

St. Gregory of Nyssa (January 10)

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of Saint Basil the Great (January 1). His birth and upbringing came at a time when the Arian disputes were at their height. Having received an excellent education, he was at one time a teacher of rhetoric. In the year 372, he was consecrated by Saint Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia.

Saint Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and he fought against the Arian heresy with his brother Saint Basil. Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of church property, and thereby deprived of his See and sent to Ancyra. After the death of the emperor Valens (378), Saint Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother Saint Basil the Great died in 379.



Only with difficulty did Saint Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed Saint Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexaemeron. That same year Saint Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme, who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council.

In the year 381 Saint Gregory was one of the chief figures of the Second Ecumenical Council, convened at Constantinople against the heresy of Macedonius, who incorrectly taught about the Holy Spirit. At this Council, on the initiative of Saint Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed. Together with the other bishops Saint Gregory affirmed Saint Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa was a fiery defender of Orthodox dogmas and a zealous teacher of his flock, a kind and compassionate father to his spiritual children, and their intercessor before the courts. He was distinguished by his magnanimity, patience and love of peace.

Having reached old age, Saint Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, Saint Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time, and is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

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January 10, 2021

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY
OF CHRIST

COMMEMORATIONS:

GREGORY OF NYSSA
DOMETIAN, BISHOP OF MELITENE
THEOSEBIA THE DEACONESS, SISTER OF BASIL
THE GREAT & GREGORY OF NYSSA
AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST
MARKIANOS, PRIEST AND OIKONOMOS OF THE
GREAT CHURCH

Tone 6 - Eothinon 9

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY - Tone 1 - When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY (Jekel—Many Years!) 10 a.m.
Virtual Sunday School & Catechism
Outdoor Blessing of Water (Lenape Park), 1 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Jan 17):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Carolyn Kaminsky	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Rdr. Nick Mor	Steve K. & Rdr Nick Muz.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Justin & Kate Gohl and Olena M.	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky
COFFEE TO-GO TEAM:	Chris H.; Bushellis; Amelia T.	Nathan & Rebecca w/Teens; Ada; Ephrem

Mark Your Calendar:

Special Liturgies

- ✦ Jan 21st for St Maximos the Confessor
- ✦ Jan 28th for Sts Ephrem and Isaac the Syrians
- ✦ Feb 3-5 - Dn Luke's Ordination Week
- ✦ Feb 17th for St. Theodore
- ✦ Feb 23rd for St. Polycarp
- ✦ Mar 4th for St. Gerasimos
- ✦ Mar 9th for 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Monday, February 1
Vespers & Artoklasia
w/ Candle Blessing, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 2
Festal Orthros 8:45 am
Hierarchical Liturgy 10 am

Please take off the day of work to welcome and receive the blessing of our beloved Bp THOMAS and pray with Subdeacon Luke (Dr. Jeff) Carpenter for his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. (Masks strongly encouraged.)

Lenten Triodion

Publican & Pharisee - February 21
Prodigal Son - February 28
Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) - Mar 7

Forgiveness Sunday

March 14 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 pm

Beginning of Lent

March 15, 2021

We live Pascha to Pascha!
May 2, 2021

Pray For:

Living	Departed
HM Sylvester	+George
AP Serge, Mat. Lubov, & family	+Albert
Doris & John	+Katharine
APr. Gregory & Family	+Luke
James	+Victoria
Lasha B	+Lydia
Otari B	
Daniel H	+Julie
John	+Helen
Peter	+Rdr Maxime K
Anesia	+Mimi
Svetlana & Family	+George
Paula	
James	
Joshua	
Vicki	

Catechumens

Matthew,	Michael,
Shaun,	Tina,
Aseña,	Sara,
Jonathan,	Barry,
	Ryan

For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity

All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic

This Week:

Office Open – 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

Monday, Jan 11:	Office open
Tuesday, Jan 12:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
Wed, Jan 13:	Little Compline 6:30 p.m. Live Not By Lies Reading Group 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 14:	Liturgy for St. Nina 10 a.m.
Friday, Jan 15:	Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 16:	Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m. 2-Year Memorial for Khalifa Nagib – Memory Eternal! Altar Boy Meeting 5:30 p.m. Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan 17:	ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. Divine LITURGY 10 a.m. Parish Council 12:45 p.m.



REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE

In and Out



This shouldn't be the traffic pattern by the back door during services. On some Sundays, it almost seems like we have a revolving door in the back of the church - and it is used by both children and adults. Use the restroom before coming to church. You shouldn't need to get a drink of water during the service (especially if you are taking Communion!). Don't come to church to go to the fellowship hall - come to pray and worship.

Taking restless little ones out is a different matter. If a child is disruptive, take him/her quickly and quietly out of church, just long enough to settle him down (not to play), then return to Liturgy. (Follow the rules for entering late: not during readings, sermons, or Entrances.)

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$281.47. Collections, \$20. Flowers, \$. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$20. Capital Improvement Fund, \$30. Pastoral Discretion, \$243.90. Women's Fund, \$264. Stewardship, \$8,648.67. Total received: \$9,509.04.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!