

**JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VENERABLE GREGORY, WONDERWORKER OF THE  
KEIV NEAR CAVES**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13  
Matthew: Matthew 4:12-17**

**Troparion – Tone 8**

**With the streams of your tears, you cultivated the barrenness of the desert, / and by your sightings from the depths, your labors bore fruit a hundredfold, / and you became a luminary of the world, radiant with miracles, / O Gregory our Father. Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, PamelaAnne, and David.  
Amen!!!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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**January 8th, 2023**

**VENERABLE GREGORY, WONDERWORKER OF THE KIEV NEAR CAVES** - Saint Gregory was tonsured at the Kiev Caves monastery in

the time of Saint Theodosius (May 3). The saint devoted much time to reading books, which were his sole possession. He had the ability to bring thieves to their senses. Several times robbers broke in on him in his cell or in the garden, but the saint reasoned with them, the thieves repented, and began to lead honest lives. Once, when the monk went to the Dnieper River for water, some servants of Prince Rostislav caught sight of the Elder and rudely began making fun of him. The saint answered them, "Children, when you should be asking for everyone's prayers, you are displeasing God. Weep, for disaster approaches. Repent and ask God to be merciful to you on the Day of Judgment. All you will find death in the water with your prince." By orders of the enraged Prince Rostislav, the monk was bound hand and foot, and he was drowned in the Dnieper with a stone around his neck. Still, his prediction came true. Rostislav did not return from the campaign. In that same year of 1093 the twenty-year-old prince drowned in sight of his brother, Vladimir Monomakh, trying to save himself as he fled from the Polovetsians. Several sources identify Saint Gregory with Saint Gregory, a composer of Canons in honor of the holy Prince Vladimir, Saint Theodosius, and the holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb. But Saint Gregory, compiler of canons, lived later and died in about the year 1120. Saint Gregory the Wonderworker died in 1093 and was buried in the Near Caves. His memory is celebrated also on September 28 and on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

## Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm Saturdays  
**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays  
**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

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## Dates to Remember

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Great Vespers at 6 pm followed by Great Blessing of the Waters and Blessing of the Church**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of January**

**HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am followed by the Great Blessing of the Waters**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Baptist John  
Divine Liturgy at 9 am  
Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Joyous Feast

Blessed Theophany of our Lord. Please take some newly blessed water from the Church to your homes.

### Blessing of the homes

We are again blessed with the opportunity to bless the homes of all of our parishioners. If you would like your home blessed, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Father Michael on [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com) or via cell phone: 848-228-1563.

### Thank you

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the wonderful potluck brunch that followed the Divine Liturgy on 1<sup>st</sup> of January. God bless you all.

### Cutting of the Vasilopita on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

As has been the past tradition at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, once again the Vasilopita tradition continues and was offered on New Years Day. At the invitation of the Very Rev. Samuel Kedala, Protosphyter Christos Talleos from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Middletown, NY honored Holy Spirit Orthodox Church by offering and blessing the Vasilopita, and then cutting it and offering it to the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church clergy, parishioners, and friends of the parish. A New Year's Blessing to all!

### Baptism of Vada Rose Hardcastle

Please plan to join us for the Baptism of our dear Vada Rose Hardcastle. The Baptism will take place on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Following the baptism, there will be a reception at the Church Hall. All are welcome!

### 2023 Church Calendars

Church calendars have arrived and are in the narthex. You are welcome to take one for yourself and take another and give it to another family member or a friend. On behalf of the HSOC, thanks to Pinkel Funeral Home for again providing the calendars for our church.

### Archbishop Michael's Anniversary of Ordination

The clergy and faithful of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey are called to honor the fiftieth anniversary of His Eminence Archbishop Michael. The Divine Liturgy will be held at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Paramus on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00 am. A commemorative buffet luncheon will be held at 1:00 pm at the Brownstone, Peterson NJ. Please find the advertisement and the reservation form attached.

### Food Donation Cart

The Sussex Help Center Food Pantry is the primary community outreach project of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. To increase the amount of food collected, a shopping cart has been placed in the narthex. Let this be a constant reminder to help those who are hungry and in need by donating food and other items on a regular basis.

### Have an item for the bulletin?

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