

Saintly Notes

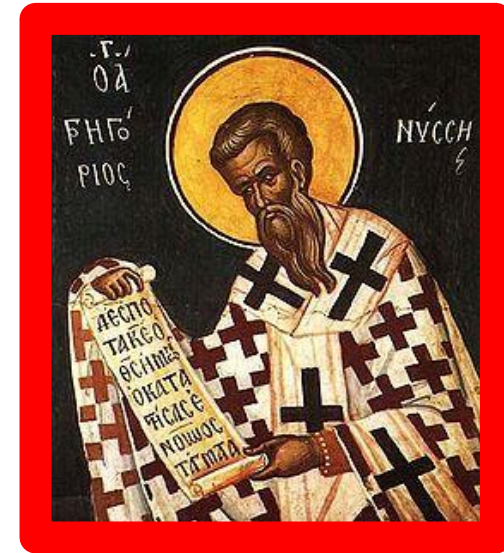
Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (January 10)

Gregory was the brother of Basil the Great. At first, he was only a presbyter since he was married; but when his wife Blessed Theosevia died, Gregory was chosen and consecrated as bishop of Nyssa.

He was distinguished by his great secular learning and spiritual experience. He participated at the Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 381 A.D). It is thought that he composed the second half of the Symbol of Faith [The Creed]. He was a great orator, an exegete of Holy Scripture and a theologian.

Because of their defeat, the Arians especially attacked him as their worst enemy, so that, during the reign of Emperor Valens, their ally of the same mind, succeeded in ousting Gregory from the episcopal throne and banished him into exile. This Holy Father spent eight years in exile, patiently enduring all miseries and all humiliations. He finally died in old age toward the end of the fourth century and was translated into the Kingdom of God remaining on earth throughout the ages as a great beacon of the Church.

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St. Gregory of Nyssa



Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

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January 10, 2010

The Saints Whom We Remember

Gregory, bishop of Nyssa; Marcian the priest of Constantinople;
Dometian, bishop of Melitene; Venerable Paul of Obnora;
Bishop Theophan the Recluse

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 6:00p Building Committee; 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers
Thursday: 7:00p St. Thekla (Kliewer Hm.)
Saturday: 1:30p Baptism; 5:30p Great Vespers; 6:30p SOYO Spaghetti Supper
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Refrain

of the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, *Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan*; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Tone 1

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

Troparion for Theophany: 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 form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—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 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.

Troparion

for Theophany—Tone 1

See above.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for Theophany—Tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Heb. 13:17–21

Gospel: Luke 19:1–10

Megalynarion—Tone 8

It is truly meet and right . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Roger Jones.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update.** We now have our official building permit in hand and construction will proceed ASAP. Sub-grading of the site will occur on Monday and we still anticipate steel going up the end of January. Please keep praying for safety of the workers and for good weather and for continued and increased building fund and general fund income.
- **PLEASE SUPPORT SOYO!** SOYO will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 16, immediately after Vespers. Proceeds will help defray the costs of a planned youth ski trip. Tickets will be sold today during Coffee Hour AND at the door. Ticket prices are as follows:
 - Kids 2 and under: Free
 - Kids- \$5
 - Adults- \$7
 - Group Rate (kids and parents only)- \$27
- **Thank You.** To our All Saints family for your many expressions of love during this Christmas Season. We love you all and pray for a peaceful and blessed New Year. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

*Fr. Nicholas and Khr. Barbara
and Family*

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

†**Epistle: Eph. 4:7–13 (RSV)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

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