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The Bible...

...fills us
with eternal joy.



The Bible is a scented garden, delightful, beautiful, it enchants our ears with birdsong in a sweet, divine, and spiritual harmony, it touches our heart, comforts us in sorrow, soothes us in a moment of anger, and fills us with eternal joy.

- Saint John of Damascus

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

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REVEREND FATHER GEORGE M. AL-DEHNEH, PASTOR

Very Reverend Father Jehad T. Michael, Pastor Emeritus

Very Reverend Father Bob Bethoney, Attached

A warm welcome to our visitors and guests

St. George is an Eastern Orthodox Church of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. We minister to Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds. Holy Communion is a sign of our full unity of faith. Therefore, only Baptized and Confirmed Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer and Sacramental Confession may partake of this Sacrament. However, all are welcome to partake of the Blessed Bread of Fellowship and receive a Priest blessing at the end of Divine Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for light refreshments and coffee following the Service, where we will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith.

JANUARY 29, 2012

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW & THE 17TH. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8

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Sunday Service

Orthros **9:20 A.M.**

Sunday School 9:15 A. M.

Followed by Divine Liturgy

Confessions by Appointment Only

On this day, we Commemorate: The translation of the relics of Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch; New-martyr Demetrios of Chios.

Epistle: Lon Silagi.

Ushers: UPON AVAILABILITY.

Altar Boys: All Altar boys are encouraged and welcome to serve faithfully.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 8)

From the heights thou didst descend O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. IGNATIUS (TONE 4)

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Martyr among Priests Ignatius, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE 4)

As the deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious great martyr George intercede with Christ our God for our souls salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows to the Lord your God, and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.



THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.
Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

DONATIONS

Roger & Nouhad Schami: For the health, protection and well-being of the Schami family.

Bryan & Annette Haddad: Good health of Sib Abraham.

Joseph & Melissa Isaac: For the health of Emma Isaac, Abram Isaac & Tiffany Isaac.

Skee Rizk and Paul & Laila Ferris: Health of Mitchell & Georgette Abraham.

Archdiocese Dues

Jamell Bettor

David, Dalal & Grace Young

Seamone Haddad

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Envelope Program Donation

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Bishop BASIL Endowment Fund

Bryan & Annette Haddad

Victoria Netos



Holy Bread will be offered by:



Lon Demetrios Silaqi: "Devlesa araklam tume"; to commemorate his Chrismation into the Holy Eastern Orthodox Church; and for the abundance, health, and prosperity of Sub-Deacon Michael Sifuentes and his family; Dr. Sandra Edwards and all of her family; all Clergy of St. George Church and their families, and all families of St. George Parish, thank you for your help and kindness.

William & Nada Aziz & Family: In Memory of our beloved daughter Reem Aziz & our sister Olivia Aziz.

For our good health and the health of George & Virginia Aziz, Jim Aziz and George Yacoub.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012

Teens meeting after the Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 3, 2012

Family Night @ 7:00 P.M.

HOME BLESSING

Started January 06, 2012 and will end February 05, 2012. Please call the office or Fr. George to arrange for your home to be blessed.

Thank You and God Bless you all.

Our Church School Students

Are now working on their Creative Festivals Projects for the 2012 Parish Life Conference in June. It is important that all students are present on Sundays in order to work on and complete their projects.



Last week for your donations toward:

"BISHOP BASIL ENDOWMENT FUND"

PLEASE visit the web site of the ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS OF NORTH & CENTRAL AMERICA (www.assemblyofbishops.org) and read the latest media releases and listen to the newest interviews in the continuing, and very popular, series "Conversations with our Bishops."

Last Call

A reminder to all St. George parishioners to submit a recipe for St. George cook book. Last day will be **Sunday, January 29, 2012.**



Names that have been submitted: Jeanne Papas, Angie Al-Hanna, Doris Shaheen, Haifa & Cheryl Malooly, Hana Sayegh, Tiffany Isaac, Sylvana Aldouri, Hend Odeh, Kh. Salwa, Layla Salloum, Joyce Haddad, Susana Payides, Eva Mowad, Kh. Mageda, Marie Khouri, Mariam Tamer, Hessen Salloum, Blanca Gottfried, Denise Acuna, Chanel Assi, Lorri Halow, Blanca Anaipakos, Ban Harrak, Tamar Mowad, Antwanette Shaghoury, Leyla Joudi, Suha Jarjour, Patricia Borschow, Jamie Isaac, Seamone Haddad, Rosemary Barakat and Rowayda Haddad.

If your name **IS NOT ON THE LIST ABOVE** please check with Jamie Isaac.

Thank You



The Order of St. Ignatius and St. George Teens

Will host a Family Night
Friday, February 3, 2012
In the Mini Hall @ 7:00 P.M.

\$10.00 per Person (6 years & under free)

**Pre-Sale Tickets will be available
after Church on Sunday, Jan. 29th., 2012
or Paid Reservations due by
Jan 31st.**

***NO TICKETES WILL BE SOLD AT THE
DOOR.....***

Call Salma Isaac, 203 4222 to Reserve



Evening Divine Liturgy

Will be celebrated at 6:00 P. M. on Wednesday, February 01, 2012 in celebration of the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple. Please make plans to celebrate with us this Blessed and Holy event in the life of our One and Holy Orthodox Church.



FACEBOOK WEBSITE:

stgeorgelpaso@gmail.com

All St. George parishioners are invited to view photos of our St. George's activities.

Many thanks to Dr. Raed Aldouri for establishing the Web-Page and to Sylvana Aldouri for taking & working on the photos.

VERY IMPORTANT

Good News! We're Going Green!

To help save money for the Church to cover incoming expenses, the Parish Council voted on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 meeting to go "Green" and **NO longer mail the Weekly Church Bulletin into homes.** All other parishes in the Antiochian Archdiocese have also gone "Green" with their Church bulletin.

Effective March 1, 2012, the Church bulletin will be **e-mailed** to parishioners. If you have an e-mail account, please provide it in the 2012 Parishioner Information Form. Don't forget to turn your information form by February 29th. Only 100 Church bulletins will be printed each Sunday and placed in the Church vestibule so the faithful pick it up when they enter the Church. The Church bulletin will also be available on the Church web site at:

<http://www.stgeorge-elpaso.org>

The Parish Council thanks you for your support.

HOLY BREAD

Please see the New Holy Bread Calendar for the year 2012. If 2 families offered every Sunday (For the health of the living and/or in Memory of the departed members). We should be OKAY for the whole year. We have 52 Sundays in the Year.



Thank You

All St. George Parishioners

Please let Fr. George know **AT LEAST ONE WEEK** prior to the Sunday you are offering with the names of the living and departed beloved ones and if it is a **MEMORIAL SERVICE or REMEMBRANCE ONLY** so it can be in the Bulletin on time. It is your responsibility to call to order the Holy Bread and make sure it is at Church by 8:00 A. M. that Sunday.

Thank You



To offer refreshments for any Sunday please call Fr. George or the office @ 584-9100.

House Blessings

It is the custom among many Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed with the Holy Water sanctified on Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please call the Church office or talk to Fr. George.



ALL ST. GEORGE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Starting the year of the Lord 2012, all Church Organizational activities (including Family Nights, Luncheons, Fundraising events.....) have to accompany **Pre-Sale Tickets** for the events, in order to guarantee an exact number of attendees to be able to raise money for that Charitable Event.

Thank you

Camp St. Raphael

Forms are available. Any of the TEENS who is interested in going, please let Jeanette or/ Nassim Salloum know. Deadline to send all names for St. George Church to receive the \$ 700.00 scholarship from the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch is **February 21, 2012** to be distributed equally among the **7 people who are certain and sure of their plans to go**. Priority will be given to First Timers.

Thank You.

MAY DINNER MEETING

Will be held on Thursday, February 02, 2012 in the Conference Room for all the Oversight Committee Members and all Chairpersons for the booths to discuss (Tickets, ordering.....). All Chairs for Full Meal, Gyro, Kabab, Mediterranean, Advertisements, Bake Table, Sweets, Kibbee, please make plan to attend.

Thank you

Teen SOYO

There will be a mandatory meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012 after Church in the Teen Room.

Thank you!

Jeanette Salloum

Syrian American Ladies Club of El Paso

Valentine's Dance

\$50

DINNER/DANCE

FOR TICKETS/INFO CALL

DEANNA NASSER - 204 - 4245

RIMA ASSI - 241-5647

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**Samir Edmond's
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Saturday Feb 11, 2012

COCKTAILS/INSTALLATION: 6:30

DINNER 7:30

PROCEEDS BENEFITING ST. JUDE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ALL ST. GEORGE PARISHIONERS

Starting January, 2012; all donations made to the Building Fund will be deposited in the Operating Fund.

THE FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

The celebration of the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River reveals wondrous salvific events:

The Mystery of the Holy Trinity was revealed.

The waters were blessed by Christ and ceased to be waters of the fall and became waters of renewal (Holy Water).

Any demonic influence over water was ended.

A model of Baptism was established for the followers of Jesus Christ.

The sin of the old Adam was washed away and buried in the waters.

The Forerunner John the Baptist was blessed by Christ.

The word ***Theophany*** (*meaning manifestation of God*) comes from the apostolic passage, "God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16). Another name for the Feast is ***Epiphany*** (*meaning manifestation from above*), "the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). A third name is ***the "Feast of Lights"***, as Christ reveals Himself as the "Light of the World" (John 8:12).

House Blessing: The Purpose

The Annual Blessing of homes is a custom of special beauty and significance. We again ask Christ to bless and enter into our homes and our lives. We ask Him to be with us, as we desire to be with Him. We ask that by the sprinkling of blessed water, the Holy Spirit renew us, our families and our lives in our homes. As Christ brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus; we ask for the same for all dwelling in our homes.

House Blessing: The Order

The house being cleaned and ready, we dress in an honorable manner (as we would for Church). When the Priest arrives, we greet him at the door, having turned off any radio, TV, or other noise based element. Animals that may cause disruption should be placed out of the way. On a small table before icons, a small but wide-mouthed bowl full of newly blessed water is placed. Together with a list of names of those who reside in the home, a lighted candle and censor (if you have one) are also placed on the table. These items are arranged prior to the arrival of the Priest. At the beginning of the service for the blessing of the home, a family member leads the Priest throughout the home, carrying the lighted candle. The rest of the household follows and then returns to the table for the final prayer and blessing with water upon those present.

The Feast of St Basil the Great

Bishop BASIL Mission Endowment Fund

Honor Bishop BASIL

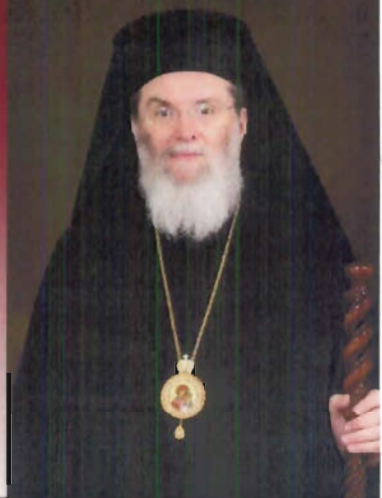
on his Name's Day:

The Feast of St. Basil the Great,
January 1, 2012

Contribute by – January 31, 2012

Bishop BASIL Missions Endowment Fund

Diocese of Wichita and Mid America
(DOWAMA)



CONTRIBUTE BY JANUARY 31, 2012

Please make check payable to your local parish earmarked "BB Name's Day" and sign the community card that will be forwarded to Bishop BASIL.

Every year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of St. Basil the Great and honor our own Bishop BASIL by donating to the Bishop BASIL Missions Endowment Fund.

It began in 1975 when the Southwest Region (name at that time) wanted to increase awareness of the need for mission work in the Region. At that time, the Southwest Region consisted of only 8 communities (*our Diocese now numbers 51 congregations*). Pledges were made to the "Missions Fund", and in 1977 Father Michael Welborn was partially funded by the Region and assigned to the Region's first mission, Three Hierarchs in New Orleans, Louisiana (renamed St. Basil and relocated to Metairie, Louisiana). In 1978 a "Region Missions Blitz Weekend" was held in Dallas, Texas, resulting in the founding that very weekend of the Region's second

mission, Ss. Constantine and Helen in Dallas. The Region also helped fund their first priest, Father Anthony Nelson. Over the years, the Region has founded many missions and helped fund their priests.

With the election to the sacred episcopacy in May, 1991, of Archimandrite Basil Essey, and his consecration as Bishop in May, 1992, the Southwest Region (now DOWAMA) established the "Bishop BASIL Missions Endowment Fund" in his honor to augment financial support of our missionary efforts. We will again celebrate Bishop BASIL's name's day on January 1, 2012, and you have the opportunity to honor him and support our missions by donating to the fund.

Please make your check payable to your local parish earmarked "BB Name's Day".

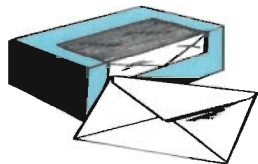
From The Holy Fathers of the Orthodox Church

Let us charge into the good fight with joy and love without being afraid of our enemies. Though unseen themselves, they can look at the face of our soul, and if they see it altered by fear, they take up arms against us all the more fiercely. For the cunning creatures have observed that we are scared.

So let us take up arms against them courageously. No one will fight with a resolute fighter.

St. John Climacus

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2012



We ask all of you to use the **Designated Offering Envelopes** that is placed in the Vestibule for your donations starting January 01, 2012. Please pick up your Box (1 box for each family) & let Fr. George know if you are missing your box.

Using these envelopes will help the Church Treasurer in recognizing the purpose, date and amount of every Sunday collection.

Thank You

W I N T E R

C A M P

f St. Raphael



February 17th-20th

CHRIST

The Merciful Judge

Guest Speaker straight from New York:

George Hazlaris

Youth Director and Pastoral Assistant
Greek Orthodox Church of Our Savior in Rye, N.Y.

Cost: \$100

(Advisors & Chaperones: \$70)



2012

PARISHIONERS INFORMATION CARD

St. George Antiochian Church Directory is being updated to correct changes in addresses, phone numbers etc. We are asking for your help by completing the following form.

Parents Name

Date of Birth

Address

Phone

(H) _____
(B) _____
(C) _____

Children's Name

Date of Birth

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

This form can be cut and mailed to the Church Office,
or dropped in the donation basket.
Thank you for your cooperation.

***This information is Confidential, to be
used by the Priest only!***

St. George Church Sunday School

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE PRESENT AT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS PAST SUNDAY:



Pre-School

Grades 4/5

Joseph Odeh
Angela Al-Hanna

Grades 2/3

Teresa Salloum
Rylee Isaac
Boris Salinas
Anthony Jarjour

Grades 6/7

Johnny Odeh
James Shaheen
Sarah Daioub

Kindergarten/1

Sammy Odeh
James Isaac
Emma Isaac

Grades 8-12+

Christopher Al-Dehneh
Colette Khouri

George Haddad
Ashly Daioub

Sarah Aldouri
Sam Salloum

Christian Khouri
Michelle Shaheen
William Shaghoury
Jonathan Jarjour

Please remember that our Church School students need to be present @ 9:15 A.M. in order to have opening Prayer with Fr. George.

JANUARY 2012

“A BLESSED THEOPHANY”

Sunday Service (9:20 A.M. Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>1</u> Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Chanting Practice 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	<u>4</u> Synaxis of the 70 Holy Apostles	<u>5</u> 6:00 P. M. Evening Divine Liturgy for Epiphany AND THE BLESSING OF WATERS	<u>6</u> THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST	<u>7</u> Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner
<u>8</u> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Chanting Practice 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	<u>11</u> 7:00 P. M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> 12 TH. SUNDAY OF LUKE	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Anthony the Great Chanting Practice 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> 15 TH. SUNDAY OF LUKE	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Chanting Practice 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	<u>25</u> Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Ephraim the Syrian Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Ninevah
<u>29</u> SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE	<u>30</u> Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom	<u>31</u> Chanting Practice 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.				

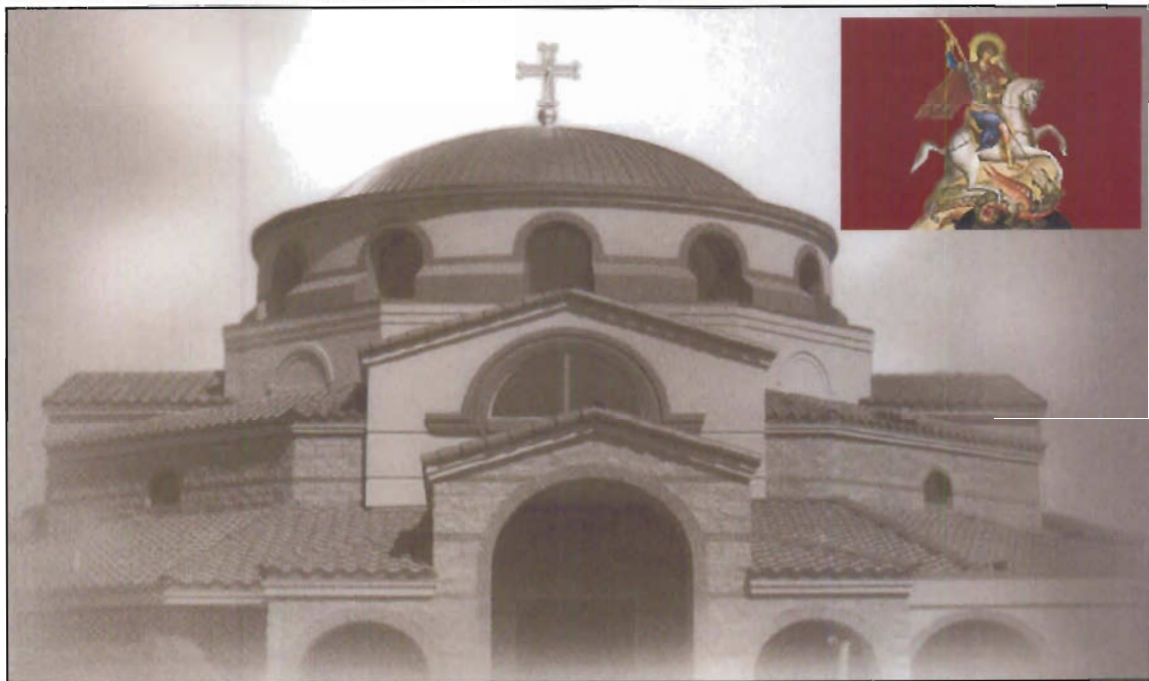
For Pastoral Emergencies, or to notify the Clergy of ill or hospitalized parishioners, please call the Church office at: (915) 584-9100, during Office hours.

To reach one of our clergy after hours, you may call their home or cell phones as noted below:

Fr. George Al-Dehneh: 581-8021 (H)
345-9800 (M)

Fr. Bob Bethoney: 584-8306 (H)
892-8200 (M)

Fr. Jehad Michael: 544-4001 (H)
203-2831 (M)

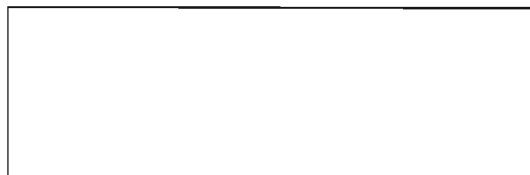


To request a Dome lighting, please contact
Bill or Nada Aziz at 497-0190 or 533-0287.
The donation is \$50 per lighting.

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ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

On January 25, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate St. Gregory The Theologian, Archbishop Of Constantinople. Gregory was born in Nazianzus of a Greek father and a Christian mother. Before his baptism, he studied in Athens along with Basil the Great and Julian the Apostate. Gregory often prophesied that Julian would become an apostate and a persecutor of the Church which actually happened. Gregory was especially influenced greatly by his good mother Nonna. When he completed his studies, Gregory was baptized. St. Basil consecrated him as bishop of Sasima, and Emperor Theodosius the Great summoned him to fill the vacant archepiscopal throne of Constantinople. He wrote numerous works of which his most famous are those concerning theology for which he is called The Theologian. Especially known because of its depth is his work: Homilies on The Holy Trinity. Gregory wrote against the heretic Macedonius who erroneously taught that the Holy Spirit is a creation of God and, Gregory also wrote against Appolinarius who erroneously taught that Christ did not have a human soul but that His divinity was in lieu of His soul. Additionally Gregory wrote against Emperor Julian the Apostate, his one-time colleague in school. In 381 A.D., when a debate began regarding his election as archbishop, he withdrew on his own and issued a statement: "Those, who deprive us of our archepiscopal throne cannot deprive us of God." After that, he left Constantinople and went to Nazianzus and there lived a life of solitude and prayer, writing worthwhile books. Even though he was in poor health throughout his entire life, nevertheless, Gregory lived to be eighty years old. His relics were later transferred to Rome. A reliquary containing his head reposes in the Cathedral Church of the Assumption in Moscow. He was, and remains, a great and wonderful light of the Orthodox Church as much by his meekness and purity of character as well as for the unsurpassable depth of his mind. He died in the Lord in the year 390 A.D. Through his intercessions, O Lord, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.