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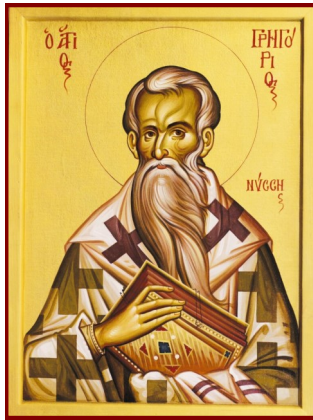
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ST. GREGORY of NYSSA



Saint Gregory, the younger brother of Basil the Great, illustrious in speech and a zealot for the Orthodox Faith, was born in 331. His brother Basil was encouraged by their elder sister Macrina to prefer the service of God to a secular career (see July 19); Saint Gregory was moved in a similar way by his godly mother Emily, who, when Gregory was still a young man, implored him to attend a service in honor of the holy Forty Martyrs at her retreat at Annesi on the River Iris. Saint Gregory came at his mother's bidding, but being wearied with the journey, and feeling little zeal, he fell asleep during the service. The Forty Martyrs then appeared to him in a dream, threatening him and reproaching him for his slothfulness. After this he repented and became very diligent in the service of God.

Gregory became bishop in 372, and because of his Orthodoxy he was exiled in 374 by Valens, who was of one mind with the Arians. After the death of Valens in 378, Gregory was recalled to his throne by the Emperor Gratian. He attended the Local Council of Antioch, which sent him to visit the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which had been defiled and ravaged by Arianism. He attended the Second Ecumenical Council, which was assembled in Constantinople in 381. Having lived some sixty years and left behind many remarkable writings, he reposed about the year 395. The acts of the Seventh Ecumenical Council call him 'Father of Fathers.'



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 ~ *St. John the Baptist*

Orthros / Divine Liturgy	9:00am-11:00am @ HT only
PC Oath of Office	@ HT
Vasilopita Celebration	Following Service @ HT
GOYA Basketball	4:00pm-6:00pm @ PE Lg Gym
LHJ Dance Practice	5:00pm-6:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
GOYA Dance Practice	6:00pm-8:00pm @ PE Sm & Lg Gym

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Boys GOYA Basketball	6:00pm-10:00pm @ PE Lg Gym
Girl Scouts Meeting	6:30pm-8:30pm @ PE Sm Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Philoptochos General Meeting	6:30pm-7:30pm @ PE Board Room
Greek School	6:30pm-8:30pm @ PE
Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm-9:30pm @ HT
HCA Meeting	7:00pm-8:30pm @ HT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

GOYA Girls Basketball Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm @ PE Lg Gym
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm @ PE Classroom

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Young at Heart Luncheon	12:00pm-2:00pm @ HT
Greek School	6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE
Choir Practice	7:00pm-8:00pm @ PE Sm Gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Boy Scouts Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

GOYA Basketball Games	10:00am-3:00pm @ PE Lg Gym
Greek School	10:00am-1:00pm @ HT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Orthros / Divine Liturgy	9:00am-11:00am @ Both Churches
GOYA Basketball	4:00pm-6:00pm @ PE Lg Gym
LHJ Dance Practice	5:00pm-6:00pm @ PE Sm Gym
GOYA Dance Practice	6:00pm-8:00pm @ PE Sm & Lg Gym



MEMORIALS & SERVICES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

AT HOLY TRINITY

Michael Nikols: 40 ~ Day Memorial
John Nikols: 4 ~ Month Memorial
Anthony Mallas: 1 ~ Year Memorial
Mary Nikols: 12 ~ Year Memorial
James Ambus: 13 ~ Year Memorial
Nick Nikols: 17 ~ Year Memorial
Sophia Mallas: 20 ~ Year Memorial
Georgia (Camelia) Ambus: 26 ~ Year Memorial
Evangelos Mallas: 54 ~ Year Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

AT PROPHET ELIAS

Maria Kosmas: 5 ~ Year Memorial
Dimitrios (Jim) Kosmas: 12 ~ Year Memorial
The Aerakis Family will host coffee hour

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

ΥΜΝΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἄγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερῶδη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Προδρόμου

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Πρόδρομε· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ρείθροις βαπτίσει καταξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Ἄδῃ, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Πεντηκοστής (για τὴν Ἁγία Τριάδα)

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλάνθρωπε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Προφήτου Ἡλιοῦ

Ὁ ἐνσαρκὸς ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπὶς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους αποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

Κοντάκιον

Επεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον .



HYMNS OF THE DAY



Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Feast

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

For the Forerunner

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

Apolytikion of Pentecost (for the Holy Trinity)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Prophet Elias

The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, the glorious Elias (Elijah), who from above, sent down to Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in healing for those who honor him.

Kontakion

You appeared today to us on earth, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ



Προκείμενον:

Εὐφρανθήσεται δίκαιος ἐν Κυρίῳ.

Στίχος:

Εἰσάκουσον, ὁ Θεός, τῆς φωνῆς μου.

Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

(19:1-8)

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη ἐλθεῖν εἰς Ἔφεσον· καὶ εὐρῶν μαθητάς τινας εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς· εἰ Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; οἱ δὲ εἶπον πρὸς αὐτόν· ἀλλ' οὐδὲ εἰ Πνεῦμα Ἅγιόν ἐστιν ἠκούσαμεν. Εἶπέ τε πρὸς αὐτούς· εἰς τί οὖν ἐβαπτίσθητε; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· εἰς τὸ Ἰωάννου Βάπτισμα. Εἶπε δὲ Παῦλος· Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισε βάπτισμα μετανοίας, τῷ λαῷ λέγων εἰς τὸν ἐρχόμενον μετ' αὐτὸν ἵνα πιστεύσωσι, τοῦτ' ἔστιν εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. Ἀκούσαντες δὲ ἐβαπτίσθησαν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Παύλου τὰς χεῖρας ἦλθε τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς, ἐλάλουν τε γλώσσαις καὶ προεφήτευον. Ἦσαν δὲ οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ δεκαδύο. Εἰσελθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν ἐπαρρησιάζετο ἐπὶ μῆνας τρεῖς διαλεγόμενος, καὶ πείθων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ.





THE EPISTLE



Prokeimenon:

The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord.

Verse:

Hear my voice, O God.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

(19:1–8)

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.





ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ



Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

(1:29–34)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, βλέπει ὁ Ἰωάννης τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει· Ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. οὗτός ἐστι περὶ οὗ ἐγὼ εἶπον· ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεται ἀνὴρ ὃς ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. κἀγὼ οὐκ ἤδιν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τῷ Ἰσραήλ, διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ὕδατι βαπτίζων. καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι τεθέαμαι τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον ὡς περιστερὰν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἔμεινεν ἐπ' αὐτόν. κἀγὼ οὐκ ἤδιν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ὁ πέμψας με βαπτίζειν ἐν ὕδατι, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἐφ' ὃν ἂν ἴδῃς τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον καὶ μένον ἐπ' αὐτόν, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ βαπτίζων ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ. κἀγὼ ἐώρακα καὶ μεμαρτύρηκα ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ.





THE GOSPEL



The reading is from the holy Gospel according to John

(1:29~34)

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."



If anyone would like their Homes or
Businesses Blessed,
Please contact Fr. George or Fr. Simeon
directly

*The Young at Heart
will have their New Year's lunch on
Thursday, January 11 at noon at the Memorial Hall.*

*Let's bring in the New Year with some food,
fun and BINGO!*



Happy New Year!
Καλή Χρονιά 2024!





Thursday, January 18th

Presenter: Alexandra Cayias

6:30pm

Anyone and everyone is invited.

Hosted by: Orthodox Young Professionals SLC

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PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER



Vasilopita Sunday

We will celebrate the Annual Vasilopita Sunday on January 7th at Holy Trinity with Loukoumades and Mimosas following the Divine Liturgy.

*If you would like to donate a Vasilopita for someone to purchase, please bring it to the hall on **Sunday, January 7th** in the morning. Please see the next page flyer.*

Thank you all for your continued support and may 2024 be filled with love, hope, and peace for all!

Philoptochos General Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30pm

Prophet Elias Board Room



Daughters of Minos - January Membership Meeting

Sunday 1/21/24 4:00pm at Prophet Elias
in the Board Room upstairs

Enter from the South St Sophia side.

We will be swearing in our new officers and board
and making plans for the new year.



Vasilopita Sunday

January 7, 2024
Holy Trinity Cathedral

A Vasilopita will be cut in church after services to honor specific individuals, church and fraternal organizations!

Join us in the hall, to purchase a Vasilopita donated by our parishioners, sip on a mimosa, and purchase Loukomades!

We hope to see you there!
All proceeds benefit St. Basil's Academy!





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Attention! Boys Basketball for the Tulsa Tournament!

Teams must be solidified this week. If you are planning to play in Tulsa, contact:

Basil Chelemes bchelemes@aol.com for 11th & 12th Grade boys
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Bill Feotis bfeotis@gmail.com for 6th through 8th Grade boys

For further questions, contact Nick and Denise Nikols at deninik63@gmail.com.

Thank you!



**GOYA
BASKETBALL
FEBRUARY
2024
16 - 19**

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The poster features a white silhouette of a basketball player in mid-air, holding a ball. The background is dark blue with orange splatters and a large orange basketball graphic at the bottom right. Two QR codes are present: one for registration and one for hotel reservations. A yellow arrow points from the 'REGISTER HERE' text to the registration QR code, and a blue arrow points from the 'HOTEL RESERVATION' text to the hotel QR code.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR THE DATES BELOW

- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024~AT HT** ~ Hellenic Cuisine Academy Cooking Class featuring Eleni Saltas - 4:00pm-9:00pm. \$40 per class or \$70 for both (*Feb & Mar classes*).
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024~AT HT** ~ Hellenic Cuisine Academy Cooking Class featuring Appetizers - 4:00pm-9:00pm.

Orthodoxy 101 classes

*Beginning Wednesday, January 17
in the Prophet Elias board room*

Classes will run for six weeks

Each week on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm.

The six-week sessions will discuss

*Church history, theology, services,
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Call or text Nick or Dean Athens with questions

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