



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Friday, January 24

Venerable Xenia of Rome

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

Saturday, January 25

Our holy father Gregory of Nazianzus

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 26

Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 and the Gospel reading will be Matthew 15:21-28. Supplications will be offered for +Olivia Rae Brecosky, given by Robert & Sharon Brecosky. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for a potluck luncheon as we celebrate our parish feast day.

PLANT SOMETHING SPIRITUAL

Every day you should try to plant in your soul something spiritual, which will eject something worldly and sinful. Gradually, the old self will be disclaimed, and you will be able to move freely in the spiritual realm. Replace the sinful images in your mind with holy ones. Replace songs with hymns, worldly magazines with spiritual books.

Thoughts are like airplanes flying in the air. If you ignore them, there is no problem. If you pay attention to them, you create an airport inside your head and permit them to land!

- Venerable father Paisios of Athos

Miracles of Jesus

V Z H Y V E R F G M K K R F X A C M D M S O J Y
 Z L D L V R Q N E D B R M L X O N U D L K V B V
 M R H O K Z I X E I P B Z F N F T X P E V K H A
 M U L P M L F N H S G C Z C L X M U A K J G H R
 Y Y N C A J U P B C J L E Z S V R L K J U Z S H
 T J K E Q F L E O I T R M U D E W E A D M R N E
 V V H C V B G A K P N S O T K G D U O B D C R Y
 R F Y N O G N T Q L H U X R I F B P I T Y N B L
 T M G R A K S Z N E S Z O S R D B X S V I U C R
 F O B R H U U B E S J W P G O L N S V C G M A W
 C O C U D T R E E I E C P E B N F U M P W B V N
 O I A E T R I Z L L X K G B P Y O M P D R F C R
 M K S Y D Q A A C J I K F B A N W F L O K O Z H
 P C D Q J B J A F O R E T H G U A D D B Y Z T H
 A I X C B H R C Y Q L K V F W Q C T Y A L X Y S
 S L L F Q I R U Z N J J M E O X Y C U U V I U P
 S D G D M L U H R S O W Y Y R F S T X R T I M O
 I Z D I E B W L U I I T O D A U V A N O E M D T
 O S P A D E F I L O T G N I S I A R P L D A Z G
 N Y V R Z Q K I J X T S U R T T O Q V X Y Z D Q
 O C S F F R L J J D S U E A M I T R A B T L E Z
 I K S A S O R Q D T P R N V Y H W M R O T S N V
 M R T L A Z S C A E V N D D Q O I R B V B Z M W
 A P R P I H I N S A U M S U S E J N S E M K J X

Trust	Love	Jesus	Miracle Worker
Son of David	Beggar	Concern	Pity
Compassion	Raising to Life	Disciples	Afraid
Storm	Believe	Daughter	Jairus
Bartimaeus	Nature	Healing	Faith



Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We are coming now to the weeks of preparation for Lent. Habitually on this particular week we read the Gospel of the Blind man. This story is that where Mark and Luke tell us about the blind man, a man who had tried everything to be healed, his own and other people's wisdom and ability, in vain, and who in the end found that Christ was passing by. Christ had not come to him, He was just passing along the road where the blind man was seated, begging, because there was nothing left to him. He did not expect any more healing or anything" only to survive. And then hope flared up in him: someone was passing, and this crowd had a peculiar sound, it was not a caravan, it was not people who

were just walking along the road; it had a center, a focus, there was something peculiar about this crowd. And he asked who it was, and when he heard Who it was, he began to cry for help. And Christ gave him help: He restored his sight; He cured his blindness.

Looking at this story, don't we learn something very important? Our soul is sick, our life is waning, I am speaking of eternal life, perhaps not the life of our body; something is dying in us, and we should learn from David the King to cry out of the deep, the deep of our despair, the deep of our disillusionment, the deep of our misery, the deep of our sin, the deep of all the things that destroy us, cry a cry, and say, I trust you, Lord! I trust your silence, as I would trust your words... And then, if we only abandon ourselves to that confidence, we will hear the Lord saying, "See again! Go home, worry no more" Go home, meaning the very depth of your being, the place where you are alive, because your soul is alive, life has come back!

Let us enter into these weeks of preparation with this glorious encouragement from God Himself, with this hope He gives us, this certainty, indeed He gives us. Let us start on this journey and be ready when Lent comes to have gone from blindness to sight.

- Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

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, and Agnes Yanchak.

Announcements

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Our nation under God dedicates this Sunday to the Sanctity of Life. Our Christian witness demands not only concern for the unborn, but a sense of responsibility to ensure that living a "life well lived"- seeking the blessedness to which we have been called - extends to the unborn and born alike.

Welcome New Parishioners!

As a parish family, we welcome to St. Gregory's Greg and Emily Brendel and their children Eve & Henry. We ask Our Lord to bless them as they continue this journey of faith with many happy and blessed years!

Friday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Friday evening, January 24th 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. Come and be part of this prayerful event! In case of inclement weather, please contact the parish office first to see if the Divine Services are being celebrated or have been cancelled.

Next Sunday: Honoring our Patron Saint

To honor our patron saint, we will have next Sunday, January 26th, a parish potluck dinner, which will take place following the Divine Liturgy. In the Church narthex we have a sign-up sheet where you can write down the dish you wish to bring to this event. Be part of this parish celebration, as we honor our patron saint and come together as a parish family.

St. Gregory's Book Club

The upcoming St. Gregory's Book Club will be based on the book *The Heiress of Pittsburgh* by local author and President of Duquesne University, Ken Gormley. The Heiress of Pittsburgh is a twisty, fulfilling legal thriller in which the city of Pittsburgh takes center stage alongside a cast of memorable characters. Please join us on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall for our book discussion. The books are available in the church vestibule.

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.

House Blessing

This week Fr. Val will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish family. If you wish to have your house blessed, please fill out the form, which is available in the Church vestibule in order to request this blessing and pastoral visitation. Once the form has been received you will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. Thank you.

Super Bowl LIX 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 Tithe.ly. 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 Sunday, February 2nd at 12:00 noon (the week before Superbowl Sunday).

Men’s Club Meeting

The St. Gregory’s Men’s Club will meet on Sunday, February 16th after the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All members or faithful who wish to become members are asked to attend this meeting to discuss and review this past year and map out the New Year ahead.

Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2024 for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.

E-mail the Bulletin

We will be happy to email our parish bulletin to you each week. Just send an email request to: stgregoryusc@aol.com, and you will be added to our electronic mailing list.

Collection- May God bless you...



The total for Sunday, January 12th, 2025, was \$4,914.97 (Envelopes: \$2,955.00; Online: \$470.97; Loose: \$60.00; Children: \$4.00; Candle: \$605.00; Debt: \$95.00; All Souls: \$20.00; Initial: \$65.00; ECF: \$340.00; Baptism: \$200.00; Chekan Memorial: \$100.00).

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

California Wildfire Special Matching Funds

GCU will once again be assisting with a natural disaster taking place in the United States. The GCU Board of Directors has approved a Special \$10,000 Matching Funds collection to assist three organizations working with families that have lost everything in the California Wildfire disaster. Donations collected and matched will be split equally between the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities and The Salvation Army.



The final day for these donations is Friday, January 31, 2025.

For online donations, please go to:

<https://gcuusa.com/pages/california-wildfires-disaster-relief>

If you would prefer to donate by mail, please send your check payable to:

GCU Foundation
5400 Tuscarawas Road
Beaver, PA 15009

Be sure to put Wildfire Relief on the memo line.

If you have questions, please email us at events@GCUusa.com or call 1-800-722-4428 ext. 3924.

Thank you for helping us to help those affected!

15th COMEDY NIGHT AT ST. GREGORY’S: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

The 15th annual Comedy Night will take place on Friday February 28th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 each and include soft drinks, beer, and pizza at intermission. BYOB and snacks. 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 available following the Divine Services.