

February 2, 2020

1 Timothy 4: 9-15

Luke 19: 1 - 10

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Feb. 2, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Feb. 8, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 9, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Feb. 15, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, Meeting of our Lord

Sat. Feb. 15, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Feb. 16, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours

February Vespers: Vespers will be starting at 5pm in February

Reader Schedule:  
Sun. Feb. 2 - Jim Hamer  
Sun. Feb. 9 - Wesley Hatch  
Sun. Feb. 16 - Greg Kuzmenchuk  
Sun. Feb. 23 - Kurtis Lauser

**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 Arianos, 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:

Feb. 6 - Joe Domsohn Jr & Nick Kozlowski

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Feb. 2 - Swearing-in of 2020 Church

Officers. Executive board and Sisterhood officers will be sworn-in following Liturgy

Sun, Feb. 2 - Souper Bowl during coffee hour.

Mon, Feb. 3 - 7pm. Spring Bazaar Kick-off mtg.

Sat. Feb 8 - 9:30 am. - Kitchen cleaning

Notices:

Sun, Feb. 2 - Souper Bowl Sunday - Soups will be available and sold at coffee hour to benefit St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society soup kitchens in the Ukraine, serving the very needy.

House Blessings

On January 19th, the Great Blessing of the waters took place. The water can be used to sanctify our homes. Each year at this time, by sprinkling it in every room, we rid our house of any evil influence and rededicate it to God. Please contact Father Nicholas at 484-786-8009 to schedule your Home Blessing.

2020 Church Board Members, Elect

President: Tabitha Bentley

Vice President: Sherry Estes

Treasurer: Lauren Houck

Assit. Treasurer: Rose Dmytryk

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, Bob Steele & Illaria Steele

Anniversaries:

None this month.

Notices:

Sisterhood Dues

St. Anastasia Sisterhood is collecting \$10 annual dues for 2020. To join or renew your membership see Rose Dmytryk.

2020 Church Dues

Holy Ghost annual dues (\$200) are being collected. Renew your membership in the church, envelopes are included in your packet. Special arrangements can be made, with Fr. Nick or Greg.

Kitchen Cleaning

On Saturday Feb. 8, St. Anastasia Sisterhood is planning to clean the church kitchen ahead of the annual Health Dept. inspection. Cleaning starts at 9:30, everyone is welcome.

Poinsettias Need Homes

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

We need families to host our Coffee Hour

February Charity

Handicrafters

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm

**Prayer Corner:**

*For the Health of:* Carol Bentley, Olga Ward, Sherry Estes, Nancy, Rose, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, Richard Ziegler, & Karen