

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:

For the health of:

Alexander Guedes on his 19th birthday, offered by the Guedes family.

Valentina Markevich, who is awaiting a heart surgery, offered by Tatsiana DeGrosa

Readings:

Galatians 6:11-18 (*22nd Sunday after Pentecost*)

Luke 12:16-21 (*9th Sunday of Luke*)

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Saturday service:

Vespers – 6:30 PM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

All classes will meet every Sunday.

Grades 4-8 – 9:30 am

Preschool and Grades K through 3 – immediately after communion.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcement:

- There will be a short meeting of the Parish Council next Sunday, November 24th, after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- **We offer general confession the first Sunday of each month, and Private Confession after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings.** It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- **Prosphora** (bread) is available at the candle stand. Before the Divine Liturgy, while the Hours are being read, the faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of *health and salvation* for the living and for the *repose* of the departed servants of God. **(Bread must be purchased a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)**
- The **Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The **Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Saint Gregory, Wonderworker of Neocaesarea:

*You received the power to perform miracles,
frightening the devils and healing the sick through your wonderworking.
All-wise Father Gregory,
your deeds truly entitle you to be called "Wonderworker"!*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/11/17>

Nativity fast:

Last Friday was the start Nativity Fast. It is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a *joyous* fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The six weeks prior to Christmas (the Nativity of our Lord in the Flesh) is a fasting period that many call Advent. Advent means "*coming*."

The fast is also called *St. Philip's Fast*, coming immediately after his feast on November 14.

Upcoming feast, the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple:

This great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple, commemorated on November 21.

To read more about Entrance of the Theotokos, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2019/11/21/103357-the-entry-of-the-most-holy-mother-of-god-into-the-temple>

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**Saint Gregory, Wonderworker
of Neocaesarea**

*You became worthy of your name through your way of life:
through your vigilance in prayer and your constant works of mercy.
Therefore, O Father Gregory, beseech Christ God to enlighten our minds,
that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to death!*

Troparion - Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266-270) • Ven. Nikon, Abbot of Rádonezh, disciple of Ven. Sergius (1426) • Ven. Lazarus the Iconographer, of Constantinople (ca. 857) • Martyr Gobron (Michael) and 133 soldiers, of Georgia (914) • Ven. Genadius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos)

November 17, 2019

22nd SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Tone 5 of the Octoechos
9th Sunday of Luke