Gregory the wonderworker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea

This man of God and powerful wonderworker was called a second Moses. Gregory was born of pagan, but eminent and wealthy, parents. He studied Hellenic and Egyptian philosophy and became aware of the meagerness and insufficiency of pagan philosophy. He then turned to Christian teachers, particularly Origen of Alexandria, with whom he studied for several years and from whom he received baptism. Pure in body and soul, he wanted to dedicate himself solely to Christ God, for which reason he withdrew to the wilderness, where he spent much time in rigorous asceticism. His fame spread everywhere. Bishop Phaedimus of Amasea wanted to consecrate him Bishop of Neocaesarea. The clairvoyant Gregory perceived Phaedimus's intention and hid from the bishop's emissaries in the wilderness. Finally, Phaedimus consecrated him in a strange way, and Gregory had to accept the office of bishop. The Most-holy Theotokos and St. John the Theologian appeared to him in a vision, and St. John, at the command of the Theotokos, gave him the Symbol of Faith that is known by Gregory's name. Who can enumerate all the miracles of this second Moses? He had power over evil spirits, and over mountains and waters, healed every pain and infirmity, could become invisible to his persecutors, and clairvoyantly perceived distant events and men's thoughts. He ended his earthly life in the year 270 A.D., in great old age. When he arrived in Neocaesarea as bishop, he found only seventeen Christians in that pagan city. When he departed this life, he left the city Christian, with only seventeen pagans, and received the wreath of glory from his Lord in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Prologue from Ochrid

November 17, 2019 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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Gennadios and Maximos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Nikon the wonderworker, disciple of Sergios of Radonezh; Hilda, abbess of Whitby

Matins Gospel Reading: John 21:14-25

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5):
Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion for St. Gregory of Neo-Caesarea (Tone 8):
By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievements as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.
Kontakion of Entrance of the Theotokos ( Tone 4)
The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

Troparion of All Saints ( Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

Epistle Reading: Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:11-18
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

This Week at All Saints
Saturday, November 23: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

Volunteers

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News and Announcements

Gifts for Foster Children: Forms are here for gifts for the DCFS foster children. All gifts are due on Sunday, November 25. Purchase a new gift from the ones suggested on your form, place it in a gift bag (please do not wrap gifts this year), tag it with ones provided on your form, and place it in the back of the church on or near the table. Thank you to all who are participating in this worthy cause! Any questions contact Kim A. kegers854@aol.com

St. Nicholas Stockings: Ladies, Please join us on Saturday, December 7th, for stuffing the children's St. Nicholas Stockings. The stockings will be distributed to our children on Sunday, December 8th.

Teen SOYO Events: Sunday December 15th, after Church School, the teens will meet at All Saints for a service project. Please RSVP to Melissa W. meljeff99@gamil.com

Advent Food Drive: Once again we are blessed to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning on Sunday, November 17, please bring your donations of non-perishable foods, in particular those that don't require cooking. These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop in center (where a microwave is available for use) of Northside Housing. Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. The deadline is Sunday, December 15. If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy A. God bless those who remember the poor! Here is a list of possible donations:

- Granola/protein bars; Pop-top pasta (ravioli, etc) and soups; Microwaveable ramen cups,
- Instant mac and cheese; Trail mix; Vienna sausages; Oatmeal packets; Pop tarts
- Fruit cups; Peanut butter or cheese cracker packets; Jerky; Tuna packets

We have recently established a charity account with Amazon. Follow the link below to designate All Saints as a recipient of your Amazon smile account. There's no cost to you (other than paying for your products); for eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to us. The link is https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3936145. Contact Octavian for any questions.

"Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance."

~ Saint John Chrysostom