

## The 17<sup>th</sup> Day of November



### Our Father among the Saints, Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocæsarea

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, “What shall we call thee?...”*

**What** shall we call thee, O Gregory? /  
Master, for thou didst subdue the passions of the mind? /  
Worker, for thou didst reap the fruits of wisdom? /  
And were granted visions divine? /  
And sounded forth the words of heavenly theology? /  
O most-sacred priest of the sacred mysteries /  
And most wondrous worker of miracles, ///  
Pray now that our souls may be saved. *(twice)*

**What** shall we now call thee, O Gregory? /  
Mighty destroyer of godless impiety? /  
Wise teacher, bestowing the rules of pietty? /  
Invincible peacemaker and destroyer of the enemy’s hosts? /  
Visionary, clearly seeing event taking place in the cities /  
While yet remaining high up in the mountains ///  
Pray now that our souls may be saved. *(twice)*

**What** shall we proclaim of thee, O Gregory? /  
Imitator of the apostles, thyself performing miracles; /  
Stopping rivers at the invocation of Christ and drying up the lake of fraternal  
enmity; /  
Laying waste to the assembly of those striving against God /  
And increasing and enlightening Christians. ///  
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

**What** shall we now proclaim of thee, O ven’rable one? /  
Guide of those who have gone astray, /  
Physician of the infirm, fulfilling the requests of those entreating thee; /  
The mighty persecutor of demons, /  
Encourager of the feats of martyrdom, one shining with prophetic grace? /  
O thou most worthy of glory: ///  
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**E**ntering wisely into the depths of visions, /  
O hierarch of Christ, /  
Thou didst come to know the divine appearance of the Trinity /  
Gazing firmly upon Christ our God by the power of the Spirit, /  
Thou didst pour forth upon us an abundance of miracles, /  
Changing the waters of the sea into the nature of the firmament /  
And changing the darkness of delusion to belief, /  
Thou didst persuade the tyrant to believe the truth /  
Revealing to him the pillars of virtue and piety. /  
Thus art thou called a prophet of miracles. /  
Therefore, we beseech thee: /  
Cease not to entreat the Savior for us, ///  
That our souls may be saved.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 6: To the melody, "On the third day...."**

**B**eholding Thee crucified, O Christ /  
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /  
"What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /  
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///  
Dost Thou die on the Tree?"

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

**The Aposticha from the Octoechos.**

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**D**ivine courage was given thee, O wise one, /  
Like that given to Daniel. /  
For like him, in a dream the mystery of faith was opened to thee. ///  
Therefore pray, O venerable father, that our souls may be saved.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion in Tone 6: To the melody, "On the third day...."**

**B**eholding Thee crucified /  
The all-pure Theotokos cried aloud /  
With maternal sorrow: /  
"My Son and my God, and my sweetest child ///  
How dost Thou endure the shameful Passion?"

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:**

**B**eing vigilant in prayer and constant in the working of miracles, /  
Thou didst become worthy of thy name through thy way of life. /  
Pray to Christ God, O father Gregory ///  
To enlighten our souls so that we may never sleep the sleep of death.

**Matins**

**Both Canons from the Octoechos, and one of the Saint with 6 Troparia, in Tone 8,**

*having the acrostic: "To the Wonder-worker Gregory, we sing this song of praise,"  
the composition of Theophan. — incomplete as of 9/17/2013*

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2: To the melody, "Seeking the highest...."**

**H**aving received the power to work many miracles /  
By awesome signs thou didst frighten away demons and drive out the diseases of men. /  
Therefore, O all-wise Gregory /  
Thou art called a worker of wonders ///  
Receiving thy name from thy works.

**The Aposticha from the Octoechos, and this sticheron of the Saint, in Tone 4:**

*Verse:* Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

**R**eceiving the selection of priesthood from God /  
And robing thyself with the divine garment from above /  
Thou didst reveal the former sons of unbelief /  
To be the children and heirs of the light /  
For the grace of God's Wisdom poured forth from thy lips /  
O most blessed wonderworker Gregory. /  
Therefore, as we celebrate thy holy memory, ///  
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

**Glory..., in Tone 8:**

**E**ven inanimate things were filled with wonder, /  
Beholding the hierarch renowned for his miracles; /  
For when a lake dried up and caused dissension among the brethren /  
Because of a growing tree diverting the stream, /  
A stone moved at the will of his command /  
Restoring the stream and restoring the lake, /

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Moving the faithless to have faith in God. ///  
For his sake, O God, grant to our souls great mercy.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion:** *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder...”*

“What is this sight that I see, /  
What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /  
Thou, who sustainest all creation, lifted up on the Tree, /  
Dost die granting life to all,” /  
Cried the Theotokos, weeping, when she beheld upon the Cross ///  
The God-man who had ineffably shone forth from her.

### **Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes**, 8 Troparia: 4 from the Octoechos, and 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon to the Saint.

**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 7:** Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me.

**The Epistle:** (151) I Corinthians 12:7-11

**The Alleluia, Tone 2:** Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice. *Verse:* For the Lord hath chosen Zion, He hath chosen it for His habitation.

**The Gospel:** (34-ctr) Matthew 10:1, 5-8

**Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

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