



**ST. GREGORY'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

Thursday, November 28                      *Venerable martyr Stephen/Thanksgiving Day*

**11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Friday, November 30                      *Martyr Paramon of Bithynia*

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

Saturday, November 30                      *The holy apostle Andrew the First-called*

**5:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, December 1                      **Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

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

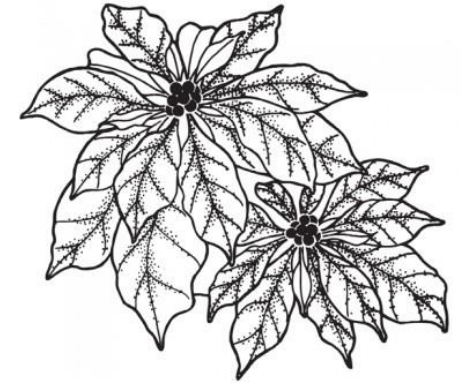
The Epistle Reading will be Colosians 1:12-18 and the Gospel will be Luke 18:18-27. Supplications will be offered for +Mitred Archpriest Vladimir Petorak. Supplications will be offered for +Margaret Cifrulak, 40<sup>th</sup> Day Commemoration. Please join us in the Church hall following the Divine Liturgy for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

*“When you are about to pray to our Lady the Holy Virgin, be firmly assured, before praying, that you will not depart from her without having received mercy. To think thus and to have confidence in her is meet and right. She is, the All-Merciful Mother of the All-Merciful God, the Word, and her mercies, incalculably great and innumerable, have been declared from all ages by all Christian Churches; she is, indeed, an abyss of mercies and bounties, as is said of her in the canon of Odigitry...”*

*~ St. John of Kronstadt*

***Poinsettia for St. Gregory's***

For the upcoming Festal Season of the Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Season, you will have the opportunity this year to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in our Holy Church. If you wish to participate, please fill out this form. After you have completed the form, you can either place it in the offering basket or return it to the parish office. Be sure to circle **“memory of”** or **“honor of.”** Please **PRINT** your name and the name of the person(s) you are remembering as you wish the names to appear in our parish bulletin. The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, or Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



Given in memory of/honor of (print legibly):

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 (6½" pot with one plant)                      \_\_\_\_\_ number of plants

\$25 (8½" pot with three plants)                      \_\_\_\_\_ number of plants

Make check payable to: St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church



## Calling All Bakers!!!

Preparations are underway for our annual TASTE OF HEAVEN Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. This year the Women of Faith have a goal of 50 bakers from our parish family and are asking each to bake 10 - 12 (or more!) dozen cookies for the event. They will be sold to the public in a “cookie walk” style, with specialty and “ethnic” cookies packaged separately. We’ll be sharing more information regarding our plans to decorate Christmas cutout cookies as a group effort.

**Please sign-up on the sheets on the table in the Church vestibule.** For logistics, cookies can be dropped off on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Please refer questions to Dorothy Mayernik (dk-may@verizon.net; 412-310-0521), or Kathy Smith (kathryn.smith1@comcast.net; 412-445-3763) or Susan Ruglovsky (srflynn@comcast.net; 412-720-3542). Looking forward to another successful and delicious event!



## St. Gregory's T-Shirt Fundraiser

Support our church and get your hands on these awesome T-shirts available in multiple colors and sizes! Great gift for Christmas! You can choose to have your order delivered to the church for easy pick-up or shipped directly to your door.

**Order Deadline: Friday, November 29**

Church Pickup: By Saturday, December 21

Delivery to your residence: Pay postage for shipping directly to you!

Click the link to check out the shirts and place your order today.

Link: <https://stgregorynbcc.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

**Thank you for supporting St. Gregory's!**

## Announcements

### Welcome Fr. David!

On this Saturday & Sunday we welcome in our midst Fr. David Bosnich. Sincere thanks to Fr. David for coming and celebrating the Divine Liturgy for our parish family. Many happy and blessed years! Mnohaja Lita!

### Today: Thanksgiving at St. Gregory's

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy “Thanksgiving at St. Gregory’s” will be taking place in our Church hall. Our parishioner Tyler Kiss will be leading in creating a tote bag for the homeless in Pittsburgh. We will also have Thanksgiving crafts and activities. Plan to join us in the Church hall.

### Tuesday: Chant Group Rehearsal

According to St. Augustine: “He Who Sings, Prays Twice”. On Tuesday evening, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. the Chant Group rehearsal will take place in the Church hall. Join us as we practice together our liturgical chant in preparation for the upcoming Nativity Season!

### Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

On Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, our nation under God will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. This is a day set aside to give thanks to Almighty God for the abundance of blessings we receive. Divine Liturgy for this day will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Please come to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving on this special day!

### Friday: Moleben for Those Suffering from Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Join us on Friday evening, November 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Be part of this prayerful event as we pray before the icon of the Mother of God known as the “Inexhaustible Cup” for all those afflicted by chemical and alcohol dependence.

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Next Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will honor at St. Gregory's all our couples who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> plus wedding anniversary in 2024. If you wish to participate in this celebration, we ask that you please contact the parish office immediately. Plan to be here!

### Decorating the Church and Hall

As part of our preparation for the Nativity of Christ, we will decorate our Holy Church on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to help out with putting up the trees and decorations for this sacred time of the year.

### Our St. Nicholas Party: Breakfast with St. Nick

The annual parish St. Nicholas party will be held in our Church Hall on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our parish children will come forward to welcome St. Nicholas to our parish (parents may accompany the smaller children). Following the welcome in Church we will continue in our Church hall with a St. Nicholas Breakfast sponsored by our St. Gregory's Men's Club. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the Church vestibule for parishioners to indicate their intention to attend the party. We are looking forward to filling the hall with happy parishioners.



### Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be published in next week's bulletin

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

### ***St. Gregory's 2024 Advent Project: Heroes For The Homeless***



During this time of the Nativity Fast-Advent Season we are called to reach out and to see the needs of others. Here in our parish family, we have had over the years the wonderful opportunity to do so, especially during this time of the year when we are on a spiritual journey to Bethlehem to welcome the Newborn King-Christ Our Savior.

For the 2024 St. Gregory's Advent Project, we will be contributing to the mission of Heroes For The Homeless to benefit homeless individuals in the greater Pittsburgh region. Heroes For The Homeless provides these people with necessary and highly specific tactical supplies they have no means of obtaining through other avenues.

In the Mother of God Chapel we are collecting tarps, handwarmers, baby wipes, disposable razors, toothpaste, new/lightly used winter coats, and new/lightly used gloves The last day to participate in this outreach is Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for participating in this Advent outreach!

### **St. Gregory's Christmas Kielbasa 2024**

Make sure to place your order for our delicious St. Gregory's Kielbasa!!! We are selling a 2-pound 10-ounce package (2lb 10oz) for \$18.00.



Pick-up at the Church Hall:

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: from 8AM to 11AM;

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: from 9AM to 11AM;

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: after 5PM Divine Liturgy (6:15PM to 6:45PM);

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: after 9:30AM Divine Liturgy (10:45AM to 11:30AM)

To place your orders:

Sign-up sheets are available in the Church narthex for placing orders or the kielbasa can be ordered on the St. Gregory home page: [www.stgregoryusc.org](http://www.stgregoryusc.org)

To order or if you have any questions, please contact our parishioner Antonio Wolfe at 412-735-6025 or [awolfeupj@gmail.com](mailto:awolfeupj@gmail.com).

The last day to order is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!

**Thank you all for your continued support of this very important fundraiser!**

### ***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, Nancy Romza, Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, and Agnes Yanchak.***

*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.*

***"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."***

*Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*