

Saint Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (January 25)

Saint Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople and great Father of the Church, was born in 329 at Arianos near Nazianzos in Cappadocia. His father, also named Gregory, was Bishop of Nazianzus, and his mother, Saint Nonna, prayed fervently for a child, dedicating her son to God. Her prayer was answered, and Gregory was raised from childhood in Holy Scripture and piety.

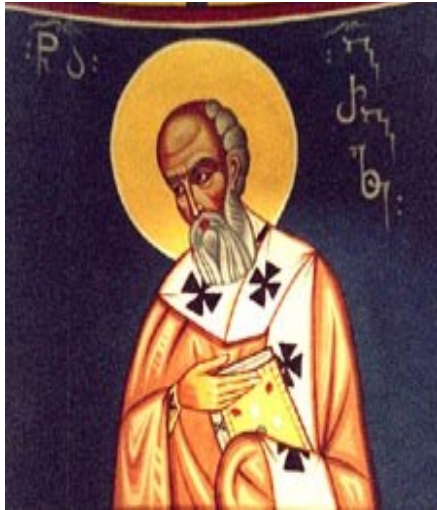
He received an extensive education, first at home and then in Nazianzos, Caesarea, Alexandria, and finally Athens. During a perilous sea voyage to Greece, Gregory, still a catechumen, feared death before Baptism and vowed his life to God if spared. He was delivered, and later baptized by his father. In Athens he studied rhetoric, philosophy, geometry, and astronomy, forming a lifelong friendship with Saint Basil the Great. Julian, later emperor and apostate, also studied there.

Gregory returned to Nazianzus in 358. Though reluctant, he was ordained a priest by his father. When his father sought to make him a bishop, Gregory fled to Pontus to live the ascetic life with Basil. After the death of his brother Caesarius, Gregory returned to assist his aging father and defend Orthodoxy amid Arian turmoil.

In 379, at Basil's urging, Gregory went to Constantinople, where heretics dominated. Preaching in the small church of the Anastasis, he gradually restored Orthodoxy through humility, clarity, and courage. His Five Theological Orations articulated the Church's doctrine of the Trinity, defending the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit and rejecting speculative rationalism.

In 381 Gregory was elected Patriarch of Constantinople, but opposition and factionalism led him to resign for the sake of peace. Returning to Arianos, he spent his remaining years in prayer, writing, and solitude. He fell asleep in the Lord on January 25, 389, honored by the Church as "Theologian," a title shared only with Saint John the Evangelist.

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January 25, 2026

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF
LUKE (ZACCHAEUS)**

COMMEMORATIONS:

**GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, ARCHBISHOP
OF CONSTANTINOPLE, KASTINOS,
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

**Tone 8 - Eothinon 11
Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:14-25
Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10**

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN -Tone 1 - The shepherd's pipe of thy theology conquered the trumpets of the philosophers; for since thou didst search out the depths of the Spirit, beauty of speech was added to thee. But intercede with Christ God, O Father Gregory, that our souls be saved.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 - Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Simeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

TODAY:

ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

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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 (Feb. 1):

COFFEE HOUR: - - -

Khalifa & Kotsatos Families (Memorial for Nagib)

PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabi & Catalin Tinjala

Kristi Moore & Sissy Hill

ALTAR CANDLES: Schneider-Flora's Feast Day

Steve Kulp & Chris Howe

USHERS: Dan Marquardt & Nick Muzekari

Nick M., Chris H., Shirley D., Sarah M.

CLEANING TEAM: Nick T., Gabi T., Dave & Darby S.

Calvin S., Mary T., Gabriel M.

COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Mike L., Dave & Darby, Steven M.

Mark Your Calendar:

Meeting of Our Lord *February 2*

8:15 am - Festal Orthros

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy & Candle
Blessing

11:30 am - Festal Potluck

Last Judgment (Meat Fare) *February 15*

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese Fare) *February 22*

Stay for Forgiveness Vespers at
1:00 pm

Great & Holy Pascha *April 12*

Thanks for respecting Fr Noah's Availability:

8am-8pm, except Tuesdays (Text
preferred)

Don't forget: Fr James and Fr
Luke

Urgent, non-pastoral matters:
Keith 610-662-2580

JANUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Oral Care Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria, and all the holy land	+Fr. Daniel +Najezda (January Parish Diptychs)
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+George +Predrag
The leadership and community of St Emmelia Ministries, St Justin Academy, our Mission Chapel, Hades Embittered and those to whom they reach out.	+Mimi +Helen +Christopher +Nagib +Julia +Nicole
	<u>Catechumens</u>
Dcn. Evgeney Amy Athena Sze-Tatiana Hieromonk Silouan Aristides Catherine Christine Maria John James James Steven Sophia Elias Paraskevi	Kassandra H Matthew H Martin (Ernie) R Sean, Meghan, and John T Robert S Carolyn D Martin (Morgan) & Gabriella T Anthony V Slavek G Nevada L Josiah & Casie, Ray & Gwen L John C Daniel, Eleanor, Amos & Marigold C Adaele S Jeff & Jasmine, Jaxon, Jonah, Jayce & Jacob P Andrew & Rebecca, Hannah, Miriam, Priscilla & Phoebe V Daniel & Jordan, Daniella, Meadow & Mason M Hannah B Samuel & Emilee, Ari & Addison P James B Nicole P Dylan Ryan M Mission Chapel: Christopher & Nailah M Sean & Natalie, Rosalie & Abel K Inactive: Jasper, Asher, Andrew, Michael
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	
Priest Nathan, Deacon Irenaeus, Theophanes, Jacob, John, Samuel, Darius & all seminarians and their families	
Those searching for jobs, houses, spouses & monasteries	
Courting, Engaged, & Newly-Crowned Couples	
Families struggling to conceive	
Expectant and new mothers and their babies	
Those in mourning	
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	

This Week:

Mon, Jan. 26:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
PC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tues, Jan. 27:

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.

Wed, Jan. 28:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
FOCUS: Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
Patristic Discussion, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs, Jan 29:

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Daily Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan 30:

Divine Liturgy, 6:30 a.m.
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Jan 31:

Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Youth Creative Arts Festival, 4:00 p.m.
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions, 7:00 p.m.

Sun, Feb 1:

Lenten Triodion Begins!
The Pharisee & the Publican
Orthros & Confessions, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Vespers & Artoklasia for Presentation & Candle Blessing, 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 1/17: 88 Liturgy 1/18 (Snow): 175

OFFERINGS 11/18: Candles, \$317. Collections, \$710.51. Book Shelf Ministry, \$175. Pastoral Discretion, \$684.60. Pro-Life, \$500. Endowment, \$24. Mission Chapel, \$4,127. Missions, \$1,000 Building Fund, \$1,790. Stewardship, \$22,561.09. Total received: \$31,889.20.

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