

September 30, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Hieromartyr Gregory the Bishop of Greater Armenia,
Equal of the Apostles and Enlightener of Armenia**

The Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia, was born in the year 257. The father of Saint Gregory, Anak, in striving after the Armenian throne, had murdered his kinsman, the emperor Kursar, in consequence of which all the line of Anak was marked for destruction. A certain kinsman saved Gregory: he carried off the infant from Armenia to Caesarea in Cappadocia and raised him in the Christian Faith.



In order to atone for the sin of his father, who had murdered the father of Tiridates, Gregory entered into the service of the latter and was a faithful servant to him. Tiridates loved Gregory like a friend, but he was intolerant of the Christian confession of faith. After ascending the Armenian throne, he began to demand that Saint Gregory renounce the Christian Faith. The steadfastness of the saint embittered Tiridates, and he gave his faithful servant over to cruel tortures.

At the time of these sufferings Saint Gregory sang Psalms. In prison the Lord healed all his wounds. When Gregory again stood before the emperor cheerful and unharmed, he was astonished and gave orders to repeat the torments. Saint Gregory endured them, not wavering, with all his former determination and bearing. They then poured hot tin over him and threw him into a pit filled with vipers. The Lord, however, saved His chosen one: the snakes did him no harm. Saint Gregory remained in the pit for fourteen years. During this time the emperor Tiridates executed the holy virgin Saint Rhipsime, the aged abbess Gaiana and another 35 virgins from one of the monasteries of Asia Minor.

Saint Gregory was released from the pit, and buried the relics of the holy virgins with honor. Then he began to preach to the people, urging them to turn away from the darkness of idolatry and toward Christ. The people came to believe in Christ, and wished to build a large church. When it was completed, Saint Gregory had the relics of the holy nuns brought into it.

Soon all of Armenia was converted to Christ. The temples of the idols were destroyed, and churches for the worship of the true God were built. Saint Gregory ordained priests, established schools, founded monasteries, and provided for the good order of the Church.

Saint Gregory went into the wilderness, where he departed to the Lord. His son Aristanes was made a bishop in Cappadocia, and was one of the 318 holy Fathers at the Council of Nicaea.

Text (adapted) and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/09/30/102818-hieromartyr-gregory-the-bishop-of-greater-armenia-equal-of-the-a>

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

**HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, ENLIGHTENER OF GREATER
ARMENIA**

**MARDONIOS & STRATONIKOS THE MARTYRS
MARTYRS RHIPSIME AND GAIANA AND COMPANIONS OF
ARMENIA**

**MICHAEL THE WONDERWORKER, FIRST METROPOLITAN OF
KIEV**

VENERABLE GREGORY OF THE PELSHMA RIVER

Tone 1 - Eothinon 7

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-11

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA - 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 Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

TODAY: Orthros 8:30 am; Baptismal Liturgy 9:45 am (Baby Theo - Many Years!)
IOCC Presentation w/ Tony Pantazopoulos, 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens, 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 7):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Justin G./MaryLynne B.	Kristi Moore
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr Justin Gohl	Brian Fitzgerald
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	Nancy Manze
GREETERS:	Todd & Kristi Moore	Don & Maryann Reigle
CLEANING TEAM:	Sdn John & Maxine	Hyatt Family
COFFEE HOUR:	Sdn Ben & Thekla	Nancy Manze

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

Many Years & Godspeed to the Hoffmans!

Don't forget to take the opportunity to wish Bob & Christal-Line Hoffman well on this their last Sunday with us here at St. Philip's! The Hoffmans will be relocating to Florida for Bob's work. We are saddened to lose their presence here, but know that they will be a blessing to another parish in Florida. Many Years & all God's blessings!

Mark Your Calendar:

Compline & Patristic Reading

Wednesday evenings (6 pm)

Intro to Orthodoxy Class

Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Liturgy for St. James

*Tuesday, October 23, 10 am
w/Festal Potluck to follow*

Advent Retreat

December 8

"The First & Second Comings of Christ"
with Drs. David & Mary Ford

Bp THOMAS Visit

December 22-25

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander	Timothy
Baby Simeon	Helen (B)
Child Gregory	Yorgo
Caroline, Luke, Samuel, Hosanna Paul (M) James E Mat. Linda Hortense Mary K. R Maxime Lasha B Otari B	
Daniel H Elizabeth D Stephanie M. Emiliani Mebrat Aristidis John Kristen Laurence Tadessa Eyala Magda	
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries Suffering Christians in Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	
	<u>St. Nina's List</u> Catechumens Tatiana (Sze), Rebecca, Evan, Tina
	New & Expectant Mothers & chil- dren
	Couples preparing for marriage
	Michael Richard

Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
"Through love serve one another." (Gal 5:13)*

This Week:

Fr. James returns from pilgrimage to Russia on Oct 2

Monday, Oct 1:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Tuesday, Oct 2:	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m. SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Wed, Oct 3:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon Little Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm
Thurs, Oct 4:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Friday, Oct 5:	SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Sat, Oct 6:	Village at Home, 10 am-6pm VESPERS ** 5 pm ** Intro to Orthodoxy, 6 pm
Sunday, Oct 7:	ORTHROS 8:30 a.m., Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 am One-year Trisagion for Bp ANTOUN, 11:30 am Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am Women of St Philip, 12 noon

**"One should enter the church in a spirit of humility, for pray-
er is not accepted if we have something against someone or if
someone has been grieved by us."**

- Venerable Macarius of Optina

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Cleaning Supplies.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: "I am not my thoughts."

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Sept 22: 47 Divine Services on Sept 23: 163
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$370. Collections, \$111.36. Book Shelf, \$260.
Camping Fund, \$404. Choir Fund, \$200. Needy Fund, \$50. Women's
Fund, \$1,507. Stewardship, \$5,472. Total received: \$8,374.36.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!



MANNA ON MAIN STREET IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, & CEREAL

THESE ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE PLASTIC BINS AT THE ENTRANCE FOR DONATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS!

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