

SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA

St. Gregory was a younger brother of St. Basil the Great. 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 372, he was consecrated by St. Basil as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia. Because the two brothers fought against the Arian heresy, Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, falsely accused of improper use of church property, thereby deprived of his See and sent to Ancyra.

The next year St. Gregory was again deposed in absentia by a council of Arian bishops, but he continued to encourage his flock in Orthodoxy, wandering from place to place. After the death of emperor Valens in 378, he was restored to his cathedra and joyously received by his flock.

St. Basil the Great died in 379. The loss of his brother and guide deeply affected St. Gregory; he delivered a funeral oration for him and completed St. Basil's study of the six days of Creation. He then participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Theotokos. St. Gregory visited the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which were infected with Arianism, to assert Orthodox teaching about the Theotokos. He visited Jerusalem and the Holy Places. St. Gregory was one of the chief figures of the Second Ecumenical Council, convened in 381 against the heresy of Macedonius. At this Council, on the initiative of St. Gregory, the Nicene Creed was completed. In 383 St. Gregory participated in a Council at Constantinople where he preached a sermon on the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. He participated in two more Councils at Constantinople, in 386 and 394.

St. Gregory 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, St. Gregory died soon after the Council of Constantinople. He left behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character, as well as sermons and discourses. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

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TONE 6

JANUARY 10, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Theophany

St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

Bl. Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa;

St. Marcian the Presbyter, of Constantinople;

St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene;

Ven. Macarius, Abbot, of Pisma; Ven. Paul, Abbot of Obnora;

Ven. Antipas the Athonite; St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov

“You were an alert and every-watchful hierarch, O holy father, Gregory, proving the truth of your name by your vigilance of spirit. And with the staff of your divinely inspired wisdom, you preserved your flock intact against the assaults of the wolves of error.

Kondakion, Tone I

“In you the image was preserved with exactness, O father, for taking up your cross, you followed after Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore, most venerable Father Marcian, your spirit rejoices with the angels.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:7-13

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, January 16

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 11
(St. Theodosius)

James 2:14-26
II Corinthians 4:6-15

Luke 19:37-44
Matthew 11:27-30

Tuesday, January 12

James 3:1-10

Luke 19:45-48

Wednesday, January 13

James 3:11-4:6

Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, January 14

James 4:7-5:9

Luke 20:9-18

Friday, January 15

I Peter 1:1-2,10-12, 2:6-10

Luke 20:19-26

Saturday, January 16

I Thessalonians 5:14-23

Luke 12:32-40

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:
10, TODAY

Second Sunday Food Sale

A NOTE TO PARISHIONERS FROM FATHER ALEXANDER
ABOUT HOUSE BLESSINGS

Unfortunately, the continuing COVID pandemic has led to the conclusion that it would be prudent to avoid doing House Blessings this year. Holy Water will be blessed on Theophany, January 6, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and it will be available for distribution in the vestibule for several weeks afterwards. In addition to partaking of it and saving some at home for special purposes, people may sprinkle Holy Water around their premises as well. Should anyone require the need of a pastoral visitation, it can always be arranged by calling Fr. Alexander, either on the office phone (216-524-4859) or directly (516-761-8772).

MEMORY ETERNAL:

Andrew Virosteck fell asleep in the Lord on January 5, 2021.

FOOD SALE:

Stop in the Fellowship Hall today after the Divine Liturgy to shop at our Food Sale.

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN:

ZOE for Life! invites all to participate in a virtual service, which will be held on Sunday January 17, at 6:00 p.m., at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church. The service will be live streamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/stsconstantine>

Prayers for the Unborn will be offered by Fr. Stephen Callos and Fr. Alexander Garklavs.

Following the service, His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON will speak; this will be a Zoom presentation at 6:45 p.m.

Although the service is on youtube, the Zoom presentation requires you to register for the free link by January 14:

<https://forms.gle/iECpLgkuGpylqDvx9>

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those who would like to offer covers in 2021. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian. Cost is \$8, or \$20 for Pascha and Christmas. You can also call the office on Monday or Thursday morning; or call at any time and leave a message with the date you would like to reserve for your offering.

2021 CALENDARS AND ENVELOPES:

We have lectionary wall calendars as well as your donation envelopes available in the vestibule.

THANKS TO ALL DONORS!

As attendance has diminished, regular weekly donations have fallen off, but expenses continue. With winter upon us, heating costs will rise, and expenses for utilities and maintenance are always occurring. *We are very grateful to all donors.* Special thanks to those who have continued to support the parish by mailing or dropping off donations! We are confident that, through God's mercies and His inspiring doctors and scientists, we will return to normal parish life during 2021.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, THROUGH 12/31/20	\$ 7788.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	75.00
BUILDING FUND	270.00
CANDLES	111.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	70.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	55.00

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“WE REJOICE EVEN IN TRIBULATION:” **AN ENCYCLICAL OF HOPE**

On December 31, 2020, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America issued a special “Encyclical of Hope.” Our bishops collectively prepared a reflection of the year 2020, which was most unusual and difficult. It is a thoughtful and thought-provoking document; and as it comes at the end of one year and beginning of a new one, it offers us material for personal meditation about how God’s grace and love remain with humanity even through hardships. Excerpted here is the beginning of the encyclical. The entire document can be read on the website of the Orthodox Church in America (www.oca.org).

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Our dear brothers and sister in Christ, we give thanks to God for you! In a year of tribulations – a testing of our faith, perseverance, and character – you have shown great love to Christ in your willing obedience and unwavering service to the Church. How can we convey to you the concern each bishop has felt for his flock during these weeks and months? God knows our prayers for you, and He has sent us the consolation of your faithfulness and love.

Not only to us, however, have you shown this love, but also within your communities, in caring for one another: within families, between households, among brother clergy and circles of friends. Even beyond those closest to you, you have responded to those in need: to those who are homebound, or who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, and even their family members. Beloved, your love and service are the light of Christ and the seeds of the Kingdom. What hope we have obtained from these manifestations of the Holy Spirit in your hearts! Having received this consolation from you, we write now to strengthen you, in case anyone is becoming weary. We do not know what the coming year will bring, but we know that Christ is in our midst – He is and ever shall be! It is precisely in these times of tribulation that we exclaim this with greater conviction than ever. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, “we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Romans 5:3-5). Let us not be downcast by our tribulations, but take courage and find in them our hope of the Resurrection.