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St. Gregory Palamas

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sun., Mar. 20 th	Mission Vespers <i>Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Monongahela</i>	5 pm
	Wed., Mar. 23 rd	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Fri., Mar. 25 th	Feast of the Annunciation	
		Hours Vespersal Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am
		Akathist to the Theotokos Healer of Hardened Hearts	7 pm
Sat., Mar. 26 th	Soul Saturday		
	Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am	
	Great Vespers with Confession	7 pm	
Sun., Mar. 27 th	Sunday of the Holy Cross		
	Hours Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am	
	Mission Vespers <i>St. Alexander Nevsky, Allison Park</i>	4:30 pm	

Epistle
(Hebrews 1:10-2:3)

And:

*“You, LORD, in the beginning laid
the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work
of Your hands.
They will perish, but You
remain;
And they will all grow old like
a garment;
Like a cloak You will fold them
up,
And they will be changed.
But You are the same,
And Your years will not fail.”*

But to which of the angels has He ever said:

*“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool”?*

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

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 thus 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 saw *anything* like this!”

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgies.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-9:1

Announcements:

Ukrainian Refugee Relief – oca.org/relief – Through the generous donations of individual parishioners of the OCA, over \$550,000 has been raised! Donations will go towards refugee relief, their housing, and meeting basic needs. *Continue to remember the Ukrainian Refugees in your prayers!*

Let us start refocusing our hearts and minds towards humility, forgiveness, repentance, and love towards our fellow man as we begin our Lenten journey on the path to Golgotha with Jesus. We are continuing our support and love of our seminarians and their families by taking a special Paschal collection through **April 10th**. The families are most appreciative of all support! Thank you for the Seminarian donations!

HOT OFF THE PRESSES! The annual “**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 10 Week Calendar**” is available for home reference to keep you abreast of all Lenten services during this holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.

Don't Forget: Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after all scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

Fr. Stephan has received numerous requests to open the Church during this Lenten season for a quiet place to pray. Father will plan to keep it as open as possible.

Don't Forget! Paska orders are due **Wednesday, March 23rd**. Please leave your orders at the candle stand or see either Marie or Mary S. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

Most importantly,

***Don't forget to include a valid telephone number
on the order form so we can arrange for you to pick-up!***

Baking Sessions are **Friday, April 1st** and **Saturday April 2nd** beginning at **7 am**. (Saturday, April 9th may be added as an extra baking day.)

Aid for Ukraine – The McMurray Rotary is partnering with Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Carnegie to send care packages to the people in the Ukraine. As mentioned in today's bulletin insert, they are in desperate need of the following items:

Band Aids	Neosporin
Gauze and medical tape	Allergy meds
Aspirin (including children's drops)	Itch-relief meds
Anti-diarrhea medication	Hand and boot warmers

Donations will be collected until April 17th. There will be a box in the vestibule for the donations. Please contact Rotary International Director, Stephanie Urchick (724/747-5055) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

An update from Stephanie Urchick: Sts. Peter & Paul church has run out of room to store donations (What a wonderful problem!) so we are going to store the collections from St. John the Baptist, Holy Resurrection, BV, and McMurray Rotary at the business of one of our Rotary members located in the Waterdam Commons Office Park. We are still collecting until April 17, as originally noted, when Sts. Peter and Paul will determine if needs have changed or if there has been any disruption in getting these supplies to where they need to go.

Fr. Stephan has received a couple of requests to start a Catechumen class. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Fr. Stephan.

Spring Cleaning for Pascha!!! As we spruce up our homes for Spring, plans are in the works to spruce up our second home, our church! A date for Spring Cleaning will be forthcoming shortly, but at the moment, there are plenty of brass items that need cleaning which can be taken home to do. Please see Fr. Stephan.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

Please keep in your **PRAYERS** three of our diocesan priests who have been dealing with health issues during the past several months - Fr. Andrew Matychak, Igumen David Lewis, and Igumen Patrick Carpenter.