



ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, May 24

Venerable Simeon the Younger

7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God at St. Bernard RC Church

Thursday, May 25

Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist

12:00 noon Prayer of the Sixth Hour

Friday, May 26

Apostle Carpus of the Seventy

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

Saturday, May 27

Fifth All Souls Saturday

4:40 P.M. Panachida with the reading of the Hramoty (Prayers for the Departed)

5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +J.R. Paslowski, given by Don & Pat Paslowski

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday-Descent of the Holy Spirit

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Acts 2:1-11, and the Gospel will be John 7:37-52 & 8:12. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

“The closer a person is to God, the closer he is to people.”

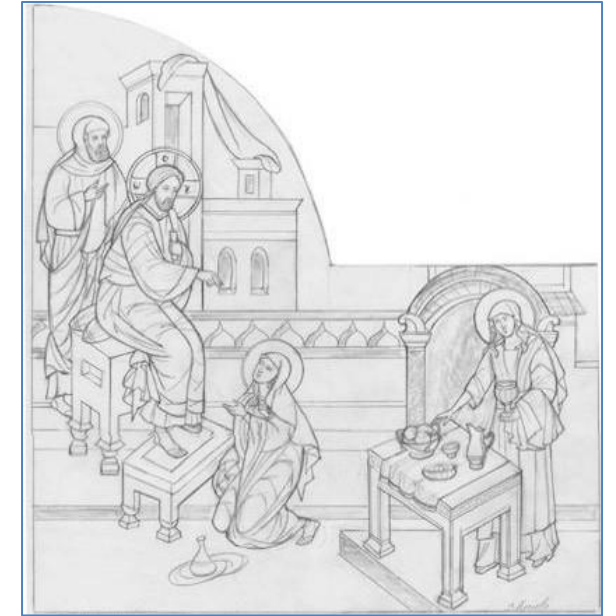
Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We continue with the presentation of the drawings of the upcoming Phase III iconography at St. Gregory's. Last week you were presented with the icon that will be in the back of the Church, above the cantors' corner: The Dormition of the Mother of God.

Today, we go up front to the right side of the nave (near the icon of St. Gregory of Nazianzus on the icon screen). Here we will have the icon of Christ in the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany. This little family of Bethany were Jesus' friends who opened their home to Him, and it was at their house that he found refreshment during His earthly ministry.



The scene depicted is from an episode in the Gospel of Luke (Lk 10:38-42) which tells of how the two sisters Martha and Mary Magdalene invite Jesus to their home but while Martha is busy offering the best hospitality, Mary sits down to listen to the word of the Son of God. When Martha complains, deprived of her sister's help, Jesus answers: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things but there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

We are accepting donations for this icon. This icon embraces all of St. Gregory's ministries who throughout the years have been vital in our parish life through the ministry of prayer, outreach, support, worship, leadership, fellowship, education, etc. In any way if you are interested in becoming one of the sponsors, please contact the parish office. Fr. Val will be happy to sit down with you and share more information. Please keep in mind that your sponsorship would be considered a donation and thus tax deductible. Thank you!



Save the Date: Parish Flea Market!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 5th as the date of the 2023 St. Gregory Flea Market in our church hall! This is our 12th Flea Market Fundraiser. We are asking parishioners to check your closets, garages, playrooms, or basements for gently used, no longer needed -- *CLEAN* and *UNBROKEN* -- items that you can donate.

This fundraiser is in the planning stage by the Women of Faith. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks regarding a specific timeline and other details. This announcement is to allow sufficient time for everyone to plan. Due to the Vacation Church School taking place in the church hall in June, absolutely *no donated items can or will be accepted prior to Saturday, July 1st.*

If you have specific questions in the meanwhile, please contact Susan Ruglovsky (412-720-3542, or srflynn@comcast.net). *Thank you in advance for your support!*

FATHER'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: SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023****

Announcements

Today: Lasagna Dinner

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, we will have our ECF Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser. All the tickets have been sold and we thank you for supporting our ECF Program!

Wednesday: Akathist Hymn at St. Bernard's

On Wednesday evening, May 24th, starting at 7:00 p.m., the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God will be celebrated at St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church in nearby Mount Lebanon (311 Washington Rd). We are invited to join the parishioners of St. Michael parish to be part of this evening of prayer honoring our Blessed Mother. Our St. Gregory Chant Group will be leading the responses. Come and join us as we pray in unity one of the most beloved services of our Holy Church

Thursday: Sixth Hour and Soup

On Thursday, May 25th, at 12:00 noon 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.

Friday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Friday evening, May 26th, 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.

Saturday: Commemoration of the Departed

This upcoming Saturday is the final All Souls Saturday for this year. On Saturday evening, May 27th, at 4:40 p.m. the Panachida-Memorial Service with prayers for the faithful departed will be celebrated.

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, May 28th, is in our Holy Church Pentecost Sunday – the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. This major feast is also known as “Green Sunday”. Why? Green is the color of spring and summer, the color of life, and life is an attribute of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord and giver of Life” who animates us all. In commemoration of Pentecost if you wish, please *wear green* to celebrate this day!

Blessing of Graves

Do you wish to have the graves of your departed blessed? On Pentecost Monday-Memorial Day, May 29th, (morning hours), Fr. Val will be visiting the local cemeteries. If you wish to have the grave of a loved one blessed, please use the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule to place your name and the name of the cemetery where your loved one(s) are buried, or you can also contact the parish office to schedule this blessing.

Father's Day Display

The St. Gregory Library Ministry is preparing for "Honoring Our Fathers" on the weekend of June 17th and 18th in the Church Library. Please join in the tribute for all fathers and grandfathers. Just as we honored Mom on Mother's Day by sharing precious thoughts, pictures, and favorite things, we invite you to do the same for all dads and granddads. Which picture of him is your all-time favorite? Sharing these lovely, happy reminders of your fathers and grandfathers with our parish family, in a special display, we hope will make this a special day for him and for you. Please start bringing your treasure to the Library, well-marked for safe return. We look forward to displaying your love for dad. Thank you for honoring him.



Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, May 14th, 2023, was \$4,314.31 (Envelopes: \$3,085.00; Online: \$349.31; Loose: \$70.00; Candles: \$75.00; Debt: \$125.00; Mother's Day: \$35.00; Lasagna Dinner: \$280.00; Iconography: \$200.00; Ascension: \$45.00; Easter: \$50.00).

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

Pentecost Church Tour 2023

This year our Pentecost Tour 2023 will take us to the Pittsburgh-Oakland area. On Sunday, June 4th, at 3:00 p.m. we will meet at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church (4815 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) and walk across the street to begin our visit to the Rodef Shalom Congregation (4905 Fifth Avenue). As part of our visit, we will be given a tour of the historic 1907 synagogue and the Biblical Botanical Garden, which was established in 1987, and is the largest such garden in North America.

Following the visit, we will enjoy dinner and fellowship together at Lucca Ristorante (317 S Craig St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). If you plan to attend this Church tour, please use the sign-up sheet to reserve a place.

We prepare to celebrate Pentecost!

The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles is celebrated by our Holy Church as one of the greatest feast days on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is therefore called Pentecost, or Holy Trinity Day, for from this day the action of the Holy Trinity was revealed to the world, and people learned to venerate and glorify the three Persons of the one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



On this feast day it is customary to decorate the Church and its hall with greenery, and to hold flowers during the Liturgy, thus expressing our joy and thanksgiving to God for His Holy and Life-giving Spirit, which renews people, and gives them birth through baptism into a new life. The flowers and greenery signify life. The day following Holy Trinity Day is called Spirit Day and is devoted to glorification of the Holy Spirit.

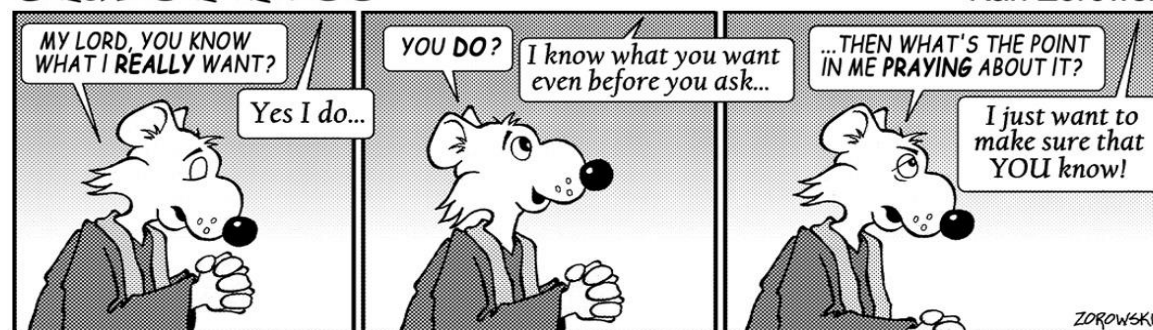
St. Gregory's Prayer List

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.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



Copyright 2002 Karl Zorowski. All rights reserved. www.churchmice.net