God Chapel. Each envelope on our St. Nicholas Wishing Tree has a specific area towards which you can contribute/sponsor during this upcoming holiday season.

If you wish to be part of this outreach, please select the envelope(s), and place your donation in that envelope in our collection basket. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory's. Last day to participate in this outreach is Sunday, December 18th. Afterwards, your donations will be forwarded directly to the kindergarten Kolysočka with a request of confirmation of receipt and appropriate designation of funds. We thank you for being part of this year's St. Nicholas Wishing Tree to assist these children affected by the ongoing war.

Comedy Night will return in person on Friday February 17th

We need your help to properly plan the event and are asking those who once reserved tables of 10 (if you can resume your group) or attended individually to participate in a pre-sale/reservation. Identifying the seats needed will help us prepare the venue with proper spacing and seat limitation given the concerns of social gatherings today.

Please email our parishioner Mike Kiss (MKISS@CALLEQUITY.NET), or call him at 412-818-1295, sign-up on the reservation sheet in the Church vestibule, or see Mike to discuss any specific questions or commentary about the event and your desire to attend by Thursday, December 15th, 2022.

Announcements

Today: Wedding Anniversary Celebration

As a parish family we offer our prayers and best wishes to all our couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in 2022. As part of this celebration, we will have a special blessing service at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. May the Lord's blessings be upon them as they journey together in faith and love!

Wednesday: Advent Class- The True Meaning of Fasting in our Holy Church

On Wednesday evening, November 30th, at 6:30 p.m. we will continue with our second class on the "True Meaning of Fasting". Plan to join us for this study led by Helenanne Hochendoner, MAT, during which we will focus on individual fasting.

Thursday: Moleben-Advent Prayer Service

We continue during this Nativity Fast-Advent with the celebration of the beautiful Emmanuel Moleben-Advent Prayer Service. Plan to come on Thursday, December 1st, at 7:00 p.m. for our next Moleben Service during which a short meditation will be given.

Saturday: Taste of Heaven Cookie Sale

Preparations are underway for our wonderful Annual Cookie Sale. We're asking each parish family to bake 10-12 dozen cookies for St. Gregory's TASTE OF HEAVEN Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Each year the response has been overwhelming at St. Gregory's and we know this year will be no exception. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Church vestibule.

Next Sunday: Prayer Blanket Ministry

Next Sunday, December 4th, our St. Gregory's Prayer Blanket Ministry will meet in the Church hall. Join our ministry as we create handmade "Prayer Blankets" to be given to our faithful when comfort and prayer are very much needed.

Holiday Social Event at TopGolf

St. Gregory's Men's Club is organizing an evening at TopGolf in Bridgeville on Tuesday, December 6th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost of the event is \$55 per person. The cost includes two-hours of Unlimited Golf Gameplay and access to our own American Buffet. The American Buffet includes two entrees (chicken tenders and sliders), fresh fruit, potato chips, cookies, soda, iced tea, coffee, and water. If you are interested in attending, please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or call Tom Prokop at 412-973-5988.

Prayers for the Living & Deceased

In preparation for the year 2023, 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.

Decorating the Church and Hall

As part of our preparation for the Nativity of Christ, we will decorate our Holy Church on Friday, December 9th, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to help out with putting up the trees and decorations for this sacred time of the year.

Our St. Nicholas Party: Breakfast with St. Nick

The annual parish St. Nicholas party will be held in our Church Hall on Sunday, December 11th following the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our parish children will come forward to welcome St. Nicholas to our parish (parents may accompany the smaller children). Following the welcome in Church we will continue in our Church hall with a St. Nicholas Breakfast sponsored by our St. Gregory's Men's Club. On the menu we will have scrambled eggs, pancakes/syrup, bacon, sausage links, bread/toast, orange juice, and coffee/tea. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the Church vestibule for parishioners to indicate their intention to attend the party. We are looking forward to filling the hall with happy parishioners.

Choir Christmas Program: "A Byzantine Christmas"

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invite all to share the spirit and joy of the holy Nativity of our Lord as they present "A BYZANTINE CHRISTMAS" on Sunday, December 11 at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood. The program begins at 2:00 pm.

Sponsored by the Archeparchy's Campus Ministry program, the PBCAC's presentation at Holy Spirit Church – located at 4815 Fifth Avenue in the heart of Oakland's vibrant university scene – will include beloved Byzantine hymns and carols celebrating the Nativity and the many wonders of the holy season. Byzantine Ruthenian selections Church Slavonic and English will be presented, as well as a few well-known Western songs with a Byzantine twist. College students and their families especially are encouraged to come and enjoy the choir's Christmas songfest. Immediately following this Campus Ministry event, a hospitality reception with refreshments and treats will follow the program in the lower level of the church. Admission is free, and there is also plenty of parking available in the church vicinity.

Order of Confession

Our Holy Church invites us, through the Sacrament of Holy Confession, to prepare ourselves worthily to celebrate the Nativity of Christ-Christmas. Next Saturday and Sunday, December 17th-18th, Fr. John (Ivan) Chirovsky, from the Byzantine Catholic Seminary will be here with us to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation as part of our Nativity Fast-Advent journey.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, November 20th, 2022, was \$4,661.18 (Envelopes: \$2,360.00; Online: \$351.92; Loose: \$30.00; Candle: \$80.00; Debt: \$50.00; Seminary raffle: \$115.00; Phone reimbursement: \$54.26; Kolysočka Outreach: \$1,620.00).

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



2022 St. Gregory's Christmas Kielbasa Sale

Each Package is a \$17 donation, 1 Package = 2 pounds 10 oz (\$6.48 per pound)

Pickup Times:

Friday, December 16th: 8AM-11AM **Saturday, December 17th: 9AM-11:30AM**

Sunday, December 18th: 10:30AM-11:30AM

To order: call Antonio Wolfe at (412-735-6025) or email Antonio: awolfeupj@gmail.com

Online orders go to: www.stgregory.org Last day to order: Friday, December 9th

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, Rita Smochko, and Michael Sirochman.

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.