

ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THOMAS WEEK

Wednesday, April 30

Apostle James the Greater

7:00 P.M. Moleben for those suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Saturday, May 3

Repose of the venerable Theodosius of Kyiv

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Ann Paslowski & +Margaret Keating, given by Don & Pat Paslowski

Sunday, May 4

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Acts 6:1-7, and the Gospel will be Mark 15:43-16:8. Supplications will be offered for +Theresa Lokes, given by Friends. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

Why do we so impatiently await Pascha, which arrives and then again departs? Have we not already celebrated it many times before? This one will also arrive and depart. In this present age, there is nothing constant; our days pass by like shadows, life races by like a runner, and this goes on until we reach the end of our present life. One might ask, "So, should we not rejoice in Pascha?" No, quite to the contrary, let us rejoice in it even more, but in the Pascha that happens every day. What is that Pascha? Washing away of sins, compunction of the heart, tears of the vigil, a clear conscience, mortification of earthly components – lust, lasciviousness, fornication, passions, evil desires, and all other manner of evil. Whosoever accomplishes all of that celebrates Pascha not once a year, but every day.

- Venerable St. Theodore the Studite

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

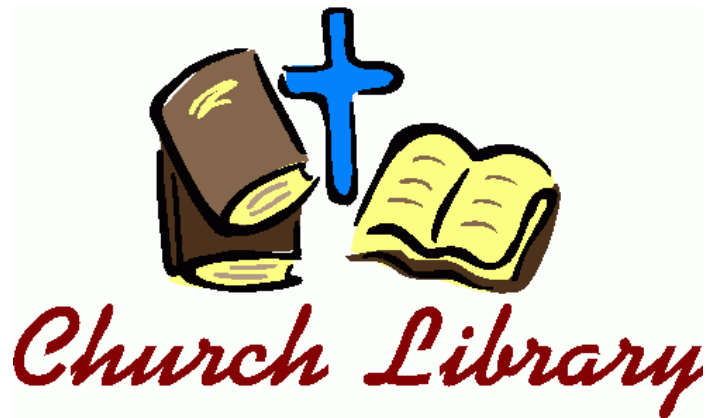
But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED



St. Gregory's Library Ministry Book Club

Please join us as we discuss the New York Times Bestseller and winner of the David J. Langum, Sr. Prize in American Historical Fiction, *Mercury Pictures Presents* by *Anthony Marra*.

This is an epic tale of Maria Magana, a brilliant woman who must reinvent herself to survive, moving from Mussolini's Italy to 1940s Los Angeles. A timeless story of love, deceit, and sacrifice.

Our discussion will take place on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. Books are available in the Church vestibule.

Church Mice



From the last "URBI ET ORBI" Message of Pope +Francis – Easter 2025

Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. Easter is the celebration of life! God created us for life and wants the human family to rise again! In his eyes, every life is precious! The life of a child in the mother's womb, as well as the lives of the elderly and the sick, who in more and more countries are looked upon as people to be discarded.

Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!

As part of our Paschal-Easter journey we celebrate today the First Reconciliation of four wonderful children: Evelyn Hazel Furbee, Elizabeth Rose Topka, Maximus Arthur Topka, and Christian John Popson. Following proper preparation throughout the academic year these children are now at the moment of their lives when one starts answering the calling of Almighty God: "you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Mat 5:48).



This special day is also an opportunity for us to express our sincere thanks to the dedicated ministry of our parish catechists. We thank them for offering their time and talent to educating the young people of our parish family. We are very blessed here at St. Gregory's to have an active children's ministry. As a parish family let us rejoice as we celebrate the First Reconciliation of our children. Let us offer a prayer for all our children that participate actively in the life of St. Gregory's.

Announcements

Today: St. Thomas Sunday

On this Sunday our Holy Church focuses on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ. We hear St. Thomas cry out: "My Lord and my God!". At the end of the Sunday Divine Liturgy the Prayer for the Breaking of the Artos (Pascha Bread) will take place.

Today: Easter Egg Hunt

Following the Divine Liturgy, the children and all our ECF students will have their Easter Egg Hunt. We ask them to please gather in front of the Church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The younger children are to be accompanied by their parents. Thanks!

Appreciation is Extended to All

During the Great Fast-Lent and Holy Week there were many tasks which needed to be done for the Holy Days (cleaning, singing, serving, etc.). Your labors, time, and offerings did not go unnoticed but rather are greatly appreciated! The Holy Week Divine Services and Pascha-Easter Divine Services were beautiful. As your parish priest I thank you and may Our Risen Lord bless you!

Wednesday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Wednesday evening, April 30th, at 7:00 p.m. as we will offer a special Moleben-Prayer Service, during which our prayerful supplications will be offered for those suffering from Alcohol or Drug dependence. Be part of this prayerful event as we pray before the icon of the Mother of God known as the “Inexhaustible Cup”.

PAC & PFC Meeting

On Wednesday, May 7th, a joint meeting of the Parish Advisory Council and Parish Financial Council will take place in the Church hall at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all the parishioners. For those who may have parish related questions or concerns, our Parish Financial Council and Parish Advisory Council members are available to help clarify matters for you and ensure your input is heard. We are also open to comments and suggestions and extend a warm invitation to everyone who may wish to attend our meetings.

Single Seniors Luncheon

The Single Seniors Luncheon for May is scheduled at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 21st, at Carbonara’s (250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd)). Please make your reservation by calling Sylvia Bender at 724-255-6222. 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.



Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025, was \$9,369.76 (Envelopes: \$1,243.00; Online: \$759.35.; Loose: \$385.00; Candles: \$182.00; Easter: \$5,526.41; Maintenance: \$50.00; Easter Flowers: \$40.00; Children: \$2.00; Chocolate Cross: \$182.00; GCU: \$1,000.00). *The QR code will take you to our donation portal. Your engagement, support and prayers are very much appreciated.*

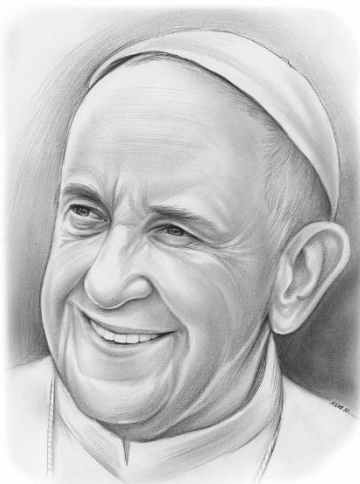
St. Gregory’s Prayer List

Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need: Charles & Maureen Cerny, 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.

***Requiescat in pace!
Rest in peace Pope Francis!***

O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your servant pope +Francis in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. As a good and loving God, forgive every sin committed by him in word, deed, or thought, since there is no one who lives and does not sin. You alone are without sin; your justice is eternal justice; and your word is truth.



Pope Francis

Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!

MOTHER’S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Given By:

***Please print each name and circle the correct notation.
Donation for each candle is \$5.00.***

**** DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 ****

“O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reign. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave...”

- St. John Chrysostom - Paschal Sermon