

Martyr Gobron (Michael) and 133 soldiers, of Georgia (November 17)

In the year 914 a certain prince by the name of Michael-Gobron distinguished himself in a battle against the Arab Muslim invaders. After they had captured the fortress of Kvelistsikhe in southern Georgia, the Muslims took captive those who remained alive, and Prince Gobron was among them.

King Adarnerse sent Abu al-Qasim a large sum of money as a ransom for his people, and some were released. Gobron prepared to be martyred for Christ's sake. The Saracens escorted Gobron and 133 Georgian soldiers to their execution.



Abu al-Qasim tempted the faithful prince by offering him earthly glory and honor in exchange for his renunciation of the Christian Faith. But Saint Gobron firmly declined all of his offers. Then the furious Abu al-Qasim ordered that he be taken into the yard and shown his fallen countrymen on one side and the promised wealth on the other.

When the emir cunningly asked which one he would choose, Gobron answered, "I told you from the very start that I will not retreat from Christ my Lord!" Then the emir devised a new, more cruel trial: "He knows not the grief of death. Lead him outside and execute every living Christian before his eyes!" he commanded.

They led the saint out in the midst of his brothers and proceeded to slaughter every one of them. The blood of the dead flew around Gobron in every direction, and the martyrs' limp bodies collapsed at his feet, but none of these horrors could break his will.

Then they compelled him to bow his head and brandished their swords above him two times. Prince Gobron traced a cross on his brow with blood and said, "I thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast accounted me, the most contemptible and chief among sinners, worthy to lay down my life for Thy sake!"

Again they brought Saint Gobron before the emir. For the last time Abu al-Qasim tried to entice him to apostatize, but the saint, dripping with blood, declared, "Do as you wish. I am a Christian and will never retreat from the name of my Christ!"

Abu al-Qasim ordered that Saint Gobron's head be chopped off and thrown in with the other mutilated bodies. Then they dug three large



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November 17, 2024

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY
OF LUKE**

COMMEMORATIONS:

GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF
NEO-CAESAREA GENNADIOS AND MAXIMOS,
PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; NIKON THE
WONDERWORKER, DISCIPLE OF SERGIOS OF
RADONEZH; HILDA, ABBESS OF WHITBY

Tone 4 - Eothion 10

Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY OF NEO-CAESAREA -Tone 8—By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievements as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

TODAY:

ORTHROS 8:15 a.m.

Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Sunday School

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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 (Nov 24):
COFFEE HOUR:	Bagels	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela P; Gabi & Catalin T	John Child & Rachel Chebeleu
ALTAR CANDLES:	- - - -	Rice Family—David's Bierthday
USHERS:	Dan. M & Dimitri M.	Todd Moody & Bill H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Nick & Stephanie M., Chris H.	Phil K., Evan R., Zach W., Beraki H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra M.	Sh. Hannah, Eric M., Christian/Zach, Zach F.

Mark Your Calendar:

**Entrance of the
Theotokos
November 21**

**Thanksgiving Eve Akathist
of Thanksgiving
November 27, 6:30 PM**

**Thanksgiving Day Liturgy
November 28, 9:30 a.m.**

Stewardship 2025

Pledge cards
can be found
in the
Narthex.



Please fill out a card and
drop in tithes box by St.

NOV/DEC OUTREACH COLLECTION:

**Thanksgiving &
Christmas Dinner Items**

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Faithful of the Holy Land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Faithful of Ethiopia & Eritrea Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Michael Patrick Doris John James Steve Andrew Tatiana Alexandra Zotikos Elias Paraskevi Eustathia Xenia Ludmilla Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan, John, & all seminarians Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	+Marius +Archpriest Michael (November Parish Diptychs) +Joseph +Peter +Ellen +Evelyn +Ksenia +William +Elizabeth <u>Catechumens</u> Lucretia Andrew Ryan Michael Michael Cassandra David, Darby, & Easton Rose Jasper Bryson Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John Julie Steven Bobby Timothy & Kristen and children Eliana, Adalyn, Benjamin, Joshua

This Week (Office open everyday):

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| Mon, Nov 18: | Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.
Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30 |
| Tues, Nov 19: | Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m. |
| Wed, Nov 20: | Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.
Confession, 6:00 p.m.
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m. |
| Thurs, Nov 21: | <u>Entrance of the Theotokos</u>
Orthros, 8:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
Fasting Luncheon following Liturgy |
| Fri, Nov 22: | Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.
Confessions - 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis - 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat, Nov 23: | Divine Liturgy- 8:00 a.m.
Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
Parenting Class, 4:30 p.m.
"Jesus We Missed" Book Group, 4:45
Youth Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun, Nov 24: | ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30
Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. |

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 11/9: 91 Liturgy 11/10: 230
 Hierarchical Vespers: 126 Hierarchical Liturgy: 101
OFFERINGS 11/10: Candles, \$328. Collections, \$294. Book Shelf Ministry, \$227 Hospitality, \$203. 12 Baskets, \$50. Outreach, \$48.51 Mission Chapel, \$527.98 Stewardship, \$3,992. Total received: \$5,198.49.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!