



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

Tuesday, March 25                      **Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos**

**7:00 P.M. Vespers Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday, March 26                      *Mid-Lent/Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel*

**6:40 P.M. 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Typica**  
**7:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Friday, March 28                      *Venerable Hilarion of Pelecete*

**11:00 A.M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
**7:00 P.M. Moleben to the Holy and Life-giving Cross**

Saturday, March 29                      *Fourth 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**

Sunday, March 30                      **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**Our venerable father John Climacus**

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

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**  
The Epistle Reading will be Heb 6:13-20 and the Gospel will be Mark 9:17-31. Supplications will be offered for +Rose Marie Zifchak, given by Christopher Zifchak. Following the Divine Liturgy, please join us in the Church hall for refreshments and Christian fellowship.

**4:00 P.M. Lenten Deanery Vespers at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Duquesne, PA**

**Easter Lily for St. Gregory's**

For the upcoming celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord-Pascha, you will have the opportunity this year to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing an Easter Lily 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, April 6<sup>th</sup>.** The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of St. Thomas, April 27<sup>th</sup>.



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

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

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

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

\$15 Medium Plant (one plant per pot)                      \_\_\_\_\_number of plants

\$35 Large Plant (three plants per pot)                      \_\_\_\_\_number of plants

**Make check payable to: St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church**



### ***St. Gregory Easter Kielbasa Sale 2025***

Our parish will again offer kielbasa for sale this Easter season and we are asking parishioners to buy some of this traditional Easter food personally and to sell some to friends, neighbors, colleagues, and members of other parishes.

Each Package is a \$19 donation, 1 Package = 2 pounds 10 oz

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). For more information or to order, please call Antonio Wolfe at (412-735-6025) or email Antonio at [awolfeupj@gmail.com](mailto:awolfeupj@gmail.com).

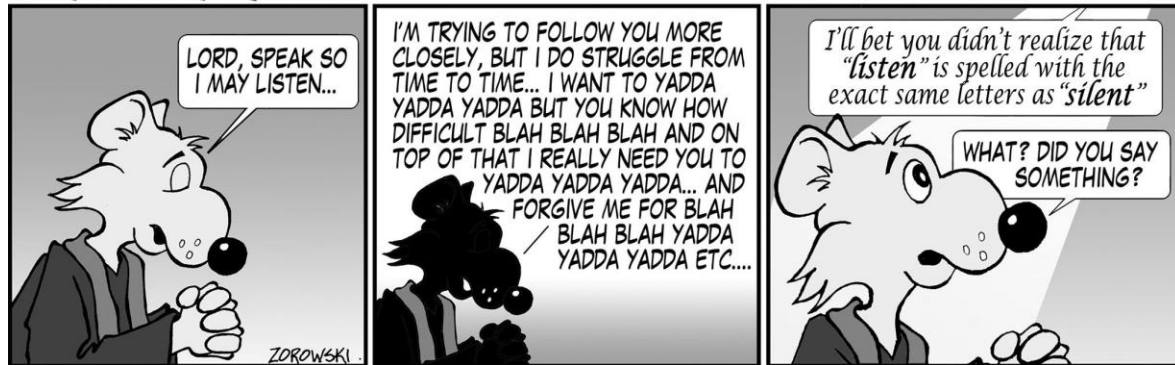
You can pick up your order on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am – 11:00 am); Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am – 11:00 am), Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (after 5:00 pm Liturgy) and Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (10:30 am – 12:00 pm).

**The last day to place your order is Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks to all St. Gregory parishioners for your continued support of this important fundraiser.

*“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.”*

*St. Rose of Lima*

### **Church Mice**



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### **Announcements**

#### **Today: Third Sunday of the Great Fast**

On this Third Sunday of the Great Fast, we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday evening, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought out in procession and placed on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross as we arrive at Mid-Lent.

#### **Today: Lenten Deanery Vespers**

On this Sunday afternoon, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m., our parish family will host the Lenten Deanery Vespers. Priests will be available for the Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession at 3:30 p.m. Following the Divine Service, we will have Lenten soup and bread in our Church hall. Please be here for this prayerful event and to welcome the faithful from the Pittsburgh area to our parish.

#### **Tuesday: Feast of the Annunciation**

On Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos. To celebrate the “beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery,” we will have a Vesperal Divine Liturgy which is prescribed on this day at 7:00 p.m. Come and celebrate this feast of “good tidings”, that teaches us of our own personal annunciation, that we must accept the preludes of our salvation, which is the greatest notification in our life.

#### **Next Sunday: Cross Procession**

Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, a Cross Procession will take place following the Divine Liturgy. As we honor and meditate upon the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Christ, our ECF students will lead this Cross Procession. We invite you to be part of this special event as we raise the Cross in our Brookside Farms neighborhood!

#### **Spring Clean-up Day**

We are holding a “Spring Clean-up Day” on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We want to clean and spruce up the parish grounds and hall. Plan to be at the church at 9:00 a.m. dressed for work. If indoor cleaning is more to your taste, come equipped with buckets, rags, and dust cloths. If outside work is more your speed, bring rakes, trimmers, brooms, and square shovels. Food and beverages will be served. There will be work for young and old alike. Come and help for all or part of the day!

### **Order of Confession**

On Saturday & Sunday, April 5 - 6, we will welcome to St. Gregory's Fr. Frederick W. Gruber, priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Fr. Frederick will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confession as part of our spiritual preparation for Pascha-Easter. Let us remember that as frequent communicants we should make a confession during this and all penitential periods, and whenever the conscience is burdened. Plan to be here and to receive this Healing Sacrament of our Holy Church.

### **Bethany Ministry Meeting**

St. Gregory's Bethany Ministry is now in our 25<sup>th</sup> year of outreach and support to parishioners. We are seeking new members to be a part of our Prayer Chain, send Get Well cards, prepare Easter gift bags to distribute to our homebound parishioners, and other projects throughout the year. If you would like to help in any way, we invite you to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. Questions? Please contact Dorothy Mayernik (text/call: 412-310-0521, or email: dk-may@verizon.net) or Jennifer Kehm (text/call: 412-389-0488, or email: 1luckykehm@gmail.com).

### **Slavic Easter Items for Sale in the Church Hall!**

On Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome to St. Gregory's Oles & Lyubov from Cataract Press in Parma, Ohio. They will be visiting us with a large selection of Slavic (Rusyn, Slovak, Polish, and Ukrainian) merchandise. The focus of the display is Easter-Pascha and includes Easter eggs-Pysankas, egg wraps, wooden eggs, basket covers, and books. This will also include CDs, jewelry, and embroidery imported from Ukraine and much more! This sale will take place following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall.

### **Easter – Pascha Workshop**

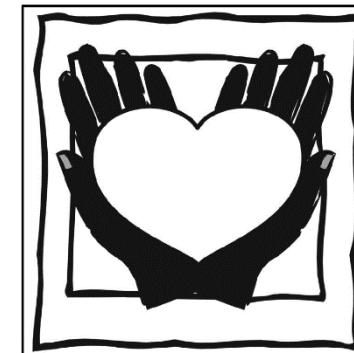
Following the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Easter-Pascha Workshop in our Church hall. There will be a session for adults, a session for ECF students, and a session for our younger children. Be part of this exciting workshop as we enjoy a variety of activities, crafts, and egg-dying.



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

The total for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, was \$7,854.10 (Envelopes: \$3,045; Online: \$653.29; Loose: \$193.00; Debt: \$50.00; Children: \$1.00; Candle: \$175.00; All Souls: \$50.81; Flowers: \$435.00; BCW: \$20.00; Initial: \$5.00; Chocolate Crosses: \$226.00; Comedy Night/GCU: \$3,000.00). *The QR code will take you to our donation portal. Your engagement, support and prayers are very much appreciated.*

### **Parish Lenten Outreach 2025: Lenten Works of Mercy**



During this Great Fast-Lent, we are collecting needed items to support the good works of Angels' Place, located in Swissvale and North Side Pittsburgh.

Angels' Place is a cost-free or significantly reduced rate childcare center that helps single parents get an education as well as enriching the lives of their children. They provide education, care, food, and any diapers/clothing that the family needs during the time that they are in the center. The center also uses donations of clothes and toys to be able to send home with these families as well to help provide as much support as possible. The parents are required to do chores around the center to "pay" for their childcare services and are required to do a specified number of hours per week depending on their Child's schedule. The center is filled with so many amazing people and has touched so many lives.

In the Mother of God Chapel, we are collecting the following items:

- Trash bags (Large 39 gallon or 13 gallon)
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Cleaning Products
- Hand soap
- Diapers
- Wipes
- New or gently used clothes/shoes (kid's sizes)
- New or gently used toys
- Blankets

We will be collecting these donations in the Mother of God Chapel until Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### ***St. Gregory's Prayer List***

***Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need: Charles & Maureen Cerny, Theresa Lokes, Nancy Romza, Andy & Joan Sakmar, Rita Smochko, Michael Sirochman, John Tury and Agnes Yanchak.***