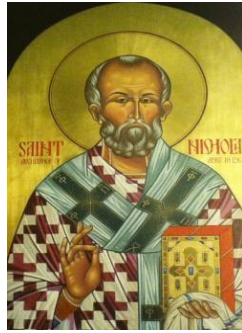


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SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2017 - VENERABLE GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3 – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Venerable Gregory of Decapolis

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tone 1 – Blue Pew Book pp. 81-83

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Panachida for Duane and Jacob Kuklis given by Daniel Oneschuck.

Following Divine Liturgy (about a half-hour afterwards) – Great Vespers for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Monday, December 4 – Feast of the Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book pp. 118-120

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, December 10 – Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Great Martyr James of Persia

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tone 2 – Blue Pew Book pp. 84-86

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Next Sunday (12/10) –
collection for OCPM
(Orthodox Christian Prison
Ministries)

Confessions: (30 minutes) Prior to as well as following scheduled services. When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Dana Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewski.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Anna Rodino given by Family.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

UPDATE: 8 boxes of food were delivered to the Bread Basket this past Wednesday (11/29/17). The volunteers there are truly grateful for the continued support for those families in need. Let's keep it up!

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food...'"

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

November 26, 2017

\$618.00	General Collection
\$77.00	7 Day Light
\$1.00	Holy Days
\$106.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$16.00	Taper Candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
<u>\$230.00</u>	<u>Heat Offering</u>
\$1,055.00	Total Collection

FALL 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
<i>December 6</i>	<i>December 7</i>	
December 13	December 14	December 15

- The **Men's Club** will meet **next Sunday, December 10** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The next **Sunday School** class will held **next Sunday, December 10** immediately following Divine Liturgy.



We are again spreading Christmas cheer to our veterans at the Gino Merli Veterans' Center! **The Veteran stars have all been selected.** Please remember to bring the wrapped gift with the star attached to the package **by next Sunday, December 10th!**

Thank you!



Cookie Sale! Our church will host a **cookie sale** on **Friday, December 15** (*the day of the final pirohi sale before Christmas*). We need cookies and other baked goods!

Christmas Kolachi Sale! The Men's Club is now taking orders for their famous Kolachi. **Rolls are only \$8.00 each.** The available flavors are: Walnut, Poppy seed, Lekvar, Apricot, and Raspberry (Seedless) Coconut. **The pick-up date is Friday, December 15,** from 10 AM to 2 PM. To order, there is a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall. Place your orders ASAP!

Saint Nicholas Day Dinner! Our **Annual Saint Nicholas Day Dinner** is scheduled for **Sunday December 17, 2017.** **This banquet is held each year in celebration of our church's patron Saint Nicholas, the Archbishop of Myra in Lycia!** This will be a roast beef dinner. Tickets are \$12.00. There will be a Basket Raffle! Anyone who wishes to donate a Tricky Tray please see Jane Togher. Also, please sign up using the signup sheet in the Church Hall. **Let's have a great turnout! Thank you!**

NEWS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

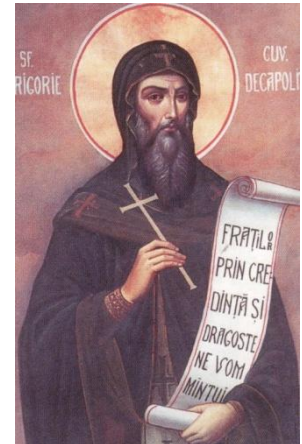
Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a **Christmastime bus trip to New York City next Saturday, December 9, 2017.** There will be three stops in Manhattan: the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side, Bryant Park's Winter Village housing 125 vendors in midtown, and the Christmassy Fifth Avenue area. There will be opportunity to buy some tasty Slavic goodies, see many beautiful Christmas decorations as only New York City can do it including the famous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, and more! Participants can follow the above three-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, [428 North Seventh Avenue](#) will be at 8:00am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30pm. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and to make reservations contact Paul Ewasko at [570 563-2275](tel:5705632275).

THE VENERABLE GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS

TEXT from: [THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid](#)

IMAGE from: www.johnsanidopoulos.com

“ Gregory was born in Isaurian Decapolis of prominent and devout parents, Sergius and Mary. After he had completed his schooling, his parents desired that he marry, but he fled to the wilderness and was tonsured a monk. He lived in various places: Byzantium, Rome and on Mount Olympus. Wherever he was, he amazed men by asceticism and miracles. At times a heavenly light illumined him and angels of God appeared to him. He gazed upon the beauty of the angels and listened to their sweet chanting. He lived a long and God-pleasing life, and died peacefully in the ninth century in Constantinople, his soul taking up its abode in the joy of the Lord. ”



THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

TEXT from: <https://www.goarch.org/entrance-theotokos>

IMAGE from: Wix.com

“ The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21/December 4 each year. The Feast commemorates when, as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament. However, this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James, or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents, nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that His name will be glorified in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."



Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25/January 7. ”