

# Ambo

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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY  
ST. GREGORY, BISHOP OF NYSSA



Venerable Paul of Thebes (January 15)

**Saint Paul of Thebes** was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Left orphaned, he suffered many things from a greedy relative over his inheritance. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius (249-251), Saint Paul learned of his brother-in-law's insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city and fled into the wilderness.

Settling into a mountain cave, Saint Paul dwelt there for ninety-one years, praying incessantly to God both day and night. He sustained himself on dates and bread, which a raven brought him, and he clothed himself with palm leaves.

Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning Saint Paul. Saint Anthony thought that there was no other desert dweller such as he. Then God said to him, "Anthony, there is a servant of God more excellent than you, and you should go and see him."

Saint Anthony went into the desert and came to Saint Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and Saint Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. Saint Paul disclosed to Saint Anthony that for sixty years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of Saint Anthony's visit. The next morning, Saint Paul spoke to Anthony of his approaching death, and instructed him to bury him. He also asked Saint Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from Saint Athanasius. He did not really need a garment,

but wished to depart from his body while Saint Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, Saint Anthony beheld the soul of Saint Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. Saint Anthony mourned for him, and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how he would bury the body, for he had not remembered to bring a shovel. Two lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws.

Saint Anthony buried the holy Elder, and took his garment of palm leaves, then he returned to his own monastery. Saint Anthony kept this garb as a precious inheritance, and wore it only twice a year, on Pascha and Pentecost.

Saint Paul of Thebes died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. He did not establish a single monastery, but soon after his end there were many imitators of his life, and they filled the desert with monasteries. Saint Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

In the twelfth century Saint Paul's relics were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Peribleptos monastery of the Mother of God, on orders of the emperor Manuel (1143-1180). Later, they were taken to Venice, and finally to Hungary, at Ofa. Part of his head is in Rome.

Saint Paul of Thebes, whose Life was written by Saint Jerome, is not to be confused with Saint Paul the Simple (October 4).

## **Please Help us Find the Homebound**

We are requesting everyone's assistance in finding any homebound persons that have escaped our notice. If you know of someone who is homebound, of any age or for any reason, please send information to Eric Seddon in the office. 1(216)574-4886, or [StTheodosiusCathedral@protonmail.com](mailto:StTheodosiusCathedral@protonmail.com)

## Thank You!



Due to the generosity of our parishioners (and one individual in particular, you know who you are), the stairs & railings project and the tree removal have been paid for. Thank you everyone who contributed!

Also as of 1/6/21, the work on the railings, stairs, and ramp is complete.



### WORLD FAMOUS ORTHODOX PRIEST WITH A MIRACULOUS STORY HAVING SECOND DOUBLE-LUNG TRANSPLANT



Father Serhii Chebotar is a Ukrainian-born priest of the ROCOR with an amazing, even miraculous, story. Seven years ago he came to Cleveland, Ohio, from the Holy Dormition Pochaev Lavra in Ukraine, to undergo an extremely difficult, life-saving surgery: a double lung transplant! And now, seven years later he just had a second double lung transplant—and he needs help.

Read the full article here: <https://orthochristian.com/133666.html>

Donation link available in the article, or by clicking [here](#).

**From the Desk of Fr. Adamcio...**

## Christian Maturity

We are still celebrating the wonderful feast of Theophany, when God revealed Himself in the form of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, the Holy Trinity was made manifest: Jesus, the Son of God, comes to the river to be baptized by St. John the Baptist; the Holy Spirit is revealed in the form of a dove; a Voice from heaven - *“You are My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.”* (Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11)

In his Epistle to the Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us that there is *“one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”* (Eph. 4:5,6) This reminds us of the unity of the Faith.

However, in today’s reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians he instructs us that even though we are united in Christ, *“to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift... He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”* (Eph 4:7, 11-13).

Now we are confronted with a great challenge: to ascertain the gifts given us by Christ, so that we may help build up the Body of Christ – the Church. Each of us has a part to play in this. Our Lord Himself equips us with these gifts, not for our own pride or selfishness, but for the greater good of the Church!

In this day and age, it may not appear there are any “apostles,” but they are there. The “prophets” would be those who are able to discern the Word of God, instructing us in Its way, although we don’t always listen to them. While we are centuries separated from the charismatic beginning of the Church and it may be hard to see prophets or evangelists, there is certainly a place for them. However, we do have (and need) pastors to lead our flocks, together with men and women who can be teachers of the Faith for the up-building of the Body of Christ. There are a great many opportunities to engage in these ministries if only we listen to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us search our hearts and souls to find these gifts within ourselves, developing them to the best of our ability, so that we might become mature in the Faith. This is neither an easy nor quick endeavor. It takes time, prayer, fasting, and determination to ascertain and develop these gifts for the greater glory of God!

# Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of Saint Basil the Great (January 1). His birth and upbringing came at a time when the Arian disputes were at their height. Having received an excellent education, he was at one time a teacher of rhetoric. In the year 372, he was consecrated by Saint Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia.

Saint Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and he fought against the Arian heresy with his brother Saint Basil. Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of church property, and thereby deprived of his See and sent to Ancyra.

In the following year Saint Gregory was again deposed in absentia by a council of Arian bishops, but he continued to encourage his flock in Orthodoxy, wandering about from place to place. After the death of the emperor Valens (378), Saint Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother Saint Basil the Great died in 379.

Only with difficulty did Saint Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed Saint Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexaemeron. That same year Saint Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme, who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council. He visited the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which were infected with the Arian heresy, to assert the Orthodox teaching about the Most Holy Theotokos. On his return journey Saint Gregory visited Jerusalem and the Holy Places.

In the year 381 Saint Gregory was one of the chief figures of the Second Ecumenical Council, convened at Constantinople

against the heresy of Macedonius, who incorrectly taught about the Holy Spirit. At this Council, on the initiative of Saint Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed.

Together with the other bishops Saint Gregory affirmed Saint Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople.



In the year 383, Saint Gregory of Nyssa participated in a Council at Constantinople, where he preached a sermon on the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In 386, he was again at Constantinople, and he was asked to speak the funeral oration in memory of the empress Placilla. Again in 394 Saint Gregory was present in Constantinople at a local Council, convened to resolve church matters in Arabia.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa was a fiery defender of Orthodox dogmas and a zealous teacher of his flock, a kind and compassionate father to his spiritual children, and their intercessor before the courts. He was distinguished by his magnanimity, patience and love of peace.

Having reached old age, Saint Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, Saint Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time. His sister, Saint Macrina, wrote to him: "You are renowned both in the cities, and gatherings of people, and throughout entire districts. Churches ask you for help." Saint Gregory is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. Endowed with philosophical talent, he saw philosophy as a means for a deeper penetration into the authentic meaning of divine revelation.

Saint Gregory left behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character, as well as sermons and discourses. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

**FAITH ENRICHMENT RESUMES THURSDAY, 1/14/2021!**

Faith Enrichment resumes Thursday, January 14th, 2021.

Please contact Subdeacon Leon Felon at (440) 666-7601 if you have any questions.



## PRAYER REQUESTS



### **Departed:**

**Joseph** Rusynyk

**Elsie** Conrad

**Sandra** Brello

**Archpriest Rodion** Pfeiffer (former Parishioner)

### **Special Intentions:**

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Arlene** Czajkowski

**Child Mary Kate** Zweidunger

**Child Vivian** Sherer

**Melissa** (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

**Elizabeth (Betty)** Balasz

**Marie** Borland

**Horia** Dascalescu

**Debra** Ellis

**Gregory** Galan

**Aleksei** Green

**Virginia** Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

**Don** Hinkl

**Matthew** Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

**Diane** Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

**Annamarie** Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

**Chris** Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

**Paul** Mihal

**Natalya** Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Debra** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

**Grace** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

**Jim** Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

**James** Peter Petkac

**Susan** Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

**Elena** Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

**Andrew** Sykaluk

**Elaine** Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

**Tony** Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Joanne** Theodore (*Lisa Theodore's mother-in-law*)

**Gayle** Vidovitch

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Robert** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Colleen** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Kristin** Robinson

**Janet** Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

**Laurie** Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

**Mary Kay** Weber

**Mirta** Szewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Kelly** Buehner

**Anna** Sykaluk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Edward** Zewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Joe** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**Patrick** Gallagher

**Elliott** Udell (*grandson of Michael Udell*)

**Constance** Zimmerman (*Cindy's cousin*)

**William** Nasi (*brother-in-law of Kenneth Kovach*)

**Jonathan** Maas (*friend of Eric Seddon*)

**Michelle** Frampton (*cousin of Fr. Zdinak*)

**Steve** Bondor

**Louis** Klinar (*father of Bob Klinar*)

**Jeanne** Charles (*friend of Arlene Neal/Czajkowski*)

**Carol & Bert** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister & brother-in-law*)

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 10

### Jan 10

John 20:19-31  
Eph 4:7-13  
Matt 4:12-17

### Jan 11

Wis 3:1-9  
Wis 5:15-6:3  
Wis 4:7-15  
Luke 6:17-23  
2 Cor 4:6-15  
Matt 11:27-30  
James 2:14-26  
Luke 19:37-44

### Jan 12

James 3:1-10  
Luke 19:45-48

### Jan 13

James 3:11-4:6  
Luke 20:1-8

### Jan 14

James 4:7-5:9  
Luke 20:9-18

### Jan 15

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10  
Luke 20:19-26

### Jan 16

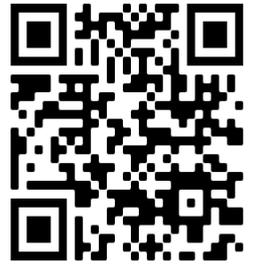
1 Thess 5:14-23  
Luke 12:32-40

### Jan 17

Wis 5:15-6:3  
Wis 3:1-9  
Wis 4:7-15  
John 21:1-14  
Heb 13:17-21  
Luke 6:17-23  
Col 1:12-18  
Luke 18:18-27

## ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>  
Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



### Sunday, Jan 10

Afterfeast of Theophany  
St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa  
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM  
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

### Monday, Jan 11

Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch

### Tuesday, Jan 12

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her

### Wednesday, Jan 13

Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikus of Belgrade

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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### Thursday, Jan 14

St. Sava I, first Archbishop of Serbia

### Friday, Jan 15

Ven. Paul of Thebes

### Saturday, Jan 16

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy  
and All-glorious Apostle Peter  
De-decoration of Cathedral 4:00 PM  
40 Day Panikhida for Joseph Rusnyk 5:15 PM  
Great Vespers 6:00 PM

### Sunday, Jan 17

Venerable and Godbearing  
Father Anthony the Great  
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM  
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM