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 Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



January 25, 2015

The Commemoration of St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

The 15th Sunday of St. Luke

Plagal Tone 4 ~ Eothinon 11 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

To Our Guests:

Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Saints du Jour (January 25)

Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Demetrios; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 4: 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 pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was vouchsafed to thee also excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Verse: Hear this, all you nations.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews
 (Chapter 7:26-28; 8:1-2)

BRETHREN, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever.

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man, but by the Lord.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
 (Chapter 19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not on account of the crowd because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday, Feb. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
 Saturday, Feb. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday, Feb. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
 Saturday, Feb. 14th – No Great Vespers & Confessions
 Sunday, Jan. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
 Saturday, Feb. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday, Feb. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church calendars, the end-of-year mailing, and boxed offering envelopes for each person/family are available in the Church Hall. Please remember to get yours today!

Many Sundays are available in which to host coffee hour. Please see the wall calendar in the hallway of the Church Hall for available dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Fr. Peter** and **Kh. Pam Nugent** for the repose **Lorraine Rihbany**, and **The Rev. Fr. Athanasios** and **Kh. Delia Rihbany** (memory eternal).

Coffee hour is provided today by **Phil** and **Rose Hrabar**. Thank you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 1, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

Our **Annual General Parish Meeting** is scheduled for today after Divine Liturgy and shall convene in the Church Hall. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the meeting. Only those adults, who have been a member of the parish for at least one year and are in good sacramental and financial standing with the parish, may vote.

Our annual **Superbowl Party** and **Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1st. Festivities, God willing, shall begin 30 minutes before kick-off. Party animals, and purveyors and taste-testers of fine chili and other tasty foods, are welcome and encouraged to join us!

52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA – Sunday, July 19, 2015-Sunday, July 26, 2015 – Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Go to www.acboston2015.com to register for hotel rooms, events and Boston excursions and to obtain Souvenir Journal information and information about family activities and events. Rooms are booking quickly for this historic convention. Please call the church at (617) 547-1234 with any questions.

The church bulletin is available by email. Please tell Fr. Peter if you would like to receive it.

As of January 18, 2015, 16 pledges were received totaling \$42,062. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet our budgetary obligation. The collection for the week ending Jan. 18, 2015, totaled \$3,204 for a year-to-date total of \$5,788.95 (\$1,929.65/week). We are approximately \$2,086.05 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

St Gregory The Theologian, Archbishop Of Constantinople

Gregory was born in Nazianzus of a Greek father and a Christian mother. Before his baptism, he studied in Athens along with Basil the Great and Julian the Apostate. Gregory often prophesied that Julian would become an apostate and a persecutor of the Church, which actually happened. Gregory was especially influenced greatly by his good mother Nonna. When he completed his studies, Gregory was baptized. St. Basil consecrated him as bishop of Sasima, and Emperor Theodosius the Great summoned him to fill the vacant archepiscopal throne of Constantinople. He wrote numerous works of which his most famous are those concerning theology for which he is called The Theologian. Especially known because of its depth is his work: Homilies on The Holy Trinity. Gregory wrote against the heretic Macedonius who erroneously taught that the Holy Spirit is a creation of God and, Gregory also wrote against Appolinarius who erroneously taught that Christ did not have a human soul but that His divinity was in lieu of His soul. Additionally Gregory wrote against Emperor Julian the Apostate, his one-time colleague in school. In 381 A.D., when a debate began regarding his election as archbishop, he withdrew on his own and issued a statement: "Those, who deprive us of our archepiscopal throne cannot deprive us of God." After that, he left Constantinople and went to Nazianzus and there lived a life of solitude and prayer, writing worthwhile books. Even though he was in poor health throughout his entire life, nevertheless, Gregory lived to be 80 years old. His relics were later transferred to Rome. A reliquary containing his head reposes in the Cathedral Church of the Assumption in Moscow. He was, and remains, a great and wonderful light of the Orthodox Church as much by his meekness and purity of character as well as for the unsurpassable depth of his mind. He died in the Lord in the year 390 A.D.

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