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### ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

*Epistle: Hebrews (1:10-2:3 & 7:26-8:2) Gospel: Mark (2:1-12)*

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned so within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never say anything like this!"

#### TROPARION TONE VI

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure Body. You did capture hell, not being tempted by it. You did come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who did rise from the dead: glory to You!

#### KONTAKION TONE VI

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

#### TROPARION TONE VIII

O light of Orthodoxy! Teacher of the Church! Its confirmation! O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians! O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace! Always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church School** - Protinica Karen wants to remind everyone that snacks and drinks have been graciously donated for all students, particularly those who have fasted in the morning in preparation for Holy Communion. If any parents/teachers would like to see other snacks offered to help donate, please let me know and we can organize accordingly.

**Family Nights and Adult Bible Study** - Will resume after house blessings. Father George will announce when both will reconvene.

**Vespers** – Saturday evening 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.

**Visitation** - Ann Visnick is in a nursing facility. If you would like to visit or send a card: Ann Visnick, William Penn Personal Care, 1021 Walton Road, Jeannette, PA, 15644, Room 201.

**Blessing of Homes** - V. Rev. Fr. George has begun blessing homes. Please call him at 412.622.4714 to schedule a visit.

**Calendars** -Wall calendars are available at the tutor's desk for pick up. Small pocket calendars will be distributed when homes are blessed.

**Men's Club** – Fish Fry every Friday (4-7 p.m.) March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Cake Table will be in operation as well. We will be selling Lenten baked goods from 4 pm to 7 pm every week. If anyone would like to volunteer to either bake, set up, or serve our customers, please contact Janet Tumbas at [412-751-3809](tel:412-751-3809), or [jtumbas@gmail.com](mailto:jtumbas@gmail.com). All help is welcome, whether it is for one week, or for seven weeks. Proceeds will be used for various church projects. Thank you!

**Communication** - If you have not provided your email address to receive news & information regarding our St. Nicholas parish - please send an email to [borisbajich@gmail.com](mailto:borisbajich@gmail.com) - please feel free to send email addresses of your friends and family who may also like to receive our news.

**Kolo** – The Kolo is asking for baked goods for our Posna Vecera on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Special thanks** - Martha Visnic and her family wish to thank everyone who sent her a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card in January. It made her birthday very special and memorable that so many people from the parish sent her warm wishes and had her in their thoughts and prayers.

**Thank you** – I would like to thank all parishioners for their generous and much needed FOCUS donations that helped feed the poor and homeless. Also, thank you for all of the donations that benefitted the DiMatteo family of Monroeville who lost their husband/father, home, and all belongings in a fire. Donations are still being accepting especially during this time of great need.

**A Very Special Thanks** to the Maintenance Committee for all of your on-going hard work and efforts! It is much appreciated.

**Important Dates** – Tonight Lenten Vespers will be served at 5:00 p.m. - Holy Ascension, Youngwood (Lecturer: Fr. Sasa Nedic).

**Sunday, March 18, 2018** – Posna Vecera

Senior high school students of our St. Nicholas Church School will be visiting our local monastery, the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery in Saxonburg on **Saturday, March 25th**. We invite ALL faithful interested in visiting to join us. According to their tradition of hospitality, the sisters of the monastery will serve lunch and speak of their life of hesychast (a mystical tradition of prayer in the Orthodox Church) spiritual struggle of purification in prayer, the sacraments and obedience. Please contact Protinica Karen as soon as possible if you wish to attend so that the sisters may prepare for our visit. (832)919-0836.

Pre-sanctified liturgy will be served this Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please refrain from eating after 12:00 p.m. to prepare for Holy Communion. Confession begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Spring cleaning** - We have obtained a 20' dumpster, and over the next several weeks we will be cleaning out our hall and our outside storage units. In addition to each of our organizations leading/scheduling their individual work efforts, we need assistance in going through everything that remains. Any/all help would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Bati at [816-678-6251](tel:816-678-6251) or [borisbajich@gmail.com](mailto:borisbajich@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**Important Dates - Monday, February 19, 2018 – The Beginning of Great Lent Tonight** – Lenten Vespers begin tonight at St. Sava in McKeesport beginning at 5:00 p.m. Lecturer: Fr. Rade Merick