

Sabbath Renewal

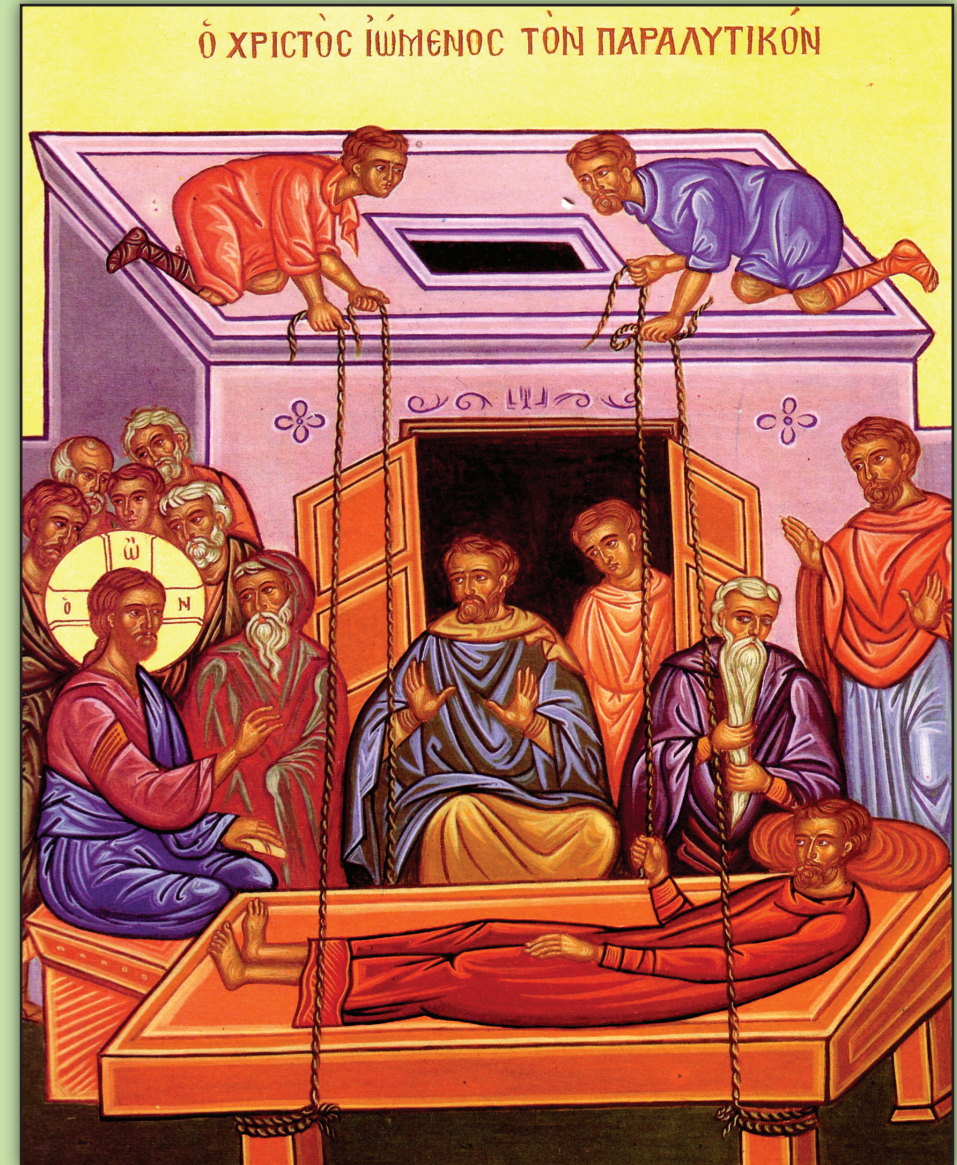
Another reason why the Sabbath day was blessed is that He who formed this world in six days foresaw that man would turn towards evil and would, as a result, go back to the ground, descend to Hades, and be imprisoned there; and this whole world would grow old and useless because of man, but would be renewed by God becoming man. This renewal was effected when God incarnate descended into Hades through death and declared there on the Sabbath the recall of souls. It was because He foresaw that this would happen on the Sabbath that He rightly deemed it the only day worthy to be blessed. However, although this work was secretly made ready on the seventh day, the Sabbath, everything was clearly brought to light and accomplished when the body too

had been summoned to immortality through the Lord's Resurrection on the eighth day. This is why we call it the Lord's Day. As Friday, the day of preparation, stands in relation to the Sabbath, so is the Sabbath in comparison with Sunday, which is obviously superior to it. As perfection and reality surpass beginning, pattern, and shadow, so is Sunday more excellent and honorable, because on it the exceedingly blessed work was finished, and on it we await the General Resurrection of all, the perfect entry of the saints into the divine rest and dissolution of the world into its elements.

St. Gregory Palamas

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of the Healing of the Paralytic -- Mark 2:1-12

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent – St. Gregory Palamas

This Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Next Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 4:1-4 to 5:6

Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 3/6

No Liturgy

Tuesday 3/7

No Liturgy

Wednesday 3/8

6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday 3/9

No Liturgy

Friday 3/10

12:00pm Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday 3/11

9:00am: Liturgy of the Dead

Sunday 3/12

**10:00am Divine Liturgy: 3rd Sunday of Lent –
Veneration of the Holy Cross**

***Church Bulletin donated in March in memory of +Judge Novak
and +Mary Marku by sons and daughters.***

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

All are invited to coffee hour in the Large Hall donated by St. George Cathedral. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: February 26, 2023

Loose	\$20.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,160.00
Saturdays of the Dead	\$50.00
Candles	<u>\$81.00</u>
Total	\$1,311.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
In loving memory of daughter +Trisha Schock	Del and Sandy
In memory of loved ones	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
+Mary Cornea	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
+David Daugherty	Dave and Debbie Murari
Special Intention: Aurelia Lupsor (Happy Birthday)	Mark Botean
+Eugene Popa	Mark Botean
+Gerald Donahue, +Eugene Popa and All Family Members	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Donahue-Roska Family, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale and Popa Family	Chuck Roska Family
+Shea ("Boots")	Deb and Tim Reichel
+John Cole	Scott and Jaime Parker
H/S Our Children	Scott and Jaime Parker
Safe travels for Sr. Jeseфа Marie and Mother Margaret Mary to Ireland	Scott and Jaime Parker
+John Dragos, grandfather	Xavier Xeloures

H/S Family	Neculae and Marcela Greavu
+John Dragos, husband	Suzie Dragos
+Family	Suzie Dragos
H/S all Family	Suzie Dragos
Special Intention	Suzie Dragos
+Judge Novak and +Mary Marku	Sons and Daughters

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Special Announcement:

Prayer requests: Tiffany McCormick, Mary Franchini, Joe Oprean, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tim Shocksnyder, Timothy John, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland, Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos, Bob and Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Always in our prayers: Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian(6573 Walnut Crt; Hudson, OH 44236), Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Denny and Carol Popa in memory of +Ann Popa, birthday.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Sons and Daughters in loving memory of +Judge Novak and +Mary Marku.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Nicu and Marcela Greavu in memory of +Eugenia and +Octavian Greavu.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Dr. and Mrs. Romeo Craciun for the health and salvation of Georgeta Barcutian.**

Prescura for 2023: Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ana Heim, Grete Heatherly, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements:

+**Mary Cornea** passed away on February 28. There will be calling hours for her at St. George Cathedral on Friday, March 10 at 6:30-8:30pm with 7:30 *Saracusca* Service. Funeral will be held on Saturday, March 10:00am with *parastas* and memorial meal to follow. May her memory be eternal! *În veci pomenirea ea!*

Operation Rice Bowl: Second Week of Lent
SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR - In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Most Holy Trinity Church in Chesterland, Ohio (Fr. George Wendt) rectory is in need of the following items: queen mattress set, queen mattress pad, queen blanket, vacuum, Swiffer for wood floors, canisters, spices, kitchen timer, wine opener, area rug for bedroom, step stool, desk, desk chair, bookcase, den clock. If you can help, please contact P-sa. Patricia Wendt at 740-856-9134. Thank you for your kind consideration!

There are a set of three books for parents that came into the office: ***Connected, Confident and Equipped***. They are resources to help parents raise holy children. See Ann in the office if you would like them.

Have you or your relationship ever been hurt by pornography? There are a few resources to help with it: <https://www.strive21.com/> or <https://www.covenanteyes.com/>.

Parish events:

Homecoming Prep Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:00pm in the small hall.

Stewardship Committee will meet virtually on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi for an invitation to the meeting.

Pastoral Council will meet in the small hall on Thursday, March 16, at 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend and help to make the parish better!

Carpathian Men's Club will meet on Sunday, March 19 at 6:00pm with a social time at 5:30pm. All men are invited.

At Fish Fries, we will serve take-out and sit down on Fridays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Invite everyone! See the Atrium door for the list to see how you can help! Fliers are on the Nathex table to share. **Last week, we served 482 orders and made \$9,984.00 gross.**

Romanasul Dancers will **practice** the Sundays of March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 16. Contact Kathy Walsh for details.

The **Ladies Auxiliary** are selling **lilies** to decorate the church for Easter. The cost is \$11. Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Please put your name and intention on the envelope. Put your envelope in the offering basket behind the last pew in the church. Thank you for your support.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

The pastor habitually told his congregation that if they needed a pastoral visit to drop a note in the offering plate. One evening after service, he discovered a note that read: "I am one of your loneliest members and heaviest contributors. May I have a visit tomorrow evening?" It was signed, "Your Wife."

Wisdom of the Saints by Matthew Kelly

Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity; if anything, I think it will be even more alive in the next life! *Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati*

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Jeff Bikis – March 9th
David Gallagher – March 10th
Jaime Parker – March 11th

Advertising Opportunity – business card size:

outside businesses - \$50 per month or \$450 per year
cathedral businesses - \$20 per month or \$150 per year

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	Mon 3/6	Tue 3/7	Wed 3/8	Thu 3/9	Fri 3/10	Sat 3/11	Sun 3/12
	Great Lent: common abstinence (except days dispensed)						
	42 Martyrs of Amorium	Hieromartyrs of Cherson,	Holy Father Theophylact	Jeff Bikis' birthday 40 Martyrs of Sebastea	David Gallagher's Codratus and his	Jaime Lynn Parker Ven. Father Sophronius,	Daylight Saving Time Ven. Theophan the
9am						Liturgy: Saturday of the Dead 9am - 10am	
10am						Funeral: +Mary Cornea 10am - 11am	Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							
12pm					Presanctified Liturgy 12pm - 1pm		
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm		Homecoming preparation meeting 5pm - 6:30pm			Fish Fry 4:30pm - 7pm		
6pm			Presanctified Liturgy 6pm - 7pm				
7pm						Calling hours for +Mary Cornea with saracusca 6:30pm -	
8pm							



FROM THE SYNAXARION FOR THE FORTY HOLY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE:

On the ninth of this month [March], we commemorate the Holy Forty Martyrs, who were martyred in the city of Sebaste.

These Holy Forty Martyrs came from various lands. All were soldiers under a general, during the reign of Emperor Licinius (308-324). Having been captured then examined on behalf of their Christian faith, first they were bound in chains and fetters and thrown in prison, then they were struck with stones in their faces and mouths. However, when the stones were hurled, they did not come into contact with the Martyrs, but they turned back and struck the ones who threw them. Then on a day when it was cold and very icy, especially in Sebaste where it is distinctly cold, these blessed Martyrs were condemned to be placed naked in the lake of the city. Because one of the forty, due to the weakness of his soul, went to the nearby bath that was lit, and as soon as the heat of the bath hit him he died, one of the guards who was keeping watch outside, seeing this, entered of his own accord into the lake, and by replacing the deserter, he established himself among the Holy Martyrs. He did this for the following reason: When the man who was weak in soul went to the bath, the guard saw a heavenly light that encircled the Holy Martyrs. He simultaneously saw bright crowns over the heads of each one. Only one of them was without a crown.* At dawn, because the Saints were faint yet alive, their legs were crushed, therefore they delivered their souls into the hands of God, and received the unfading crowns of martyrdom.

There was much desire among the Christians at that time to die for Christ, and they made this manifest. One of the Martyrs among the forty, who was young in age and named Meliton, had not yet died. Therefore the tyrant ordered that his legs not be crushed, but to leave him be, thinking that because he was young and physically strong, he could yet live, and turn from his faith in Christ. Wherefore when his mother saw that he was still alive, she feared that due to his youth and love for life he may give in to fear, and thus be found unworthy of the honor and rank of his fellow soldiers. Standing beside her son, she stretched out her hands, and with signs, glances, and every possible word and way she tried to impart courage and bravery in his heart, saying: "My sweet child, child of the Heavenly Father, endure yet a little more, that you may become a perfect Martyr of Christ. Do not fear the torments, for behold Christ stands by as an invisible helper. Yet a little more my child, and you will receive no more sorrow and no more pain. All the torments have passed, all the terrible things you conquered with your bravery. After these things you will receive joy, pleasure, relaxation, gladness, and good things that you will enjoy, reigning together with Christ, and you will become an intercessor to Him on my behalf, your mother."

When the God-loving mother saw the soldiers placing the relics of the Saints on the wagon, and her son was left behind in the hopes that he may live, for this reason the good and brave mother, thinking that for her son to live would be more of a death, decided despite the weakness of her womanhood, and forgetting the affections of motherhood, lifted her son on her shoulders, and followed behind the wagon with strength of soul. The blessed one made it known that she did not want to see her son alive, but to see him die for Christ. When she saw that her son delivered his soul as he was being carried on the shoulders of his mother, then she felt liberated of her concerns, and danced and leaped for the joyous end of her son. Thus she brought his relic to the place where the other relics of the Saints were, and she placed her beloved child there among the other soldiers, that his body may not be separated from the bodies of the Saints, whose soul she numbered with their souls.\

When the soldiers lit a large fire, they burned the bodies of the Saints. Whatever remained, they threw maliciously into the lake, that they may not be taken by the Christians. But by divine economy, the holy relics came to a bank of the river, therefore they were taken up by the Christians, giving to the Orthodox an inviolate treasure. The Synaxis of these forty is celebrated in their most-holy and martyric Temple near the four bronze pillars.

APOLYTIKION

Together let us honor that holy company united by faith, those noble warriors of the Master of all; they were divinely enlisted for Christ and passed through fire and water. Then they entered into refreshment and pray for those who cry: Glory to Him Who has strengthened you; glory to Him Who has crowned you; glory to Him Who has made you wonderful, O holy Forty Martyrs.

KONTAKION

When you had forsaken every worldly battalion, then you joined yourselves unto the Master in heaven, as the Lord's forty-numbered contenders who won the prize. Having gone through fire and through water, O blessed ones, you worthily received heavenly glory from on high, and a multitude of crowns.