

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

- Saturday, Mar. 122nd All Souls Saturday
Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk: 2:1-129:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, Mar. 13Second Sunday of Great Fast
Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk: 2:1-129:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for+ Maria Perkun, given by Kristina & Tony Szmul.

Supplications will be offered for + deceased Ukrainian soldiers and civilian

- Thursday, Mar. 17St. Alexis, Man of God, Venerable
Readings: Gen. 7:11-8:4; Prov. 10:1-22
7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Mckees Rocks)
- Saturday, March 19Third All Souls Saturday
Readings: Heb. 10:32-38; Mk. 2:14-179:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, March 20Third Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of The Cross
Readings: Heb. 4:14-5:6; Mk. 8:34-9:19:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Rose Marie Drahusz, given by Luigi & Patty Della Regione

Supplications will be offered for + deceased Ukrainian soldiers and civilian



Second Sunday of the Great Fast



Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since you now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to you: "Rejoice, preacher of grace."

Why do we fast? Why do we make sacrifices? Why do we stand at long services? Why do we make prostrations? Why do we pray? To those of us who are beginning to doubt and waver after only two weeks of the Great Fast, the Church brings us an answer today. This answer is in the person of St Gregory Palamas, the fourteenth-century Archbishop of Salonica in Greece to whom this Sunday is dedicated.

r father Gregory teaches us that since Christ the Creator had become man and part of , He had made human nature potentially holy - like His own human nature. By sending e Holy Spirit, He had given us all access in our human nature to holiness. Just as the Sun n to us through its energies of heat and light, so God can be known to us through the ed energies of the Holy Spirit. In his writings he affirmed that man carries in himself two ies, one for good, and the other for evil. However, the tendency for good can only be ed in us through acquiring the grace of God, the divine energy sent to us from God, le insofar as our hearts and minds are pure enough to receive that grace. But this grace nlightens and brightens us can only come to us if we repent, if we accept the process of ind prayer, tears and self-sacrifice. Repent, fasting, prayer, tears and self-sacrifice...the or holiness-divinization during this season of the Great Fast-Lent.

he reality of the Church, this is the grace of the energies of God, this is holiness, the ice and knowledge of God, not imagined, not the fruit of fantasy and the studies of the it the reality of God known to and experienced by those who are pure in heart and mind. is written: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God". And this precisely is the II true Christian hearts and minds.

ary of orthodoxy! O staunch pillar and teacher of the Church! You are the ideal of the cs, the invincible champion of theologians, the preacher of grace and the pride of onica! O wonder-working Gregory, pray without ceasing for the salvation of our souls.



March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory of Palamas. Octoechos Tone 1. The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (847)

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 15-17 In the Booklet of Changeable Part's (Small white book)





Announcements:

Today: 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Second Sunday of the Great Fast on which we commemorate our holy father, Gregory Palamas, the great defender of the Eastern Church's doctrine of Hesychasm. It was St. Gregory Palamas who bore witness that by prayer and fasting human beings can become participants of the uncreated light of God's divine glory even in this life.

Flowers for the Cross

On Sunday, March 20st, we will celebrate the Third Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Savior. If you wish to sponsor flowers for the Holy Cross on this upcoming Third Sunday of the Great Fast, you may do so in honor or memory of a loved one.

Soup Sale

Again, this year we would like to sell a soup whole Lent. Every week we will have one kind of soup, next week another and so on. We need volunteers which will be able to cook soups. We will have soup sale on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley, veggie etc.

Easter Pascha sale.

Please, use a sign-up sheet in a vestibule, if you would like to order Pascha for Easter.

Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due March 12, 2022. Delivery on April 9, 2022

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 27, 2022 was \$**7,046.00** (Regular collection: \$6,967.00, Loose & candles \$73.00, Support of Ukraine: 6,400, Pyrohy: \$1209.00)

The grand total for Sunday of March 6, 2022 was \$6,637.00

(Regular collection: \$2290.00, Loose & candles \$157.00, Soup Sale: \$173.00, Support of Ukraine: \$3,806.00, Marta's basket for children of Ukraine: 211.00, Pyrohy: \$2,256.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!





Thank you very much each and every one for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation several days ago. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from Russian aggression.

Many of our friends ask how they may help.

First, your continued **prayers.** This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS.

Second, your **donations**. Our Eparchy invites you to make

donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

A. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website <u>https://stjosaphateparchy.com</u> and click on Donate through PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate through the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by making checks payable to "St. George Ukrainian Catholic" with memo "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine", and sending to 3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or through <u>http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org</u> PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

3. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.

4. Additionally what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine.

May God bless our Heroes!

May God bless all of You!

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