

March 24, 2019

Gregory Palamas Sunday

Hebrews 1:10 - 2: 3

Mark 2: 1 - 12

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Mar. 24, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Gregory Palamas Sunday

Wed. Mar. 27, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy

Fri. Mar. 29, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy

Sat. Mar. 30, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Mar. 31, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Cross Veneration Sunday

Wed. Apr. 3, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy

Fri. Apr. 5, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy

Sat. Apr. 6, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Apr. 7, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy for Annunciation

Reader Schedule:
Sun, Mar. 24 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun, Mar. 31 - Cynthia Neff
Sun, Apr. 7 - Kurtis Lauser

Second Sunday of Great Lent - Gregory Palamas Sunday:

Gregory Palamas (1296-1359) was a monk of Mount Athos. He was a practitioner of the method of prayer called hesychasm (with hesychia meaning silence). By this method the person utilizes a rigorous bodily discipline in order to unite his mind and heart in God through continuous repetition of the name of Jesus, usually in the form of the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Through the use of this method of prayer the hesychast monks claimed to gain genuine communion with God, including the spiritual vision of the uncreated light of divinity such as that seen by Moses on Mount Sinai, and the apostles of Christ at the transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor.

The 1300's were a time of the Palamite controversy in the early Eastern Church. In 1326 the Calabrian Barlaam, a Greek uniate representative of the emerging humanist tradition of the western renaissance, came to Constantinople. Barlaam and some Byzantine humanists who were highly influenced by western philosophical and theological ideas, denied the possibility for men to be in genuine union with God, declaring mental prayer a heretical error.

At the Constantinople Council of 1341 St. Gregory Palamas confronted Barlaam's position, defending hesychasm, focusing upon the nature of the light of Mount Tabor. He established the Orthodox doctrine that man can truly know God and can enter into communion with him through Christ and the holy spirit in the church. On May 27, 1341 the council accepted the position of St. Gregory Palamas. The teachings of Barlaam were condemned as heresy, and he himself was anathematized and fled to Calabria.

Birthdays:

None this week

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 27 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner
following liturgy in the church hall

Apr. 3 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner
following liturgy in the church hall

Apr. 6 Sat, 9am - noon - Spring Bazaar

Apr.13 Sat. - 7:30 am. Cemetery Cleanup.
Bring a rake and join us at the cemetery. Rain date Apr 20

Spring Bazaar Cooking Schedule

Mar. 24, Sun. - Fruit Pierogies, 12 noon

Apr. 1, Mon. - Fruit roll prep., 6:30 pm

Apr. 2, Tues. - Fruit roll baking., 8:30 am

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

Holy Ghost is having a Spring Bazaar on **April 6, 9am - Noon.** "Carry Out Food" only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar. Take a few bazaar fliers to post or give to friends.

Foods to be sold at the Bazaar are:

- Pierogies - potato, fruit, & sauerkraut
- Raspberry fruit rolls
- Nut Rolls
- Kielbasa
- Paska Bread
- Butter Lambs

Anniversaries:

Mar. 29 - Robert & Marlene Kennedy

Notices:

No Foods Available

All food sales are suspended until the Spring Bazaar, April 6.

Paska Bread Orders

We are taking pre-orders for HGUOC Paskas from the Conshohocken bakery. Cost is \$12, available with raisins or plain. Delivery for the April 5th weekend. Look for sign-up sheet in the church hall.

Pascha Flower Donations

Donations for white flowers for the church may be given to Cynthia or Greg. Please use your flower donation envelope. Checks payable to "St. Anastasia Sisterhood".

Church Cleaning

Holy Ghost is in desperate need of volunteers to help clean the Church. Due to health issues most of the cleaners have had to dismiss themselves. Cleaning requires 1 or 2 hours every other week. Please contact Tabitha to help.

Prayer Corner:



For the Health of: Erin Bove, Florine, Linda, Charline Ene, Salwa, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, Donna & Karen

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 9 pm

March Charity

Priest's Discretionary Outreach Fund