

31st Sunday after Pentecost/Afterfeast of Theophany/Sunday after Theophany/St. Gregory of Nyssa

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) Theophany

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,
calling 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!

Glory...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.

Now and ever...Kontakion (TONE 4) Theophany

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.

Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises.

Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, //

O unapproachable Light.

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Sunday after Theophany

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 4:7-13

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Parish Activities

13	Jan	Wed	6:00pm	Vespers (all welcome)
16	Jan	Sat	5:00pm	Great Vespers (all welcome)
17	Jan	Sun	9:30am	Divine Liturgy (email invitation only)

"Mark you calendars for our Upcoming Annual Meeting" February 14th at 3:00 pm

This year's meeting will be a virtual meeting held over ZOOM. More details, including the agenda, parish council reports and instructions for joining the meeting via ZOOM will be forthcoming.

Please contact Paul Novak at: PaulNovak11@gmail, with any questions.

Church Cleaners.....

Odman - Week of January 10, for Sunday, January 17

Greetings from Your Ministry Team!

This month we are asking you to participate in an act of benevolence. Please consider an act of kindness and give a generous gift to our Benevolence Fund. So many people are struggling this time of year, especially during this pandemic. Your benevolent act of kindness will stay right here in our church family and/or our community. Cash or a check made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence Fund" noted will be greatly appreciated. These may go to Tom Julian, Treasurer. Thank you!

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of Saint Basil the Great (January 1). 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 the year 372, he was consecrated by Saint Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia.

Saint Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and he fought against the Arian heresy with his brother Saint 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 Saint Gregory was again 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), Saint Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother Saint Basil the Great died in 379. Only with difficulty did Saint Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide.

In the year 381 Saint 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 Saint Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed. Together with the other bishops Saint Gregory affirmed Saint Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople.

Saint 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.