



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 11

Second All Souls Saturday

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

9:00 A.M. Parastas/Hramotky

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

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon David and Orysia Barshowski, by Alexandra Kozak

Thursday, Mar. 16

St. Theophylact, Bishop-Confessor

Readings: Gen. 4:16-26; Prov. 5:15-6

(Lenten Mission)

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)

Thursday, Mar. 17

40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Readings: Gen. 5:1-24; Prov. 6:3-20

(Lenten Mission)

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Pittsburgh)

Saturday, Mar. 18

Third All Souls Saturday

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

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Hramotky

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

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of the Cross

Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

What will someday happen to the earth and the heavens?

Name the pictured items of clothing. Use the letters to find the answer.

17 16 15 Y 2 5 12 12

6 15 10 5 1 16 17 16 15 Y

2 5 12 12 7 12 12 2 15 7 10

13 4 17 12 5 9 15 7

11 7 10 3 15 8 17

ABOUT ST. GREGORY PALAMAS



This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that

the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

“When we strive with diligent sobriety to keep watch over our rational faculties, to control and correct them, how else can we succeed in this task except by collecting our mind, which is dispersed abroad through the senses, and bringing it back into the world within, into the heart itself, which is the storehouse of all our thoughts?”

- St. Gregory Palamas

March Birthdays

If we missed any birthdays, please call the rectory!

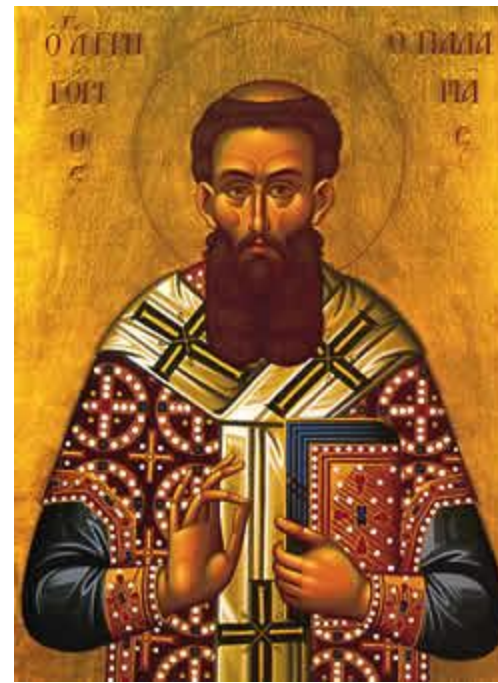


Rebecca Mikovitz – 3

Linda Smith (Kerelitch) - 12

Jenna Parks – 8, Donald Hall – 18

Faith Kelly - 21



March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory of Palamas; Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana; Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome

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Changeable Part: **Pages 9-10** in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

On the Second Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent, we celebrate the memory of our holy father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica. He was a defender of mystical prayer (Hesychasm). As a Confessor of our Holy Faith he affirmed that nothing is more important than a ceaseless stream of prayer mounting upward to God. On this day, the Holy Church speaks to us about the mystery of light, which we must come to know, if we want to behold the Resurrection of Christ.

A Premier of a movie about Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, (born 2-17-1893 in Zazdryst Ukraine, died 9-7-1984 in Rome Italy at age 92) will be *held at our Church* on **Saturday, March 25 at 6pm at Holy Trinity Parish** (730 Washington Avenue - Carnegie, PA 15106) . He was the Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and courageously spent 18 years in Soviet prison camps until the Vatican obtained his release from the godless Soviets. This film will be in Ukrainian. Fr. Ihor Yatsiv is travelling all the way from Ukraine to show this. Please, please, make a special effort to attend.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, March 31st, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church hall. The price per a loaf is \$8.00. 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 1st, following the Divine Liturgy.

Parish Lenten Mission 2017

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2017 which will take place Thursday & Friday, March 16-17, 2017 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 Thursday evening, March 16th, 2017 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. Frank Mittolo, retired priest of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Friday evening, March 17th, 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 we will welcome Rev. Thomas G. Schluep, Parochial Vicar of Saint Sebastian Roman Catholic parish at North Side. 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!

Next Sunday Soup Sale

The upcoming fundraiser a Soup Sale which will be held on Sunday, February 26th, following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley etc. The price for a 16 ounce container is \$3.00. A sign-up sheet to pre-order your soup is available in the Church vestibule.

Pyrohy Production During this Lenten Season we are very-very busy with our pyrohy production. Help is very much needed on Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. with scooping and again on Thursday morning starting at 7:00 a.m. we will need your help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand during the Great Fast with this important parish fundraiser.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 26, 2017 was **\$3,461.00**

(Collection: \$2,157.00, Loose & candles: \$49.00, Pyrohy: \$1235.00, Other donation: \$20.00)

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



10th Ordination Anniversary of Father Ihor Hohosha on Sunday, March 26, 2017

After the consecration of the Eucharist, the bishop places the body of Christ into the new priest's hands with the following admonition:

Bishop: Receive this Divine Trust, and guard it until the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand it from you.

Dear Parishioners:

On March 25th, 2007, through the Laying-on of Hands (Cheirotonia) of His Grace Bishop Robert M. Moskal I was ordained to the Holy Priesthood for our Eparchy of St. Josaphat. The ordination took place on the Feast of Annunciation at the St. Josaphat Cathedral, Parma, OH.

Being ordained to the Holy Priesthood, your life is "transfigured" and you are sent by the Eparchial Bishop to continue this "transfiguration" in the midst of our faithful, through the administration of the Holy Mysteries and preaching/teaching the Word of God.

*Every day I give thanks for this great gift of the Holy Priesthood, but in a particular way on Sunday, March 26th, I wish to give thanks for this great gift with you. Ten years is not a long time but I wish to share with you this journey as an opportunity to pray for vocations and to pray for all priests and monastics in our Holy Church. **As part of this celebration, following the Divine Liturgy (10:00A.M.at St. George Church for both parishes) we will have refreshments in St. John The Baptist Church hall.***

Fr. Ihor Hohosha

Therefore, I implore You, look upon me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, and cleanse my soul and heart from evil consciousness. Enable me by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that, vested with the grace of priesthood, I may stand before Your holy Table and celebrate the mystery of Your holy and pure Body and Your precious Blood. To You I come with bowed head and pray: do not turn Your face away from me or reject me from among Your children, but make me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer to You these gifts.

-Prayer of the Priest before the Great Entrance