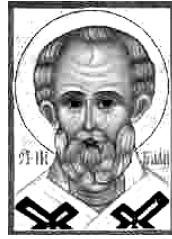


January 10, 2010
St Gregory of Nyssa

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Sunday After the Theophany (Baptism of Christ)
Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Nicholas Yurkowski from the Yurkowski family

Wednesday, January 13th – 6:30 PM

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Gospel of John, Chapter 4 – everyone is welcomed

Saturday, January 16th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 17th – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

The 2010 Calendars are now available at the candle kiosk. 2010 Envelopes are also available.

The 2010 donation schedule is available for sign up at the candle kiosk. A new sponsorship that is available is the sponsorship of the weekly bulletin for the entire month.

Monthly parish council meeting will be held next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

Anyone who wishes to have their home blessed should contact Fr Tom to schedule an appointment.

Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st after the Divine Liturgy. Only members in good standing (spiritually and financially) may participate.

If anyone wishes to serve on the parish council for the 2010 year, please see Nathan Graff or Michelle Bittner. Please bear in mind that parish council members should be exemplary in church attendance, spiritual life, and financial support of the church. By being a parish council member, you make a commitment of time and energy to assist the parish priest in the administrative and organizational duties beyond monthly meetings essential to running the parish.

The Hoagie/Wrap Sale for January will be held on Wednesday/Thursday, January 20/21. Orders can be called to 412 771-0176, faxed to 412 771-2111 or emailed to mbittner109@verizon.net by next Monday, January 18. Prices remain the same...\$5 for an Italian Hoagie or Wrap and \$5.50 for a Turkey Hoagie or Wrap. We are also in need of good boxes suitable for carrying hoagie orders. If you have any, please bring them to the stage. Thanks!

Looking ahead: Forgiveness Sunday – February 14th. Pascha - April 4th.

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Vigil Light Donations (*Please remember the following people in your prayers*) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga (2 years); for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum, George Shaytar, Margaret Ruprecht, newborn, Timothy Waller, Jr. (12/9/09) and Donna Nanno. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of (father) John Naiser on his 79th birthday (1/6/10). **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary and Mat. Olga; for the health of the Wasilko family, Helen Shancey and Dn. Joe. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for special intention. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation of our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, (father) Charles (1910-2010), Nick Yurkowski and Mat. Olga; for the health of Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell, Helen March Shancey, Joseph Hrebenak, Andrew & Olga Kasnot, Tom Robes and (sisters) Doris & Marsha. **From Saladi Srinivasarao** **From Alexandria Tirpak** for all departed family members- Memory Eternal; for the health of all my friends and family who are dearest to me, Community of St. Nicholas, men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From John A. Tirpak** for the health of Alexandria and John & our families. **From Marina Petrov** for the health of Raisa, Yevgeniy, Vladimir, Roman, Polina, Raisa, Boris, Sergey, Alexey, Michael and Alla (Happy Birthday). **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Vladimir, Vassili, Peter, Lena, Ivan, Anna, Denis, Nina, Zinovi, Luba and Larissa; for the health of Alla, Marina, Vladimir, Roman, Polina, Lena, Alexandra, Tatyana, Ludmilia, Yevgeniy, Valentina and all our relatives & friends.

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. 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."

This bulletin is offered in memory of Charles and Mary Wasilko (parents) from Marsha Wasilko.

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Tone 6 *Troparion of the 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!

Tone 1 *Troparion of the Feast*

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest!
For the voice of the Father bear 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!

Tone 6 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

When Christ God the Giver of Life
raised all 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.

Tone 4 *Kontakion of the Feast*

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe,
and Thy light, O Lord, hast shone on us,
Who with understanding, praise Thee:
Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,
O Light Unapproachable!

Tone 1 *Prokeimenon of the Postfeast (Psalm 33)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Epistle of the Postfeast (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 of the Postfeast (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."

Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!
No tongue is capable of praising you worthily;
the angelic mind is over-awed in exalting you, O Theotokos!
But accept our faith, since you are gracious and know our divine love.
You are the Protectress of Christians and we praise you!

Communion Hymn (Titus 1:11 and Psalm 148)

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Alleluia!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.*