

March 15, 2020

St. Gregory Palamas Sunday

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Mar. 15, 9:00 am. - CANCELLED
- Wed. Mar. 18, 6:30 pm. - CANCELLED
- Fri. Mar. 20, 9:30 am. - CANCELLED
- Sat. Mar. 21, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers, Soul Saturday
- Sun. Mar. 22, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am
- Wed. Mar. 25, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Fri. Mar. 27, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Sat. Mar. 28, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Mar. 29, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am

Vespers: Vespers will be starting at 6 pm beginning March 14

St. 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.

Hebrews 1:10 -- 2:3

Mark 2: 1 - 12

Reader Schedule:

- Sun. Mar. 15 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
- Sun. Mar. 22 - Kurtis Lauser
- Sun. Mar. 29 - Jim Hamer
- Sun. Apr. 5 - Wesley Hatch

Birthdays:

None this week

Upcoming Events:

- March 22, Sun. - Sisterhood meeting following liturgy in the church hall
- Mar. 24, Tue. - 7:00 pm. Executive Board Mtg.
- April 4, Sat, 9am - noon - Spring Bazaar
- April 4, Sat, all day - Lenten Retreat

Notices:

Corona Virus Shut - Down

The executive board of Holy Ghost UOC convened on March 12 and decided to cancel all church activities from March 13 - 20. They will meet again March 19 to reevaluate the situation and decide on church activities for the next week.

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

The Holy Ghost Spring Bazaar is April 4, 9am - Noon. "Carry Out Food" only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help with sales, greeting people, and clean up. Preparation starts at 7:30 am. Snow date: April 5, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Foods to be sold at the Bazaar are:

Pierogies, Nut Rolls, Kielbasa, Halupki, Paska bread loafs, Baked Goods

Spring Bazaar Cooking Schedule

- Mar. 21, Sat. - Nut roll making, 8:30 am
- Mar. 27, Fri. - Potato prep., 6:00 pm
- Mar. 28, Sat. - Pierogies, 8:30 am

Food Sales

Food sales are suspended until the Spring Bazaar.

Anniversaries:

March 17 - Joe & Nancy Domsohn

Notices:

Lenten Potluck Dinners

Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a potluck dinner following presanctified liturgy in the church hall. Bring a Lenten dish.

Lenten Retreat

UOC of USA Lenten retreat "Humility in the 21st Century" April 4 - all day. At St. Frances Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, PA. Speakers - Fr. Anthony Perkins & Dr. Natalie Bilynski details at website: uocofusa.org

Coffee Hour Hosts

We need families to host our Coffee Hour

Panahyda

March 22 for Olga Ward - 40 days

March Charity

CYWA (Community, Youth, and Women's Alliance), Coatesville

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Lewis, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler