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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
TONE 4

St. Gregory, Wonderworker of  
Neo-Cæsarea

Ven. Nikon, Abbot of Rádonezh

## SAINT GREGORY, WONDERWORKER OF NEOCAESAREA

Gregory was born of pagan, but eminent and wealthy, parents. He studied Hellenic and Egyptian philosophy and became aware of the meagerness and insufficiency of pagan philosophy. He then turned to Christian teachers, particularly Origen of Alexandria, with whom he studied for several years and from whom he received baptism.

Pure in body and soul, he wanted to dedicate himself solely to Christ God, for which reason he withdrew to the wilderness, where he spent much time in rigorous asceticism.

His fame spread everywhere. Bishop Phaedimus of Amasea wanted to consecrate him Bishop of Neocaesarea. The clairvoyant Gregory perceived Phaedimus's intention and hid from the bishop's emissaries in the wilderness. Finally, Phaedimus consecrated him in a strange way, and Gregory had to accept the office of bishop.

The Most-holy Theotokos and St. John the Theologian appeared to him in a vision, and St. John, at the command of the Theotokos, gave him the Symbol of Faith that is known by Gregory's name. Who can enumerate all the miracles of this second Moses? He had power over evil spirits, and over mountains and waters, healed every pain and infirmity, could become invisible to his persecutors, and clairvoyantly perceived distant events and men's thoughts.

He ended his earthly life in the year 270, in great old age. When he arrived in Neocaesarea as bishop, he found only seventeen Christians in that pagan city.

When he departed this life, he left the city Christian, with only seventeen pagans, and received the wreath of glory from his Lord in the Heavenly Kingdom.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Art, Kelly Joan, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Matushka Cindy, Rita

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Analisa Callender, Irina Dolgopolov

NAMEDAYS: Deacon Alexander

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: All Orthodox Christians should approach the mystery of Confession regularly, especially before great feasts like the Nativity of the Lord for which we are currently preparing. Fr. Alessandro is available after Vespers (unless there is choir rehearsal) or Small Compline. If you would like to schedule a different time, please email him in advance to schedule a time.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORMS: A gentle reminder to kindly fill out your financial commitment card for 2025 (link provided via email) at your earliest convenience but no later than Sunday, November 24. If you have any questions on this, please contact Fr. Alessandro or Anna Maria ([amterezi33@gmail.com](mailto:amterezi33@gmail.com)), our treasurer.

PARISH RETREAT: Join us for a retreat with Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli, titled "God is with Us: Grieving as Orthodox Christians," on Saturday, December 7, 2-5pm, followed by Q/A after Great Vespers. this retreat is free but registration is required because of limited space.

CARE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS: On December 22 we will make 80 St. Nicholas "care kits" containing some clothing items for warmth; food items that are high-energy and easy to chew; a small bottle of water; a few personal hygiene items, and a small cash gift. These bags are for distribution at Christmas and beyond to our neighbors who are begging at intersections or on the street. The plan is for each bag to contain more than 20 items, so it is an ambitious project -- and also a cherished annual tradition in this parish. Please watch for links for the sign up in the bulletin next week, and meanwhile please contact Lory Easton (312) 401-5993 with questions or suggestions.

SAINT STEPHEN'S TABLE LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS: The Saint Nicholas Cathedral young adult group participates with other Orthodox parishes in Saint Stephen's Table, a project providing

lunches for adults at a homeless shelter in DC on Saturdays. They prepare 60 bagged lunches and deliver them to the Downtown Day Services Center (DDSC), a daytime-only (no beds) shelter run by the DC government and operating in the basement of the historic New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, just 3 blocks from the White House. Volunteers meet at Saint Nicholas's kitchen (3500 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007) from 11am-12:30pm to make the lunches and, when supplies are available, to prepare hygiene kits; then from 12:30-2pm they carpool to the DDSC and distribute those bagged meals and hygiene kits there. The next opportunity to serve is Saturday, December 21. For more information and to sign up online, please use this link: [St. Stephen's Table - St. Nicholas Cathedral](#). Feel free to contact Lory Easton at (312) 401-5993 with additional questions.

**UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

Nov 17, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy
Nov 20, Wed 6:00 PM	Great Vespers
Nov 21, Thu 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Nov 23, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Nov 24, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy

**MINISTRY ROTATIONS**

	<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Barr	Schmitt/Bomadevar
<i>Reader:</i>	Easton	Harned/Mykyta
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Barr	Garber
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Garber/Barr	Mikhalevsky/Schmitt

*Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment*