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FEBRUARY 7, 2021
ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN
THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

1 Timothy 1:15-17
1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Gospel Readings

Luke 18:35-43
John 10:9-16

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (St. Gregory)

The sweet-sounding shepherd’s pipe of thy theology overpowered the trumpeting of the orators; for eloquence was also bestowed on thee as on one searching the depths of the Spirit. Pray to Christ our God, O Father Gregory, that our souls may be saved!

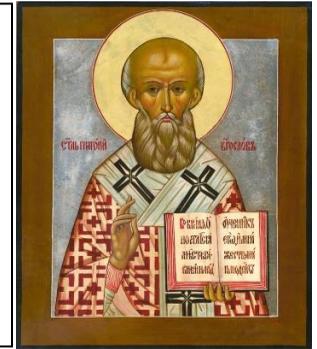
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By words of theology, thou didst unravel the complex webs of the orators, O glorious Gregory, and didst adorn the Church with the robe of Orthodoxy woven from on high. Wearing it, she cries out with us, her children: “Rejoice, O Father, supreme mind of theology!”

St. Gregory the Theologian (329-389) is considered one of the Great Fathers in both Eastern and Western Christianity. He, St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom are known as the Three Holy Hierarchs; along with St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, he is known as one of the Cappadocian Fathers. The God-inspired thoughts in his literary works, letters and poems, plus his five sermons on the Holy Trinity turned people away from 4th century heresies and affirmed true Orthodoxy. He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople at the 2nd Ecumenical Council in 381. Read more [here](#).



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

SOUPer Bowl Sunday – Today

It’s game time once again and our Faith in Action Team is sponsoring a food drive and fundraiser for IOCC. This year everyone is encouraged to donate on their own. Search online for a food bank or homeless shelter near you. Financial donations are always needed and welcomed for the humanitarian aid given by [International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) and [Feeding America](#). More suggestions:

- [Christ House](#) in Alexandria is open weekdays 10am – 2pm.
- [Leesburg pantry](#) accepts food from 9:30am - 2:30pm Mondays – Thursdays.
- [Loaves and Fishes](#) in Front Royal is open from 9am to 2:30pm weekdays.
- [St. Lucy Food Project warehouse in Manassas](#) takes donations around the clock.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, February 10 – Online at 7PM

Fr. John is leading the discussion of “Acquiring the Mind of Christ” by Abbott Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery. He will email a Zoom invite and chapter notes on “Monasticism: Ancient and Contemporary Values for a Timeless Tradition.”

Great Vespers - Saturday, February 13 – 5PM

Vespers will be served at 5PM on February 13 on the eve of the Great Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple which will be celebrated on February 14.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

Birthday greetings to Deborah Hughes, Wynne Maksimovic, Kim and Sebastien Renaud. We congratulate Michael John McDonald and Tammy Juliana Tsuchida on their January 31 Sacraments of Chrismation and Marriage. Many years to all!