



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, Mar. 16**

**Second All Souls Saturday**

Readings: Heb. 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn. 1: 43-51

**8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy /Sorokousty**

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

**Sunday, Mar. 17**

**Second Sunday of the Lent**

Readings: Heb. 1:1-:2:3; Mk. 2:1-121

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olech & Peter Baran, by David & Orysia Barshowski**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria & John Pyptyk, by Pyptyk family**

**Wednesday, Mar. 20**

**Venerable Fathers of the Sabbas Monastery**

Readings: Gen. 7:6-9; Prov. 9:12-18

**Sheptytsky Arms**

**9:30A.M. Service of the Holy Eucharist (Roman Missal)**

Repose of Antony, Anthony, Kateryna fedyna

**7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. John's, McKees Rocks)**

**Thursday, Mar. 21**

**St. James of Catania, Bishop-Confessor**

Readings: Gen. 7:11-8:4; Prov. 6:3-20

**7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. George, Pittsburgh)**

**Saturday, Mar. 23**

**Third All Souls Saturday**

Readings: Heb. 10:32-38; Mk. 2:14-17

**8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy /Sorokousty**

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

**Sunday, Mar. 24**

**Third Sunday of the Lent/Veneration of the Cross**

Readings: Heb. 4:14-:5:6; Mk. 8:34-9:1

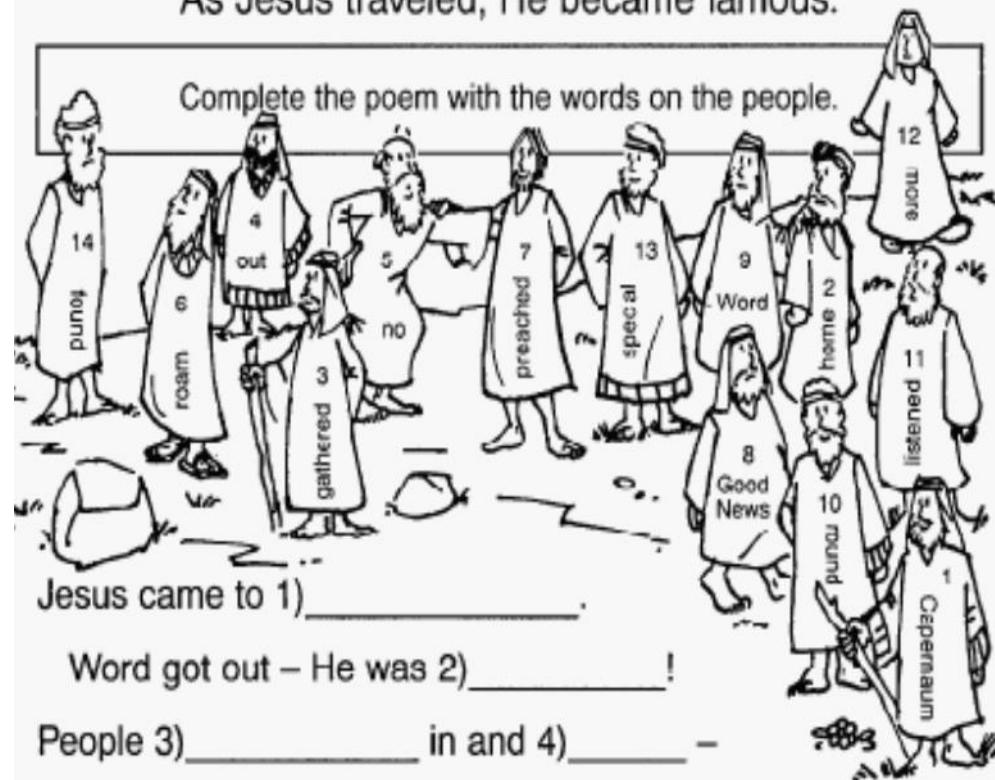
**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Pyptyk, by Rose Shedno**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Jane Chulack, by Joseph Blyth**

## A Paralyzed Man is Healed

As Jesus traveled, He became famous.



Jesus came to 1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Word got out – He was 2) \_\_\_\_\_!

People 3) \_\_\_\_\_ in and 4) \_\_\_\_\_ –

there was 5) \_\_\_\_\_ room to 6) \_\_\_\_\_!

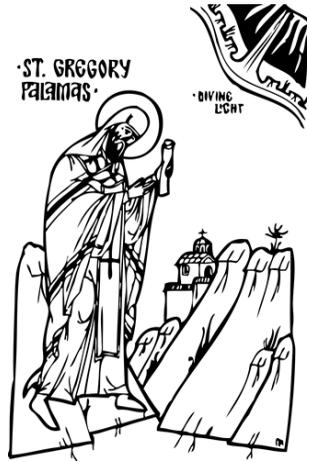
He 7) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_ and the 9) \_\_\_\_\_

to those who gathered 10) \_\_\_\_\_.

They 11) \_\_\_\_\_ and they wanted 12) \_\_\_\_\_ –

from a 13) \_\_\_\_\_ man they'd 14) \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***Second Sunday of the Great Fast***



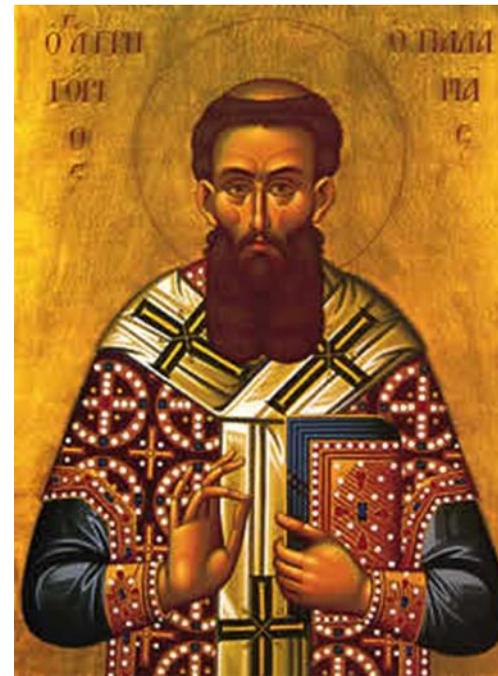
*Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since you now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to you: "Rejoice, preacher of grace."*

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.

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

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

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



## **March 17, 2019**

First Sunday of the Great Fast:  
The Sunday of Orthodoxy,  
Octoechos Tone 1;

Our Venerable Father Alexius,  
Man of God

**Changeable Part: Pages 10-11**  
*in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Today: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. As we continue our Lenten journey let us all continue to lift up our hearts in that ceaseless stream of prayer and practice of fasting in order to become participants of the uncreated light of God's divine glory.

### **Easter Bread-Paska**

On Saturday, April 13th, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church hall. The price per a loaf is \$10.00. In the Church vestibule we have a sign-up sheet for placing your orders. I ask you to write down your name and amount of Paska Bread (plain or raisin) you wish to order. You may pick-up your order on Palm Sunday, April 14th, following the Divine Liturgy.

## Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +Gregory Waslo who was buried from our Holy Church on Monday, March 11, 2019. *May the Lord commit his soul to the place where the just repose and may his memory be eternal- Вічная Память!*

**Please, consider a donation for the new mixer!!!!!!**

## Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$1,563.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!** The upcoming Lenten season is our busiest time of the year and with this being the busiest time we also generate income for our parish. I ask that you PLEASE consider helping with this activity. Help is very much needed now on Wednesday when the potatoes and sauerkraut are being prepared. Also, we are adding an **extra session on Wednesday evening**. On Thursday we need more help with the production itself.

## Collection- May God bless you...

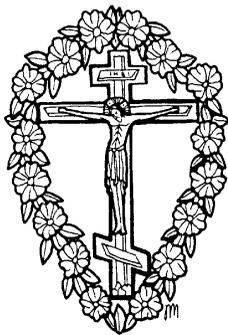
The grand total for Sunday of March 3, 2019 was **\$2,761.00**

(Collection: \$755.00, Loose & candles: \$18.00, Pyrohy: \$1563.00, Soup & Halushki: \$227.00)

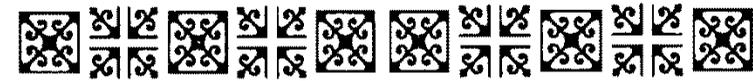
**Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity**



## Flowers for the Cross



*Next Sunday, March 24th, we will celebrate the Third Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Savior. According to our Liturgical tradition the Cross is carried from the altar on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the congregation so that we may pay homage to the symbol of our salvation. The beautiful flowers surrounding the Cross signify the fragrance, sweetness and beauty that it has added to life. **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. We ask that you use the special envelopes that are available for this purpose in the Church vestibule. Please print the names of your loved ones on this envelope and circle the proper prayer intention. Your prayerful intentions will then be published on that Sunday in our parish bulletin.***



## Parish Lenten Mission 2019

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2019 which will take place Wednesday & Thursday, April 3-4, 2019 for both parishes. A parish mission is a special event that allows us to take some time to look at our lives, values, and direction.

On Wednesday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. John the Baptist (204 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks PA, 15136). Following this Service, Fr. John Chirovsky will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Thursday evening, April 4th, we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. George (3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212). This evening, again we will welcome Fr. John Chirovsky. He will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

Following both evenings we will have Lenten refreshments in the Church hall. Let us come together for the renewal of our souls and bodies in preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection!



## Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

### The Visible and Invisible World

The Symbol of the Faith points to two different dimensions of the world created by God, the visible and the invisible. St. Maximus the Confessor teaches about the union of everything visible and invisible in creation. Basing himself on the words of St. Paul that everything was created by Christ and for Christ (see Col 1:16-17), Maximus understands the word everything to mean the earthly visible and the heavenly invisible, the human visible and the angelic invisible. Having become incarnate, Christ has inseparably united himself with creation in the "body and blood" of his human nature. All creation, visible and invisible, exists not by virtue of its own nature, but by virtue of the action of God's Son. (#113)

