

February 3, 2019

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Feb. 3, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Sat. Feb. 9, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Feb. 10, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Fri. Feb. 15, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, the Meeting of our Lord
- Sat. Feb. 16, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Feb. 17, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

2 Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Reader Schedule:

- Sun, Feb. 3 - Kurtis Lauser
- Sun, Feb. 10 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
- Sun, Feb. 17 - Cynthia Neff

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (329 - 389):

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople, a great Father and teacher of the Church, was born in the year 329, in Arianzos, into a Christian family of eminent lineage. Gregory received an extensive education in the schools of Nazianzos, Caesarea, and Alexandria, where he studied rhetoric, poetry, geometry, and astronomy. On his way to Athens to finish his education a violent sea storm threatened his life and salvation, as he had not yet been baptized. He besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole life to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm.

In Athens Gregory befriended his fellow ascetic, Basil, and upon graduation taught rhetoric for a time before returning to Alexandria to receive baptism from his father, now a bishop. He was ordained to the priesthood against his will, and to escape becoming a bishop, fled to join his friend Basil in Pontus, where he had organized a monastery.

St. Gregory remained with St. Basil for several years, until his brother died and he returned home to help his father. After his father's death he was invited at the consent of St. Basil to come and help the Church of Constantinople, which was ravaged by Arian heresies. Here he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, refuting the heresy of Eunomios, which rejected the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

St. Gregory's literary works were demonstrative, considered to surpass even the Greek writers of antiquity. When he took over the Second Ecumenical Council after the presiding St. Meletius of Antioch died, he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

St. Gregory eventually resigned his office and returned to his native region. The saint, zealous for the truth of Christ, continued to affirm Orthodoxy through his letters and poems, while remaining in the wilderness. He died January 25, 389, and is honored with the surname "Theologian", also given to the holy Apostle and Evangelist John.

Birthdays:

February 6 - Joe Domsohn Jr,
Nick Kozlowski

February 9 - Veronica Bruno

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Feb. 3 - Souper Bowl Sunday - Soups will be sold at coffee hour. Proceeds will benefit St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society soup kitchens in the Ukraine serving the very needy.

Mon, Feb. 4 - Spring Bazaar kick-off meeting
7 PM in the church hall

Sun, Feb. 10 - Swearing-in of 2019 Church Officers. Executive board and Sisterhood officers will be sworn-in following Liturgy.

President: Tabitha Bentley

Vice President: Robert Steele

Treasurer: Lauren Houck

Financial Secretary: Greg Kuzmenchuk

Recording Secretary: Christina Haines

Auditors: Lillian Maskula, Brenda Euler,
& Joseph Yevich

Trustees: Ambrose Kozlowski, Mary Seip
Jayme Houck, Ron Hershey, Katie Thomas,
Valerie Crescenz & Joe Crescenz

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

Holy Ghost is planning to have a Spring Bazaar in March (dates are still being discussed). "Carry Out" Food Only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help with bulk order sales, greet arriving people, and clean up afterwards. Cooking dates are also being planned. Kick-off meeting Feb. 4, 7 PM.

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

House Blessings

Fr. Mike is blessing houses, sign up is being arranged or contact him.

Sisterhood Membership Drive

Please see Linda Kozlowski or Illaria to pay \$10 sisterhood dues in January for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to join.

Poinsettias Need Homes

Please adopt a plant and enjoy the flowers in your home. St. Anastasia Sisterhood thanks all who donated toward the purchase of the flowers this season.

Foods Available

- Pierogies - potato & cheese -\$6 per box of 15
- Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 per box of 15
- Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

February Charity - Coatesville Public Library

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Lillian Maskula, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Florine, Charline Ene, Linda, Salwa, Richard Ziegler & Bill Brown

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 6 pm