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Vol. 84 No. 1967 **Sunday, February 8th, 2026**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School - 10:20 am**



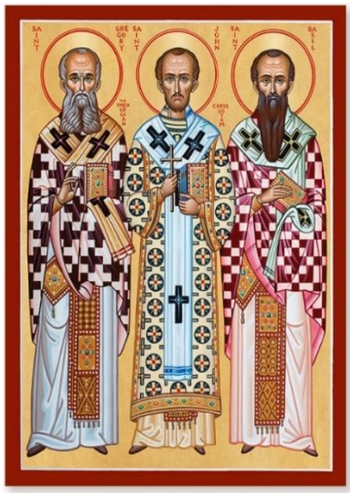
Panachida for +***Anna Brudnak*** offered by the Brudnak Family; ***+Peg Ryan*** offered by William Ryan and Family; ***+Julia Martin*** offered by Marilyn Burrell; ***+Nicholas Chupka Sr, and wife Helen, Agnes Chupka, and Jane Teplicky*** offered by Kathryn Oravec; +***Collen Parlock***; +***Joseph Gomilar, Frances Rogel, and James Neff*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak ***+Anna Homola-Rostochak*** offered by grandson, Steve Knaze; and ***+Fred, Christopher, and Mary Hohl***; ***+Wasko Homyak*** offered by Dorothy Homyak; and ***+Larry Buksa*** offered by sister, Kathy Feathers

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 84 &175

Epistle: 1Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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Thursday, February 12, 2026

The Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

+***John Sr., Michael, John Jr., and Mary*** offered by Mary Yech; and +***Mary Matrician*** (remembered in the Proskomedia)

Tropar & Kondak: Page 151

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel: Matthew 5: 14-19

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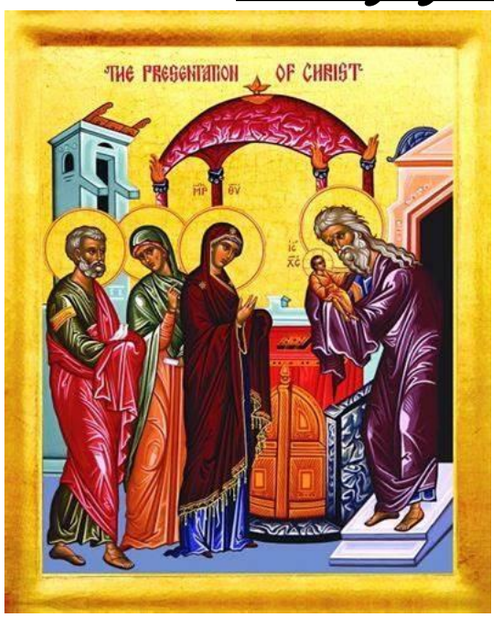
Sat. 2/14 … ***1st All-souls Saturday……..……..9:00 am***

Vespers for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple- 4:00 pm

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Sunday, February 15, 2026

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple
Sunday of the Last Judgement



Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

+***Michael Kesselak*** (8th Anniversary) offered by Robert and Pamula Price +***Michael and Anastasia Pirich, and Bonnie Gall*** offered by Julia Messner; +***Theresa Lazarak*** offered by Anna Lazarak; +***John Zizan*** offered by wife, Donna (Remembered in the Proskomedia and the Great Entrance)

Resurrection Tone 3

Tropar & Kondak: Pages 87, 175, 152-154

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Epistle: 1Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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Services for the week of February 15th

Tues. 2/17 … +Metropolitan Orestes P. Chornak; +Mary Hotrovich offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich; and +John, George, Mary, Michael, and John Sikora (Perpetual)…….8:00 am

Thur. 2/19 … +Husband Nicholas, parents Stephen and Martha Matolyak, brother George and departed family members offered by Anna Polak……..…8:00 am

Sat. 2/21 …Great Vespers……4:00 pm

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Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

Forgiveness Sunday
Cheese-fare Sunday

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School - 10:20 am**

Panachida for +***Metropolitan Nicholas and Bernie Buczak*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Buczak; +***Gretta Horbal*** offered by Mary Ann Savering; +***Rudolf and Margaret Gregory*** offered by the family; +***John Muchesko and Erinn Cuneo*** offered by the Muchesko family; +***Anna Burik-Shober*** offered by Eleanor Dussling; and +***Douglas Gvozdich*** (40th Day) offered by Diana Smith

Resurrection Tone 4 – Tropar & Kondak: pages 90 &178

Epistle: Roman 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers after Divine Liturgy

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Nicholas M. Slachta (2/8), Kathryn Oravec (2/9), Craig Dixon (2/10), Crystal Mary Rickabaugh (2/10). Pani Kathy Buczak (2/11), Louise Zankey (2/11), Carly Daw (2/11), Fr. John Fedornock (2/11), Nicholas Rajakovich (2/11), Albert Maurer (2/11), James Love Jr. (2/11), David Beltz (2/12), Geraldine Lakatos (2/13), Agnes Buchovecky (2/13), Julia Gilchrist (2/14), Anna Zuchelli (2/14), and Ann Fischbach (2/15).***

You were remembered in Prokomedia!

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ALTAR FLOWERS – The Altar is beautified with flowers in memory of the 20th Anniversary of the Falling Asleep of ***Margaret "Peg" Ryan*** by ***Rusty, Kelly, and Lillen Weingard and Erin and Pat Carey.***

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of February 8th in memory of ***+Peg Ryan by Kris Bunda.***

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ACRY "Souper Bowl" – Last Day!

The ACRY is collecting cans of soup for the West End Food bank thru Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026. Please leave your canned good donation on the stage in the Cathedral auditorium for your donations. Thank-you for your continued support!

Volunteers are needed for the Cambria County Back Project at Garfield school for Monday, February 9th at 4pm. Please contact Melanie Dudak if you are able.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

We will have to give an answer for the kind of life we have led. We will give an answer as to how we used the energy that was given us. This energy is Divine energy and Divine strength…We will have to answer for how we have helped in this life. Have we helped by disseminating peace and harmony in the universe, or have we contributed to the existing chaos? For this reason we must always strive to perfect our thoughts.

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

There is a humility which comes out of the fear of God, and there is a humility which comes from the fervent love of God. One person is humble out of his fear, whereas another is humble out of his joy. The person who is humble out of fear is possessed of modesty in his members, a right ordering of his senses, a heart that is contrite at all times. But the person who is humble out of joy is possessed of great exuberance and an open and irrepressible heart. Love knows no bashfulness: for this reason she does not know how to give orderly propriety to her members. Love is by nature unabashed and forgetful of moderation. Blessed is the person who has found you, O love, the haven of all joy! The assembly of the humble is loved of God just as the assembly of the seraphim. A chaste body is more precious before God than a pure offering. These two, humility and chastity, prepare a tabernacle in the soul for the Holy Trinity.

St. Isaac the Syrian

The Lord never allows those who come to Him unhesitatingly to fall completely. When He sees them faltering, He helps them in their efforts, stretching a hand of power down to them and drawing them up to Himself. He works with them visibly and invisibly, consciously and unconsciously, until having climbed every step of the ladder, they draw near Him, wholly united with Him.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

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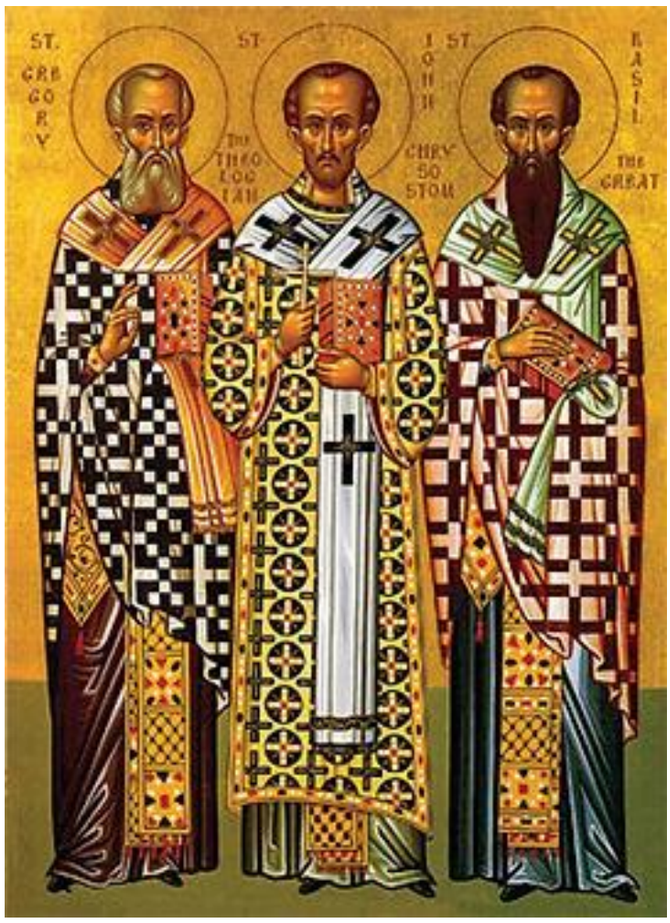
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You have never really lived

until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back



The three holy hierarchs, Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John of the Golden-mouth are commemorated today by reason of the following event. In 1081, there came to pass in Constantinople a contention among men of high repute and virtue. This vigorous controversy came about in regard to the three great teachers and hierarchs, and which of them should be the greatest. Some preferred the great Basil on account of his treatises, which vividly and articulately examined the nature of things in existence. This group also lauded Saint Basil's virtues, not only likening him to the angels, but even believing that he rivaled them. They also approved of his practice of not absolving sinners in an easy or offhand manner. They applauded his serious disposition, and his freedom from being possessed of anything earthly. Now this same group also would have placed the divine Chrysostom in a lower place than Basil, since they believed that he readily absolved sinners.

Yet another faction elevated the holy Chrysostom over both Basil and Gregory, maintaining that his teachings, filled with wise and agile expressions, guided all and drew sinners to repentance. This group mostly favored Saint John on account of the multitude of his mellifluous writings, and the loftiness and breadth of his thoughts.

Others, however, favored the writings of Saint Gregory the Theologian and gave him the preeminent position. They enjoyed his elegant and diversified manner of writing. His elevated and flowery style surpassed that of both the philosophers of Greek wisdom and Church writers to that date.

Metropolitan John affirmed that the three holy hierarchs appeared to him in a vision, first individually and then together. He says that they spoke to him as with one mouth, saying, “We are as one before God. Even as thou dost see, we neither have any opposition to one another nor have any quarrel among ourselves; but in accordance with the times in which we happened to live, each of us, moved by the divine Spirit, taught and wrote about various themes. Now as much as we learned by the Holy Spirit, these same teachings were also published for the salvation of the people. There exists among us no first or second place; for if the one should speak, straightway the other two also are in agreement. For this reason, command the rivaling factions not to remain divided on account of us; for even after our translation, as when we were among the living, we are concerned and eager to bring peace, unity and oneness of mind among the faithful, and not to be the cause of division. Therefore, when it seems fitting to thee, unite our commemorations on one day, and compose a troparion for the feast; for we are as one before God. And be certain that we shall cooperate toward the salvation of those who celebrate our general commemoration, since we have boldness before God.” After the saints uttered these things, they appeared to ascend again into the heavens, illumined with brilliant light and calling one another by name.