**NOVEMBER 17**

**St Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neo-Caesarea (ca 266)**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 8**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

**Tone 8** *(for Hierarch Gregory) (What shall we call you)*

What shall we call you, O Gregory?

Master, for you subjected the passions to your mind?

Husbandman, for you reaped the fruit of wisdom?

One granted the vision of God and taught with heavenly theology,

a sacred performer of the mysteries,

and most wondrous worker of miracles?//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

(Repeat: “What shall we call you, O Gregory? …”)

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord.*

What shall we now call you, O Gregory?

Mighty destroyer of godless impiety,

setting forth the laws of true worship?

Wise teacher and bestower of invincible peace?

Unvanquished conqueror of armies?

One who ever dwells in the mountains,

beholding those living in the cities?//

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*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “What shall we now call you, O Gregory? …”)

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

What shall we now proclaim you, O venerable one?

You followed the Apostles as a worker of miracles.

You restrained the river by calling on Christ,

drying up the lake which was the cause of contention between brothers.

You dispersed the ungodly congregation,

increasing and enlightening Christian assemblies.//

Pray that our souls may be saved!

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

(Repeat: “What shall we now proclaim you, O Gregory? …”)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6**  *(for Hierarch Gregory)*

You most wisely embarked upon the depths of knowledge, O

hierarch of Christ.

You acquired the vision of the Trinity,

foreseeing steadfastly in the spirit of Christ our God.

You poured forth on us a flood of miracles,

making solid the watery nature of the sea,

changing the pagan priest's dark delusion to belief.

You persuaded the persecutors truly to believe,

revealing yourself to them as a pillar of virtue.

You were called a prophet through your miracles.

Therefore we beseech you,//

ever pray for us to the Savior that our souls may be saved!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 7**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

No tongue can speak of your wonderful childbearing,

for the order of nature was overruled by God.

You were revealed to be a Mother above nature,

for you remained a Virgin beyond reason and understanding.

Your conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!

The manner of your giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!

Knowing you to be the Mother of God,

devoutly we pray to you://

“Beseech Him to save our souls!”

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 7** *(stichera to the Martyrs, in the tone of the week)*

The martyrs drove out the darkness of godlessness,//

by revealing to all people the light of the knowledge of God.

*v: I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of*

*servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of*

*her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon*

*us. (Ps 122/123:1-2)*

Glory to You, O Christ God,

the Apostles' boast, the martyrs' joy,//

whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity!

*v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt! Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps 122/123:3-4)*

O holy martyrs,

who fought the good fight and have received your crowns,//

entreat the Lord that He will have mercy on our souls.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**Tone 6** *(for Hierarch Gregory)*

The watchfulness of God was given to you, O wise one,

as it was to Daniel the Prophet;

for, as a dream was revealed to him,

so the mystery of the faith was disclosed to you.//

Therefore, O venerable Father, pray that our souls may be saved!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

**Tone 8**  **Troparion** *(Hierarch Gregory the Wonderworker)*

You became worthy of your name\* through your way of life;

through your vigilance in prayer and your constant works of mercy.

Therefore, O Father Gregory, beseech Christ God to enlighten our minds,

that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to death!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 7 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

Since you are the treasure of our Resurrection,

we put our hope in you, all-praised One.

Lead us out of the pit and the abyss of transgressions,

for you have saved us, who are subject to sin, by giving birth to our

Salvation.

Before giving birth you were a virgin, and a virgin while giving birth,

and after giving birth you still remain a virgin.

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*The word “Gregory” means “watchful” in Greek.*

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*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

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**Tone 2**  **Kontakion** *(Hierarch Gregory the Wonderworker)*

You received the power to perform miracles,

frightening the devils and healing the sick through your wonderworking.

All-wise Father Gregory,

your deeds truly entitle you to be called “Wonderworker.”

**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon** *(of the day)*

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O you righteous! *(Ps 31/32:11)*

*v: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. (Ps 31/32:1)*

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. *(Ps 115/116:15)*

**Epistle**

Galatians 1:3-10

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 *(St Gregory)*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)*

*v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)*

**Tone 2**

*v: Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Your saints*

*shall rejoice! (Ps 131/132:9)*

**Gospel**

Luke 9:57-62

Matthew 10:1, 5-8 *(St Gregory)*

**Communion Hymns**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps 32/33:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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