

Saint Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (Mar 12)

Saint Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome, was born in Rome around the year 540. His grandfather was Pope Felix, and his mother Sylvia (November 4) and aunts Tarsilla and Emiliana were also numbered among the saints by the Roman Church. Having received a most excellent secular education, he attained high government positions.



Leading a God-pleasing life, he yearned for monasticism with all his soul. After the death of his father, Saint Gregory used his inheritance to establish six monasteries. At Rome he founded a monastery dedicated to the holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called, where he received monastic tonsure. Later, on a commission of Pope Pelagius II, Saint Gregory lived for a while in Constantinople. There he wrote his Commentary on the Book of Job.

After the death of Pope Pelagius, Saint Gregory was chosen to the Roman See. For seven months he would not consent to accept this service, considering himself unworthy. He finally accepted consecration only after the persistent entreaties of the clergy and flock.

Wisely leading the Church, Saint Gregory worked tirelessly in propagating the Word of God. Saint Gregory compiled the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in the Latin language, which before him was known only in the verbal tradition. Affirmed by the Sixth Ecumenical Council, this liturgical service was accepted by all the Orthodox Church.

He zealously struggled against the Donatist heresy; he also converted the inhabitants of Brittany, pagans and Goths, who had been adhering to the Arian heresy, to the True Faith.

Saint Gregory has left behind numerous written works. After the appearance of his book, *DIALOGUES CONCERNING THE LIFE AND MIRACLES OF THE ITALIAN FATHERS* (*DIALOGI DE VITA ET MIRACULIS PATRUM ITALIORUM*), the saint was called "Dialogus." His *PASTORAL RULE* (or *LIBER REGULAE PASTORALIS*) was well-known. In this work, Saint Gregory describes the model of the true pastor. His letters (848), dealing with moral guidance, have also survived.

Saint Gregory headed the Church for thirteen years, ministering to all the needs of his flock. He was characterized by an extraordinary love of poverty, for which he was granted a vision of the Lord Himself.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great, as he is known, died in the year 604, and his relics rest in the cathedral of the holy Apostle Peter in the Vatican.

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March 12, 2023

SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

COMMEMORATIONS:

THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR
SYMEON THE NEW THEOLOGIAN
GREGORY DIALOGOS, BISHOP OF ROME
PHINEAS, GRANDSON OF PROPHET AARON
PAUL AURELIAN, BISHOP OF BRITANNY

Tone 6 - Eothinon 6
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12

RESURRECTIONAL 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 FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS - Tone 8 - O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
40-Day Memorial (Georghe Nedelcoviciu)
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.
Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Paul's Antiochian, Emmaus, PA, 4pm

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 19):
COFFEE HOUR	Midena & Family	Ch-Ge - SOUP & SANDWICHES
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Sdn Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	Midena & Alex In memory of Georghe	----
USHERS:	Dan M. & Rdr Nick M.	Sdn John & Todd M.
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, Sarah K.	Jekels & Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Gabe	Myriam; Conor; Jekels/Teens

Mark Your Calendar:

Hosting Pan-Orthodox Vespers

@ St. Philip's
March 26, 4pm

Choir Concert

April 2, 1:30 p.m.

Pascha 2023

April 16

We live from Pascha to Pascha!

VCS 2023

July 31-Aug 4

Pray For:

<i>Living</i>	<i>Departed</i>
Our Metropolitan-Elect SABA	+Christos
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Georghe
Earthquake Refugees and Relief Workers	+Katina
Faithful in Ethiopia and Eritrea	+Marlene
Kh. Joyce	+Earthquake Victims
Linda	(March Parish Diptychs)
Tadessa	+Najib
Nicole	+Lorraine
Raymond	+Julia
Patrick	+Helen
Doris	+Dina
John	+Robert
John	+Adele
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Sophia	
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	

Catechumens

Christian
Christina
Peter, Sarah, Alina,
William, & Elsa
Kate
Ryan
Zachary, Brandy,
Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei,
& Otto
Taylor & Bethany
Denis
Nicholas, Rachel,
Luka, Leo
Michael
Evan
Lucretia
Tiffany

MARCH OUTREACH COLLECTION: Baby Care Items

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

SPECIAL APPEAL — Please consider making a donation to the

Camp Scholarship Fund

Glory to God, we have ~20 campers planning to attend this year!
Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

Lent Continues – Blessed Lenten Struggle!

~~ Times for Confession before and after most services ~~

- Mon, Mar 13:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 14:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 15:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. w/ fasting potluck to follow
- Thur, Mar 16:** ----
- Fri, Mar 17:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ fasting potluck to follow
Akathist 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 18:** Creative Arts Workshop 3 p.m.
Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Mar 19:** **Sunday of the Holy Cross**
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Choir Practice 12:45 p.m.
Parish Council
Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas GOA, Bethlehem, PA, 4pm

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Mar 4: 60 Divine Services Mar 5: 221
Wed Pre-Sanctified: 70 Fri Pre-Sanctified: 48

OFFERINGS 3/5: Candles, \$359. Collections, \$489.53. Youth, \$1.
Bookshelf Ministry, \$60. Endowment, \$20. Pastoral Discretion, \$117.52.
Stewardship, \$3,888.52. Total received: \$4,935.57. Cemetery Donations/
Sales, \$2,300.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!