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St. Gregory of Neo-Caesarea, the Wonderworker

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

Gregory was born with the name Theodore, of pagan parents in Pontus. They moved to Caesarea, being attracted there by the fame of Origen. The family learned the Christian Faith from Origen, studying under him for five years. Gregory left Caesarea for his native Pontus and was ordained Bishop of Neo-caesarea. He was of great personality and piety and received the grace to work miracles by his prayers. When the persecution under Decius broke out against the Church, he hid himself until it had passed. He encouraged his flock to keep the martyrs' festivals. In 253, a plague hit Asia Minor, and Gregory tirelessly ministered to the sick and dying of his see, which selfless charity converted many pagans to the Church. By the time of his death, there were only seventeen pagans left in his town – which was just the number of Christians that had been in his flock when he began his episcopate there. He died in peace in 270.

Services	Thurs., Nov. 21 st	Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sat., Nov. 23 rd	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Nov. 24 th	Holy Great Martyr Katherine	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Epistle (Galatians 6:11-18)

See, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval – with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want you to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance.

May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God.

Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brethren, may the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel (Luke 12:16-21)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

“And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’

“So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

‘And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’

“So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday's Liturgy.

Next Week: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Announcements:

Thank You to those who organized and served for the Veterans Memorial Dinner last Sunday. There was a lot of appreciation expressed by the veterans, their families, as well as the parish community. The free will offering was \$491! Of this, \$250 will be donated to the IOCC for the Bahama hurricane relief efforts. The remainder will be put back into the Angel Bowl for local charities.

Christmas is coming!

- ❖ Don't forget to order your nut, apricot and/or poppyseed rolls! Pick up your HROC Annual Christmas Bake Sale order form at the candlestand. You can submit your orders at the Candle Stand by **Sunday, December 1st**. *Please remember*, due to the large demand for nut rolls, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

***Don't forget to include a valid telephone number(s)
on the order form so we can contact you for pick-up!***

All Parishioners are invited to gather together to bake the Christmas rolls on **Saturday, December 7th and Saturday, December 14th starting at 7 am**. Come on over to lend a hand, enjoy the fellowship and get into the holiday spirit. Nothing beats the aroma of freshly baked Christmas rolls. *Remember, real men ALSO make Christmas rolls!* (Depending on the amount of orders, we may schedule an extra baking session on **Friday, December 13th**.) Stay tuned....

- ❖ Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*
- ❖ Christmas is the time for sharing the love and joy of the birth of our Savior with your fellow man. Do you know of anyone or family in need of feeling this warmth of love this holiday season? *Please let Father Stephan know, names will be kept confidential.*

NOTE FROM COUNCIL – The Parish Council currently has one opening and will have a second opening that will need to be filled at the next Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 16th. The Parish Council has accomplished a lot over the past two years and has actually been a joy to work with. If you are interested in one of the open positions, please contact one of the Parish Council members.

Upcoming Events:

- **Don't forget that the Nativity Fast (Philipovka) began at Sundown on Thursday, November 14th**. Pick up some of Baba's homemade Perohi (potato & cheese, hot pepper cheese and cabbage filling are available) to help keep the fast!
- We will be celebrating the *Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos* on **Thursday, November 21** with **Hours at 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy at 9 am**.
- A visitation of *The Wonder Working Icon of Saint Anna* will be at St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral on December 7th and 8th. A Great Vespers Service will be held **Saturday, December 7 at 5pm** followed by a Moleben and Presentation by Fr. Sergius. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 8th at 10 am** followed by Veneration of the Icon and Farewell. (See the vestibule bulletin board for details)
- *This Year's Christmas Yolka* is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8th**. Don't forget to bring your cameras, as we will have a "Special Visitor" arrive that day! Please help make our Yolka a festive occasion for all – please see either Marie Dudzinski or Rebecca Bazzar if you are able to help lend a hand with Coffee Hour to welcome St. Nicholas! *"Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly"...*
- **Sun., December 8th ~ Prayer Arise ~** The Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Men's a cappella Liturgical and Folk Choir ~ Will be performing a Christmas Concert at St. John, the Baptist, Orthodox Church in Canonsburg beginning at 4 pm. The Concert will be followed by light refreshments in the church social hall. All are welcome!

Collection: Nov. 10th: \$2,389.00