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Vol. 84 No. 1971 **Sunday, March 8th, 2026**

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint Gregory Palamas



Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
Choir Sunday– 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+Metropolitan Nicholas*** (15th Anniversary); ***+Joseph & Helen Rogel; and +Joann Bodnar +Helen Spanovich, +Enzo Colantoni, and +Janet Dzura*** offered by Father Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak; ***+Joseph Hanak*** offered by Joyce Hanak-Rogina; ***+Peter and Mary Chappie, and Joseph and Mary Hanak*** offered by Mary Hanak; ***+John Buchovecky*** offered by his wife, Agnes; +***Stephen Knaze III*** and +***Dr. Thomas Figura*** (40th Day) offered by Michael Haschak and Family; +***Larry Buksa*** offered by Joe and Patricia Kmetz

Resurrection Tone 6

Tropar & Kondak: pages 96 & 181-182

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

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DINNER AND DISCUSSION EVENT

Tuesday March 10th at 6:00 pm

Join us for a Dinner and Discussion event, *The Great Fast: Through the Eyes of Iconography* on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium. Learn about the Sunday of the Lenten Triodion and the associated icons. Come for food, fellowship, and learning. All age groups and religious faith groups are invited to attend! Please bring a fast-friendly potluck dish to share. Dinner at 6:00 pm, Presentation at 6:30pm. Discussion to follow.

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Services for the week of March 8th

Mon. 3/09 …+Robert Brudnak offered by Evelyn, Karen, Lynn, Barry, and Michael;
+George and Anna Gaydos offered by Nancy Gaydos; and
+Nichoals Laichak Jr. offered by wife, Dorothy (Perpetual) Parastas.……8:00 am

Wed. 3/11 … ***Presanctified Liturgy…..……..…..……..……6:00 pm***

Fri. 3/13 … +Metropolitan Nicholas; and +Martha Stafansky (Perpetual) – Parastas..…8:00 am
Pre-sanctified Liturgy…..……6:00 pm

Sat. 3/14 … +Patricia Pasternak (Birthday Remembrance) offered by Anna Marie Mlinarchik;
+Michael and Mary Gido offered by Mary Gido; and
3rd *All-Souls Saturday*……9:00 am

Great Vespers……..……..…..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 15th, 2026

Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Sunday of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

Resurrection Tone 7 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 99 & 185-186
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

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Services for the week of March 15th

Mon. 3/16 … +Mary, Ivan, Shelly, and Maria offered by Mary Skovan; and
+John and Susie Schaeffer (Perpetual) - Parastas……..……8:00 am
Tue. 3/17 … +Mary Antonikas (Perpetual) – Parastas..……..……..…….……8:00 am

Wed. 3/18 … ***Moleben to the Holy Cross ..……6:00 pm***
Thur. 3/19 … +Andrew and Helen Dluhos (Perpetual) - Parastas……...……..…8:00 am

Fri. 3/20 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy…..……6:00 pm***
Sat. 3/21 … +Mary Fedorchak (Perpetual)

4th All-souls Saturday…..……..……9:00 am
Great Vespers…..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint John Climacus

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+John Chupka Sr., +Nicholas Don, John P. Chupko and Nicholas Don Chupko Jr., and Joseph M. Quinn*** offered by Kathryn Oravec***; +Alfred Novak, +Elsie Gomilar, +Michael Dzura, +Deacon Robert Conjelko, +Cindy Dzvonik and Emma Jean Yazvac*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy; ***+Mary and Edward Tavalsky*** offered by their children

Resurrection Tone 8
Tropar & Kondak: pages 102 & 183-184

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Anastasia Matchik (3/9), Stacie Smeal (3/10), Stephen Jenco (3/11), Susan Jenco (3/12), Joye Matolyak (3/12), Heather Sally (3/12), David Robel (3/14), Andrea Penatzer (3/14), Jon Billetdeaux (3/15), Halee Leader (3/15), Joy Love (3/15), and Aaron Szapka (3/15).*** You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Fr. Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Fr. Alexander Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewitz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Spyridon Raburn, Clay Woods and Ignatios Leonardo.

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ACRY "Lenten Soup/Food Sale"

Our chapter will be having our Annual Stewardship "Lenten Soup/Food Sale" for $8.00 a quart continuing thru Sunday, April 5, 2026, held at the Cathedral Auditorium after Divine Liturgy. A sign-up sheet and plastic containers will be available for those who would like to make their favorite Lenten recipes to help with sales. Proceeds will benefit our American Carpatho-Russian Youth.

Volunteers are needed for the Cambria County Backpack Project at the Garfield school on Mondays, March 23, April 20 and May 18, 2026, from 4-5pm.

Sixteen bags will be distributed for Paska to our shut-ins and those in assisted living homes. Items for the bags are needed before March 29.

Saturday's Kitchen's next volunteer dates are Saturdays, March 21 and May16, 2026. Please contact Melanie Dudak if you are able to help.

The next ACRY meeting will be Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Cathedral auditorium.

The Westend Food Bank coordinator Steve Horbal thanks everyone for a successful "Souper Bowl" canned soup drive bringing in more than last year! Our ACRY members Stewardship obligations and your support is what keeps our Chapter going. Thank You everyone!

Thank you for supporting our ACRY Chapter! – Rose Ann DeCoske

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YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT

Friday March 13 – Sunday March 15, 2026

The Annual Spring Young Adult Retreat will take place from Friday March 13 – Sunday March 15, 2026 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. The Spring Young Adult Retreat is hosted by the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM., Orthodox Church in America Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and The Ukrainian Orthodox Church, USA. The retreat is open to all Young Adults ages 18-35.

The theme for the weekend is: Let My Prayer Arise: Encountering God Through Orthodox Music. The keynote speakers are Amy Hogg- Greek Orthodox, Jacob Mandell-Orthodox Church in America and Fr. David Mastroberte- American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese. A perfect weekend to grow closer to Christ- plus real fellowship and love with other young adults.The retreat will begin with arrival and registration on Friday, March 13 starting at 7:00pm and will conclude on Sunday, March 15th at Noon following the celebration of Divine Liturgy at 9:00am and Brunch.

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CENTRAL REGION DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 28th

All are invited and encouraged to attend the Diocesan Lenten Retreat held Saturday, ***March 28th*** from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church; 903 Ann Street; Homestead, Pa. 15120. A free-will offering will be taken. ***Please contact Cathy Pawlik at 412-461-2110 if you plan to attend!***

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit also by practicing all the other virtues for Christ's sake. Trade spiritually with them; trade with those which give you the greatest profit. Accumulate capital from the superabundance of God's grace; deposit it in God's eternal bank which will bring you immaterial interest, not four or six percent, but one hundred percent for one spiritual trouble, and even infinitely more than that. For example, if prayer and watching gives you more of God's grace watch and pray; if fasting gives you much of the Spirit of God, fast; if almsgiving gives you more, give alms. Weigh every virtue done for Christ's sake in this manner.

St. Seraphim of Serov

For our neighbors' sake, don't refuse to do any of the tasks that seem lowly and troublesome. Although we have to do the service for someone small and shabby, although the work is hard and we must pass over mountains and valleys, endure everything for your neighbor's salvation. For a soul is so important to God that "He spared not His own Son."

St. John Chrysostom

If we are ashamed to imitate our Lord's sufferings, which He endured for us, and to suffer as He suffered, it is obvious that we shall not become partakers with Him in His glory. If that is true of us we shall be believers in word only, not in deed. When deeds are absent, our faith is dead.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

The enemy likes to hide the truth and to mix good with evil. But how can one find out the truth? God's goodwill and all our intentions are meek, full of hope, and undoubting. Not only in our good deeds, but also in our lawlessness, God endures long with meekness and awaits our repentance.

St. Paisius Velichkovsky

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak	Shirley Mazurak	Marcia Matthews	Michael Mehalacki	Zander Marshall
Veronica Buczak	Erin Demich	Jolene McClain	Matthew Hanak	Kara Dorsey
Michael Sakmar	Mary Ann Muchesko	Georgene Coulter	Mary Frances Dutko	Ronald Patrick
Joseph Muchesko	Michaela Miller	Tanya Britan	Clarabella Knight	Lisa Daugherty
Dave and Roberta Kovalik	Arianna Jade Miller	Frank and Daniel Porembka	Matushka Mary Margaret	Cindy LaBarr
Kira Pronin	Taylor Miller	Dr. Rose Ann Jordan	Remona Blunt-Wall	Amber
Alexxa Lowery	Jennifer Gardenhour	Demetra Mavrophilipos	Patti Sweeney	Diana Gvozdich-Smith
Romayne Laichak	Steve Prieber	Rose Conjelko	Samantha Salway	Jean Barnes
Zachary Rogina	Aberdeen Rudge	Cindy Birth	Joan and Ronald Bost	Jennifer Beas
Ron Kuzmyak	Pat Hanuska	Roger Zankey	Cheryl Reese	Ellen Kuzmyak
Paul Kalcik	Dwight Nugle	Jess Ambrose	Sheri Smay	Elaine Adams
Henry Laichak	Rose and Terry Fyock	Paul Kalinyak	Geroge Kuzmiak	Ronnie Horbal
Ronald Kmet	Rosalia Horner	John Rosiak	Lisa Luterman	Audrey Novak
Eva Zeleniak-Whitak	Beverly Mayo	Louis Pocchiari	Jeanne Norris	Lindsay Penatzer
Judith Rowlands	Al Kuzmyak	Ed and Christine Sakmar	Kristo Burkett	Carol Devine
Angeline Komara	Michael Paul Gost	Julie Locher	Amanda May	Dominic
Arianna Risso	Matushka Helen Jasiukowicz	Denise Stroud	Jean Romesburg	Florence Gost
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Rachael Costlow	Robert and Barbara Stokes	Elijah Groff	Spenser Kreger	

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