

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

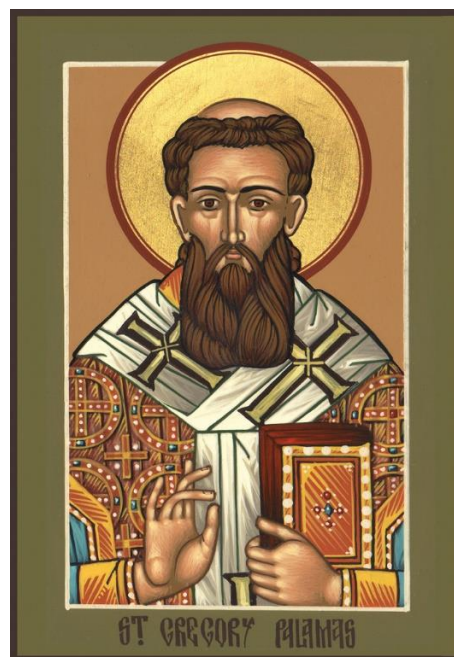
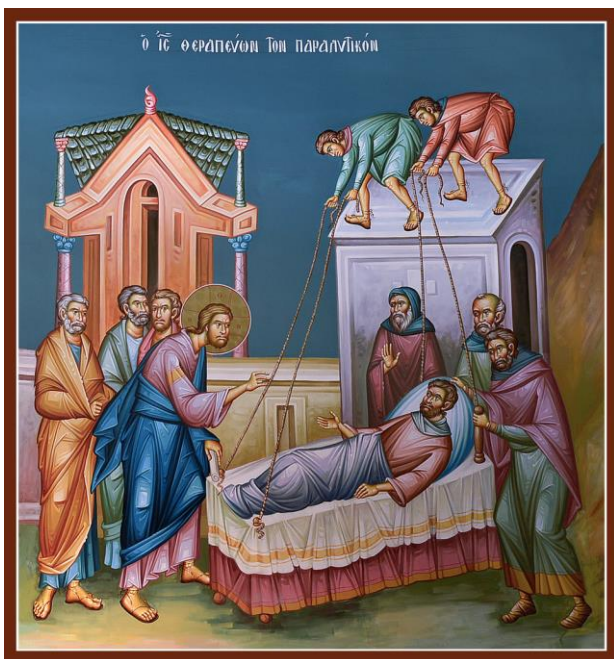
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25 FEBRUARY 2024 / 7532

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Feast of Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki, Greece.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 24 17:00 VIGIL: **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +Robert Hulyk – James & Donna Fullman
- Sun. Feb. 25 10:30 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
*Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee;
for +Rosemarie Macchiaroli – husband, Anthony*
- Wed. Feb. 28 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**
Suffrages for +Michael Rusinko – Aimée & Michael Kakos
- Sat. Mar. 02 10:00 **THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY w/ Panachida**
17:00 VIGIL: **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST** *Suffrages
pro populo; esp. for + James Kontir – William & Diane Onoschak*
- Sun. Mar. 03 10:30 **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee

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02 / 18 / 2024	Adults: \$932	Candles: \$70	Memorial gift: \$1000		
COLLECTION	Lenten Off: \$140	TOTAL: \$2142			
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When You extended Your hands on the Cross, You took upon Yourself the sin of Adam, who in days of old extended his hands toward the Tree of Knowledge to pick its fruit; for You, O Word of God, are full of goodness and compassion.

Subdue your passions, O my soul, and you shall be saved; abstaining from food is not a true fast, unless you also abstain from sin.

The Fast, the destroyer of passions, offers a remedy to souls bruised by sin. Let us cultivate it as a help coming from God: let us receive from Moses the tables of the Law, and not prefer the intemperance that would break them, nor imitate those who perished in the desert. Let us not wear a painful appearance. But let our face shine with joy. Let us not be hypocrites as the Pharisees, but place our honor in the Gospel and glorify the Cross of Christ, the Redeemer of our souls.

As we begin the third week of this holy Fast, O faithful, let us praise the Holy Trinity. Let us spend the rest of the time filled with joy, and let the passions of our flesh fade away. Let us gather the divine flowers of our souls and weave a crown for that Sunday, the king of days. With crowns upon our heads, we shall praise the victory of Christ.



~ Announcements ~

- **THANK YOU!** The parish is enormously appreciative to John and Dolores Lezo for their truly generous donation to the parish in memory of their beloved mother Mary Lezo. *«May God grant to His servants Dolores and John peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!»*
- The **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** is selling a **\$500 LOTTERY STRIP TICKET**. The number will be taken from the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 drawing on **Sunday, March 17th**.
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 17th**, the annual **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to aid our sister churches in **Central and Eastern Europe** will be taken. The war against Ukraine is beginning its third year. Horrific devastation and untold anguish have been inflicted upon the Ukrainian people; this year's collection to help our Byzantine Catholic brethren is more important than ever. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**
- **KOLACHE SALE!** St. Florian Roman Catholic Church in United announces their spring kolache sale of nut, apricot, poppyseed, and prune rolls (14"-15" long). Price is \$15 each. **Advance orders only.** Call Phyllis: 724-423-5233, Fran: 724-420-1648, or Claudia: 401-257-9513. Orders must be placed no later than March 5th, 2024. See flyers in Narthex for more information.
- **17th EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Social Hall, Uniontown is **Sunday, March 17th from Noon – 4:00**. Admission is free. A Lenten luncheon will be served. For information, call **724-438-1382, M-F** (leave message). See posters in Narthex for more details of all the many events planned for the day.