

The 17th Day of November

☩ **Our Father among the Saints, Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocæsarea**

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stikhera for the Saint, in Tone 8: *Special melody “What shall we call thee?...”*

What shall [we] call thee, O Gregory? /
Master, for thou didst subdue the passions of the mind? /
Worker, for thou didst reap the fruits of wisdom? /
And were granted visions divine? /
And sounded forth the words of heavenly theology ? /
O most-sacred priest of the sacred mysteries /
And most wondrous worker of miracles, ///
Pray [now] that our souls may be saved. *(Twice)*

What shall [we] now call thee, O Gregory? /
Mighty destroyer of godless impiety? /
Wise teacher, bestowing the rules of piety? /
Invincible peacemaker and destroyer of the enemy’s hosts? /
Visionary, clearly seeing event taking place in the cities /
While yet remaining high up in the mountains ///
Pray [now] that our souls may be saved. *(Twice)*

What shall [we] proclaim of thee, O Gregory? /
Imitator of the apostles, thyself performing miracles; /
Stopping rivers at the invocation of Christ and drying up the lake of fraternal enmity; /
Laying waste to the assembly of those striving against God /
And increasing and enlightening Christians. ///
Pray [now] that our souls may be saved.

What shall [we] now proclaim of thee, O venerable one? /
Guide of those who have gone astray, /
Physician of the infirm, fulfilling the requests of those entreating thee; /
The mighty persecutor of demons, /
Encourager of the feats of martyrdom, one shining with prophetic grace? /
O thou most worthy of glory: ///
Pray [now] that our souls may be saved.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Entering wisely into the depths of visions, /
O hierarch of Christ, /
Thou didst come to know the divine appearance of the Trinity /
Gazing firmly upon Christ our God by the power of the Spirit, /
Thou didst pour forth upon us an abundance of miracles, /
Changing the waters of the sea into the nature of the firmament /
And changing the darkness of delusion to belief, /
Thou didst persuade the tyrant to believe the truth /
Revealing to him the pillars of virtue and piety. /
Thus art thou called a prophet of miracles. /
Therefore, we beseech thee: /
Cease not to entreat the Savior for us, ///
That our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in Tone 6: *Special melody “On the third day...”*

Beholding Thee crucified, O Christ /
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /
“What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///
Dost Thou die on the Tree?”

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection Service.

The Apostikha from the Octoechos.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Divine courage was given thee, O wise one, /
Like that given to Daniel. /
For like him, in a dream the mystery of faith was opened to thee. ///
Therefore pray, O venerable father, that our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in Tone 6: *Special melody “On the third day...”*

Beholding Thee crucified /
The all-pure Theotokos cried aloud /
With maternal sorrow: /
“My Son and my God, and my sweetest child ///
How dost Thou endure the shameful Passion?

The Troparion for the Saint, in Tone 8:

Being vigilant in prayer and constant in the working of miracles, /
Thou didst become worthy of thy name through thy way of life. /
Pray to Christ God, O father Gregory ///
To enlighten our souls so that we may never sleep the sleep of death.

Morning Service

Both canons from the Octoechos, and one for the Saint with 6 troparia, in Tone 8,
with the acrostic: “*To Wonder-working Gregory, we sing this song of praise,*”
the composition of Theophan.

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After Ode 6, the Kontakion for the Saint, in Tone 2: *Special melody “Seeking the highest....”*)

Having received the power to work many miracles /
By awesome signs thou didst frighten away demons and drive out the diseases of men. /
Therefore, O all-wise Gregory /
Thou art called a worker of wonders ///
Receiving thy name from thy works.

The Apostikha from the Octoechos, and this stikheron to the Saint, in Tone 4:

Verse: Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

Receiving the selection of priesthood from God /
And robing thyself with the divine garment from above /
Thou didst reveal the former sons of unbelief /
To be the children and heirs of the light /
For the grace of God’s Wisdom poured forth from thy lips /
O most blessed wonderworker Gregory. /
Therefore, as we celebrate thy holy memory, ///
Pray [now] that our souls may be saved.

Glory..., in Tone 8:

Even inanimate things were filled with wonder, /
Beholding the hierarch renowned for his miracles; /
For when a lake dried up and caused dissension among the brethren /

Because of a growing tree diverting the stream, /
A stone moved at the will of his command /
Restoring the stream and restoring the lake, /
Moving the faithless to have faith in God. ///
For his sáke, O God, grant tó our souls great mercy.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion: *Special melody “O most glorious wonder...”*

“What is this sight that I see, /
What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /
Thou, Who sustainest all creation, lifted up on the Tree, /
Dost die granting life to all,” /
Cried the Theotokos, weeping, when she beheld upon the Cross ///
The God-man Who had ineffably shone forth from her.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 troparia: 4 from the Octoechos, and 4 from Ode 3 of the canon to the Saint.

The Prokeimenon, in Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me.

The Epistle: (151) I Corinthians 12:7-11

The Alleluia, Tone 2: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice. *Verse:* For the Lord hath chosen Zion, He hath chosen it for His habitation.

The Gospel: (34-ctr) Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.