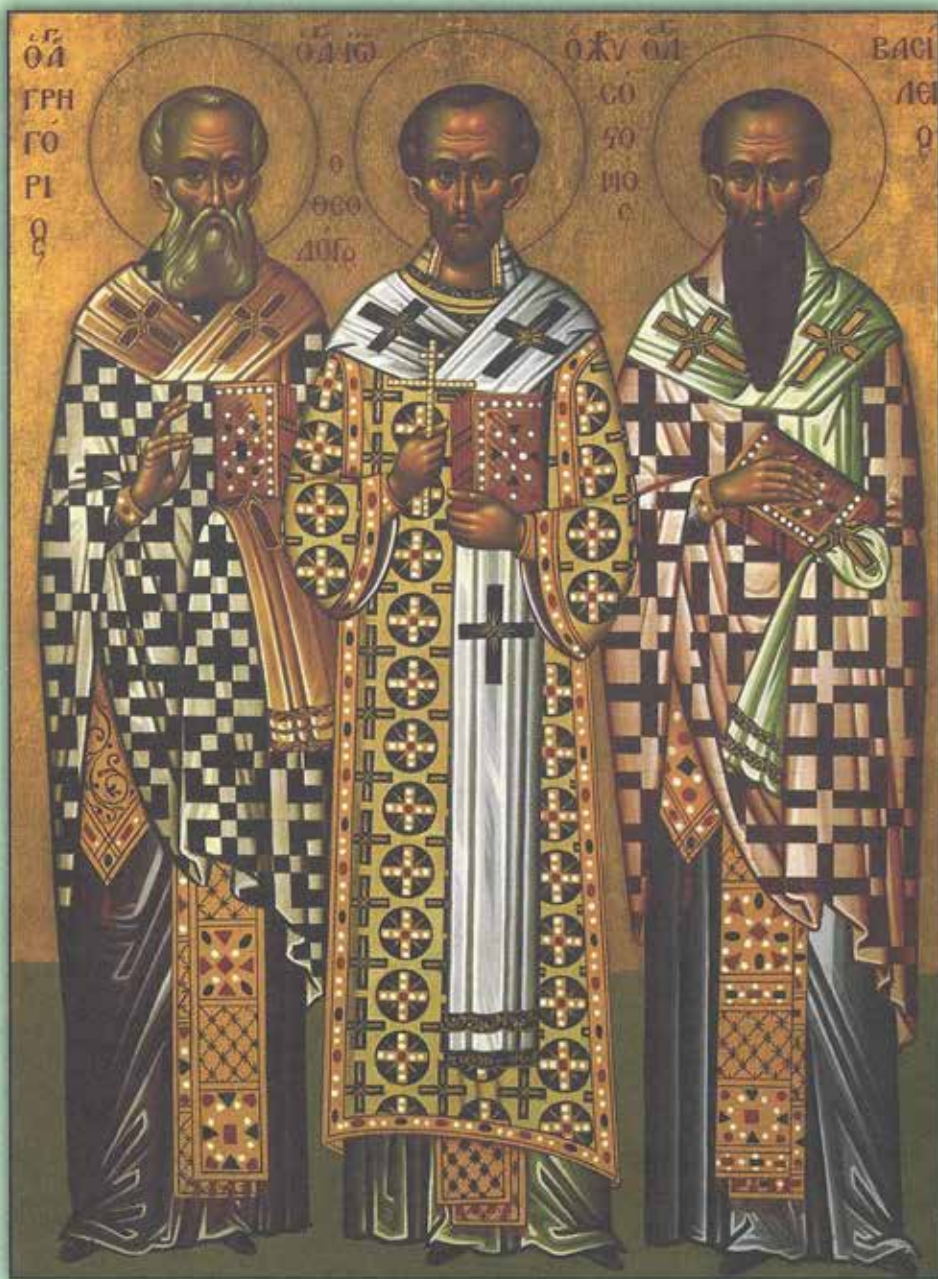


THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Gregory, Saint John, Saint Basil -- January 30th

January 27, 2019:		36th Sunday After Pentecost	
Epistle: 1 Tim. 1: 15-17		Gospel: Lk. 18: 35-43	
Mon., Jan. 28	8:00	+ Jacob & Ann Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)	
Tues., Jan. 29	8:00	+ Evelyn Cheplick (Tina Cheplick)	
Wed., Jan. 30	8:00	+ Eugene McConnell (Family)	
Thurs., Jan. 31	8:00	+ John Joseph Kulesa (Nancy Kohut)	
Fri., Feb. 1	8:00	+ Rose Marie Kordish (Mary Ann Kordish)	
Sat., Feb. 2		Encounter of Our Lord (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ John Krenitsky (M/M Steve Baronski)	
	10:30	Confessions	
	2:00	Confessions	
	4:00 pm	+ Michael Jerry Galay (Paul Semonick)	
Sun., Feb. 3	9:00	+ Evelyn Cheplick (St. Cyril's Choir)	
	11:30	For Our Parishioners	

The Three Hierarchs

Celebrated on January 30th

St. Gregory the Great

St. Gregory was born in Cappadocia (today called Turkey) in about 320 to Christian parents. He went to school in Caesarea and there met St. Basil.

St. Gregory studied law in Alexandria and then went to school in Athens, Greece, where he met up with St. Basil again. They studied together and became great friends. When St. Basil started a monastery, St. Gregory also became a monk. He was ordained a

priest and went to help his father, the Bishop of Constantinople.

Through his gifts of writing and preaching, especially about the Holy Trinity, St. Gregory helped many people to convert to Christianity.

St. Gregory became the Bishop of Constantinople. The people believed many wrong things about God and St. Gregory trying to teach them. He was treated badly by many of these people, sometimes he was even beaten, but

many people eventually converted.

44 of St. Gregory's speeches, 243 letters, and many of his poems were published and are still read today. St. Gregory died in 390. He is buried in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

St. Basil the Great

St. Basil was born in about 330 in Caesarea in Asia Minor, called Turkey today. He came from a rich and noble family.

St. Basil had an excellent education in Caesarea, Constantinople and Athens. He became close friends with St. Gregory (Nanzianzen).

When Basil completed his education, he became the head of a school of public speaking and law in Caesarea and became a well-known teacher.

His sister, St. Macrina, suggested that he become a monk. St. Basil sold everything he had, gave away all his money and he spent the next five years studying with monks in Egypt, Palestine and Syria before returning to Cappadocia and beginning his life as a monk in the wilderness.

Many men joined him, including his friend St. Gregory. They built their own huts, farmed, prayed and tried to lead holy lives. St. Basil wrote down rules for the lives of the monks which are still

used to this day.

St. Basil was a generous person who founded orphanages, hospitals and schools. He was especially kind to the poor and urged others to help those who were worse off than they were. He often could be seen feeding the hungry.

St. Basil became a priest and later a bishop. He wrote about religious themes and even wrote a Divine Liturgy that is used today, 10 times every year. St. Basil died on January 1, 379 at the age of 49.

St. John Chrysostom

St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch in Greece. His father died when he was a baby and his mother decided not to marry again. She gave all her attention to bringing up her son and daughter.

He was very intelligent and could have become a great lawyer. When he gave speeches everyone love to listen to him and gave him the name Chrysostom, which means "Golden mouthed."

St. John wanted to give himself to God, and when his mother died, he sold all he had, gave the money to the poor and became a monk. He became a priest and later the Archbishop of Constantinople. St. John was a wonderful Bishop. He preached once or twice every day, fed the poor and took care of orphans. He also studied long hours and wrote the

Divine Liturgy we use to this day.

Because he preached against sin, St. John had many enemies – even the Empress herself, who had him exiled from

Constantinople. On the trip he suffered greatly from fever, sleeplessness and other physical problems. St. John died on September 14, 407.

National Catholic Schools Week

January 27 – February 2, 2019

This year the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates National Catholic Schools Week from January 27th – February 2nd. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed" is an appropriate theme, especially for all that our schools provide. We are blessed to have three elementary schools in our Archeparchy, St. Nicholas School in Minersville, PA, St. Nicholas School in Passaic, NJ and Assumption of the BVM School in Perth Amboy, NJ and one high school, St. Basil Academy in Fox Chase, PA.

Our schools offer our students the opportunity to "Learn". Today they face a world full of challenges. Our schools are meeting these challenges in order to educate its students in every area whether it is in the sciences, the humanities, the arts, technology, our Ukrainian culture and especially our faith.

Our schools offer our students the opportunity to "Serve". They have come to know that serving others builds

solidarity with those in need, whether it is to help others in the classroom, in the parish, their families at home or in the community. The rewards are truly a blessing and are immeasurable.

Our schools offer our students the opportunity to "Lead". They are given the skills to be leaders not only today but for and in the future with the undertaking of various projects and activities not only in the classroom but in the community as well. The future is surely promising with what our students can do.

Our schools offer our students the opportunity to "Succeed". They provide a stricter academic regimen, giving our students the tools needed to learn, to grow and to be successful not only in the grade level they are in now, but also for the future. If one were to look at the graduates of our schools and see where they are today, we would be very proud of them and for what they have and are accomplishing.

We have so much to be grateful for

in our schools. The students are cared for by their teachers and staff. Their dedication for the welfare and success of every student is truly a gift from God. Our parents trust that we will do everything in our power and strength to give their children all the traits and skills that we celebrate this year during National Catholic Schools Week. We thank them for their personal and financial sacrifices to give their children the best that a Catholic education can give.

Our history is rich in the field of education. With dedicated priests, Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Missionary Sisters of

the Mother of God and many lay people leading the way from the beginning through today and then tomorrow. We celebrate this week and every week that God bless our schools, our faculties, staff and parents, and especially our dear students who seek to know and learn more than ever before. May they learn, serve, lead and succeed!

May the good and loving Lord bless our students, teachers and principals!

Respectfully, yours in Christ!

**Bishop Andriy Rabiw
Bishop John Bura**

Have You Ever Wondered...

Have you ever wondered why did God create us as we are?

Q: Our legs and feet?

A: They transport us from place to place, enabling us to gather food, to hunt, to run from danger.

Q: Our arms/wrists/hands & fingers?

A: They help us to gather food, to hunt, to build/carry, to protect ones self, to communicate.

Q: Our Eyes?

A: To gather food, to spot prey when hunting, to help us to communicate, to see danger, to see safety.

Q: Our ears?

A: An aid for hunting, helps us to communicate, to hear danger.

Q: Our voice.

A: It helps us to hunt, to communicate.

BUT why do we have the ability to sing? Does it help us to find food, to hunt, to be safe from danger, to build a home or to carry things? Perhaps we have a voice so that we may sing along with the choirs of angels, our praises, our thanksgivings our requests to the Lord.

Ask yourself one more question: what other of God's creations can sing? (I don't think birds count in this case cause I've never heard a bird recite).

Keep Greeting One Another

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40 day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional

Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine through you!

Note: according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2nd.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy this Sunday. The meeting will take place in the Rectory Basement and begin at approximately 1:00 pm. All Parish Council and

Finance Council members are requested to attend. Anyone else that is interested is invited to attend. We need to discuss several maintenance issues and plan our calendar for the upcoming year.

Divine Liturgy Attendance on Snowy Days

It is very rare that the Divine Liturgy is canceled, especially on a Sunday. I want to encourage those of you who must walk further or more importantly, who drive to church, to PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE, when making a determination about attending the Divine Liturgy on the snowy, icy, inclement

weekend or even more so on the weekday. If attendance means putting yourself and others at risk, I am sure the Lord understands if you should decide to pray at home. Please use common sense and a well-informed conscience when making such a decision.

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society Raffle

Once again St. Cyril's Holy Name Society mailed raffle tickets to our Parish-

ioners. Please support the work of St. Cyril's Holy Name Society by dropping

your returns into the Sunday Collection Basket as soon as possible. Additional

tickets may be obtained from any Holy Name Society member.

Myasopusna Celebration

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church announces its 14th annual Myasopusna Celebration, a Pre-Lenten event, to be held on Meatfare (Myasopusna) Sunday, February 24, 2019. A dinner of holubtsi (stuffed cabbage), kobasa, varenyky (Transfiguration pierogies), kapusta, blackbread, and dessert will be served at the Church's Banquet Hall at 240 Center St., Hanover Section of Nanticoke, from 12:30 to 2:00

pm., with borscht also available, as well as Ukrainian and other beverages. Dinner is followed by entertainment until 4:00 pm from the Holy Year Choir, Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, and St. Mary's Traditional Ukrainian Dancers. Doors will open at noon, with Ukrainian crafts on display and for sale throughout the event. Dinner tickets are \$13 if purchased before 2/17, \$15 afterwards, by calling 570-735-4654 or 570-824-3880.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of January 2019 is Team #1:

Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for January 19 & 20, 2019: \$

Due to the inclement weather last weekend, Church attendance (approximately 64 people) was really down. Even though many people were not able to make it to Church, we still had the expense of snow removal and heating the Church. Please take this into consideration when making your donation this weekend. Thank you and may God Bless you!

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for February 2 & 3, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

This week we celebrate the Feast of the three Holy Bishops, St. Gregory the Theologian (also known as Gregory Nazianzus), St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom. In addition, to this feast in common, each of these great Fathers of the Eastern Churches has a special day commemorating his memory: St. Basil the Great (January 1st), St. Gregory the Theologian (January 25th), and St. John Chrysostom (November 1).

In the early part of the twelfth century a controversy arose among the admirers of these famous bishops; each group proclaiming that their saint was the greatest. This divided the people of Constantinople and caused great confusion. The saintly Bishop John of Euchaita was appointed as arbitrator. With fervent prayer, he asked God to help him resolve the problem. One night he had a vision in which the three saints appeared to him and told him they were equal before God

and that each had his own individual genius a value. They asked him to institute a common feast, commemorating all three. Bishop John chose January 30th and composed a beautiful office for this feast.

The merits of these three great bishops are expressed in the Vesper services of the feast. "Come, feast lovers! Let us come together and extol in song those sons, bishops of Christ, the pride of the Fathers, towers of faith, and teachers and guardians of believers, saying: Rejoice, O Basil the Wise, star of the Church and its unshakable pillar. Rejoice, O heavenly intelligence, Gregory the Theologian, the great High Priest. Rejoice, O John of the golden words, Chrysostom, fervent preacher of repentance. Therefore, O blessed Fathers, do not cease to intercede with Christ always for those who, in faith and love, celebrate your most noble and sacred feast."