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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Fr. John Office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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before noon.

January 4, 2009

29th Sunday after Pentecost
SYNAXIS 70 APOSTLES
VEN. THEOCTISTUS

**ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA
JANUARY 10**



Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of St 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 St Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia.

St Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and he fought against the Arian heresy with his brother St 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 St 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), St Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother St Basil the Great died in 379.

Only with difficulty did St Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed St Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexameron. That same year St Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme, who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council. He visited the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which were infected with the Arian heresy, to assert the Orthodox teaching about the Most Holy Theotokos. On his return journey St Gregory visited Jerusalem and the Holy Places.

In the year 381 St 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 St Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed.

Together with the other bishops St Gregory affirmed St Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople.

In the year 383, St Gregory of Nyssa participated in a Council at Constantinople, where he preached a sermon on the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In 386, he was again at Constantinople, and he was asked to speak the funeral oration in memory of the empress Placilla. Again in 394 St Gregory was present in Constantinople at a local Council, convened to resolve church matters in Arabia.

St 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.

Having reached old age, St Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Sts Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, St Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time. His sister, St Macrina, wrote to him: "You are renowned both in the cities, and gatherings of people, and throughout entire districts. Churches ask you for help." St Gregory is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. Endowed with philosophical talent, he saw philosophy as a means for a deeper penetration into the authentic meaning of divine revelation.

St Gregory left behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character, as well as sermons and discourses. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEPARTED:

Patriarch Alexei + 12/05/08
Martha Bondor + 12/16/08
Pauline Timm + 12/18/08

ILL-AFFLICTED:

**Archpriest Pavel Soucek
 and Mat. Paula**
Fr. Anthony Dimitri
Helen Antonik
Alice Artino
Helen Baldner
Carol Bohurjak
Mary Chrewan
John Clements

John Conrad
Julia Grabowski
Robert Guido
Maria Hanzel
Annaliese Jacak
Donna Jacak
Sarah Kersey
Marian Kluchnik
Dorothy Laskovich
Paul Laskovich
Olga Michailuk
David Roman (nephew of
 Margaret Rusynyk)
Julia Sankovic (Child)

Mary Ann Silberhorn
Elsie Sudnick
Sonia Vorell
Helen Zawisza (Joe Rusynyk's sister)

**Russell Carleton & Tanya Klimova
 & Unborn Child**
**Nikol Nanicevic & Gianni
 & Unborn Child**
 (Friend of Nikol Zdinak)
**Kimberly & Brian Warren
 & Unborn Child**

CATECHUMENS:

Daniel McNeilly and children

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour Hosts:

01/04/09 Joyce Tabeling
 01/11/09 Mary Swit/Tammy Ponomarenko
 01/18/09 Chanda Czaruk/Lauren Miklos
 01/25/09 Albert Casey
 02/01/09 Natalia Pricinovskis/Mary Lee Erhardt

Greeters:

Debbi Pinta/Joyce Tabeling
 Steve and Eileen Bondor
 Maca Tyler/Sonia Vorell
 To be announced.
 To be announced.



For your convenience, we will have HOMEMADE APRICOT, NUT and POPPYSEED ROLLS for sale at every Sunday's Coffee Hour.

The price is \$8.00.

Homemade rolls are also available at the Ridge Manor Party Center. Please call Sharon Glagola at 216-749-5509.



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for the health of or in memory of your loved ones.

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

CORRECTION:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
 (AMBO OF DECEMBER 28, 2008)
 SHOULD HAVE READ:

Weekly expenses: \$6,538.00

Last week's collection: \$4,376.00

Over/Under <\$2,162.00>

GOD'S GIFTS TO US -

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses: \$6,538.00

Last week's collection: \$4,826.00

Over/Under <\$1,712.00>

ATTENDANCE

Members 110 Visitors 15

Total 125

**Dues payments are no longer
accepted at the Bookstore.
Payments can be made at Ridge
Manor or Parish Office
Thank you.**

**HELP SUPPORT OUR
CATHEDRAL**

**Children's hand painted
banks will be on display at
coffee hour. \$10.00 each.
Please see Carol Machaskee.**



**Finance Committee
Meeting
Monday, Jan. 12
5:30 PM**

Church School

resumes

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Parents please see Maca Tyler to
sign up for providing one
Saturday night light meal.

**2009 Dues
\$250.00 per
Adult
member
(18 and older)**

☛ Parish Council News

The next Parish Council Meeting
will be held on Tuesday,
January 13, at 6:00 PM
@ Ridge Manor

LCBA BRANCH L017 PLANS WINTER MEETING

A meeting of the membership of the Loyal Christian Benefit
Association Branch L017, including all Orthodox Division
members of Northeast Ohio, will be held on

Sunday, January 18, 2009

1:00 PM at St. Michael's Woodside

5025 Mill Road, Broadview Hts., Ohio 44147.

The meeting will follow a Chicken Dinner, which will begin
being served at 12:00 noon. Orders for the dinner can be placed
with Mary Jane Lucak at 440-526-9696. Cost \$12.00

Michael N. Pilat, branch president

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From Rejoice jr. January 2009

NEW LIFE

Do we take water for granted? On January 6th, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. This feast celebrates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, by St. John. In Church on this feast day, we bless the water that we will use for the whole year in Church.

Why is water so important? Well in Africa, we can quickly see how important water is. The average family in North America uses about 170 gallons of water per day. The average family in Africa uses 1 gallon of water per day. Here are some stories:

In a village called Vigeze in Kenya a child says that even though her house had pipes, it doesn't mean that water is flowing through them. Water is rationed and comes for a couple of hours on Wednesday and Friday mornings. She has to be home to help collect water in plastic containers to use on days when no water comes in. Water trickles in slowly. Every drop has to be saved, because you don't know when it will come again. Even though it looks clean, it must still be boiled before drinking. When anything is washed, hands, face, or clothes, all the water is saved to use to clean the house with. There is no toilet in the house, because there isn't enough water to flush a toilet. No gardens can be grown because there isn't enough water for growing. During the dry season when there is no rain to collect in buckets and tins, simple things like cooking and washing must be postponed until it rains again. It is possible to buy water from a lady called a rivermama who collects it from the river, but you can't drink it. Sometimes the rivermama's water smells like gasoline.

In another village a young boy says that he has only ever felt rain 7 times in his life. He lives near Mt. Kilimanjaro and there is a natural spring, which runs down the mountainside. Water is pumped in underground pipes from the spring, but people along the pipeline have cut into the pipeline to get water for factories, businesses and farms and even other villages nearby. When there is a day when water actually comes into their village from the pipeline, people drop everything and run to the pipeline with buckets, bowls and anything that can hold water. It is very crazy and busy and many people start fights about getting their water when it comes through the pipeline.

So why do we bless water on Epiphany?

Because without water, we would have no life.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 4

Sunday Before Theophany
Synaxis 70 Apostles
Ven. Theoctistus
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 5

Eve of Theophany
Strict Fast
9:00 AM Royal Hours
11:00 AM Vespereal Liturgy
6:00 PM Vigil of Theophany

Tuesday, January 6

Great Blessing of Waters
Theophany Of Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
and Blessing of Waters
6:00 PM Vigil and Blessing of Water

Wednesday, January 7

Synaxis of St. John The Baptist

Thursday, January 8

Ven. George Chozebite
Ven. Domnica
St. Emilian, Confessor
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment
@Ridge Manor

Friday, January 9

Martyr Polyeuctus
Hieromartyr Philip,
Metr. Of Moscow

Saturday, January 10

Saturday after Theophany
St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa
BP. Theophan Recluse
Church School Begins
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, January 11

Sunday after Theophany
Ven. Theodosius The Great
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



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