

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Metropolitan Sawa	John
Metropolitan Kallistos	Vivian
Bishop Neofitos of Nyeri	Jung Sook
Protopresbyter Leonid	Thomas
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Randall
Archpriest Eugene	Don
Archpriest Michael	Norma
Priest John	James
Subdeacon James	Matthew
Reader Aleksei	infant Maximiliano
Monk Philaret	Keith
Matushka Nina	Michael
Elizabeth • Virginia	Dan
Jonathan • Joshua	
Phoebe • Kyra • Kyra	
Ignatius • Anne • Anna	
David • Thomas • John	
Theodore • Roman • Kira	
John • Ephrosynos • Bede	
Dorothy • John • Monika	
Catherine • Herman	
Catechumens Rebecca, Dea. William. Paul. and Brittanv	

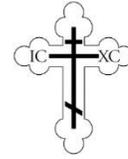
The repose and salvation of –

M. Archpriest Eugene (Jan. 2)	Alexander (December 30)
Archpriest Ernesto (Dec. 15)	
Archpriest Rodion (Jan. 3)	
Protodeacon Benjamin (Dec. 7)	

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

Services are being streamed via Zoom & Facebook Live

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, January 10, 2021

St Gregory of Nyssa



Ancient Christian town of Nyssa, Cappadocia (now Nevsehir, Turkey)

Sundays at 9:00 AM – Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturdays at 6:30 PM – Great Vespers (virtual)

Other services as announced

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St Gregory of Nyssa

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, 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. St Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and fought against the Arian heresy with his brother St Basil. Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of church property, and thereby deprived of his see and sent to Ancyra.

In the following year St Gregory was deposed in absentia by a council of Arian bishops, but he continued to encourage his flock in Orthodoxy, wandering about from place to place. After the death of the emperor Valens (378), St Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother St Basil died in 379; only with difficulty did St Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed St Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexaemeron. That same year St Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme, who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council. In 381 St Gregory was one of the chief figures of the Second Ecumenical Council, convened at Constantinople against the heresy of Macedonius, who incorrectly taught about the Holy Spirit. At this Council, on the initiative of St Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed. He died in 394.

St Gregory of Nyssa 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. St Gregory is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century, leaving behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

***Also this week:** Ven Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarh (January 11); Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (January 12); St Hilary, Bp of Poitiers (January 13); St Nina, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of the Georgians (January 14); Ven. Paul of Thebes (January 15); Veneration of the Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter (January 16).*

*** "REGULAR" FASTING THIS WEEK ***

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday After) **Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-17 (Sunday After)

Troparion – Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; / The guards became as dead men. /
Mary stood by Thy grave, / Seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell, /
Not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. ///
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 1 (Feast)

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan /
The worship of the Trinity was made manifest; /
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee /
And called Thee His beloved Son. /
And the Spirit in the form of a dove / Confirmed the truthfulness of His word. /
O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself ///
And hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Troparion – Tone 4 (St. Gregory)

O God of our fathers / Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us / But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives along the way of peace.

Kontakion – Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, /
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, /
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. ///
He is the savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (St. Gregory)

O holy hierarch of the Church and wise herald of the secret mysteries of God, /
O bishop of Nyssa, Gregory, enlightened by God. /
Thou dost stand rejoicing with the angels /
And delighting in the light of divine glory ///
Ceaselessly praying on behalf of us all.

Kontakion – Tone 1 (St. Gregory)

Thou wast revealed to the world as a vigilant shepherd /
Guarding thy flock with the watchful eye of thy soul, /
And wielding the rod and the staff of thy wisdom /
Thou didst drive away the ravenous wolves and their false doctrines. /
And through thy fervent intercessions ///
Thou dost preserve us, thy sheep unharmed.

Kontakion - Tone 4 (Feast)

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, /
And Thy light, O Lord, hath shone on us /
Who with understanding praise Thee; /
Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, /// O Light Unapproachable.