



Sunday September 30, 2018 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia (ca. 335). Ven. Gregory, Abbot of Pelshme, Wonderworker of Vologdá (1442). St. Michael, First Metropolitan of Kiev (992). Martyrs Rhipsime, Gaiana and 35 holy virgins with them, of Armenia (4th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 10/6 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/7 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Sep 30	RILEY	LEWIS	FINCK
Oct 07	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Oct 14	WALES	WALES	WALES
Oct 21	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Oct 28	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your ^Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 4 Troparion *(Hieromartyr Gregory)*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine
contemplation, O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.//
Hieromartyr Gregory, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Hieromartyr Gregory)*

Today, let us, the faithful, praise with songs and hymns
the admirable hierarch Gregory as an initiate in the sacred
mysteries.
He was a contender for the truth, a vigilant pastor and teacher,
a light for the whole world,//
interceding with Christ that our souls may be saved.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..
(Ps 17/18:47)*

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

Gospel Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

This Week's Announcement

Church School We are offering church school classes for preschool ages 3yrs - 5yrs and for primary ages 6yrs - 9yrs. We are still looking for volunteers, teachers, and substitutes for the 2018-19 church school year. All those interested in helping with church school please see Fr. Barnabas.

Study Group This past Thursday ten of us continued our reading and discussing the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 2. We will continue this week with chapters 2 and 3 of St. Matthew. All are welcome to join us!

Baptism Oct. 7th On Sunday Oct. 7th we will welcome into the Church Nicholas Thomas DiDonato by the sacraments of holy baptism and chrismation. Services will begin at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us

Winter Coat Collection We are collecting clean winter coats for the Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington. They feed, clothe and shelter men, women and families. Please drop CLEAN winter coats for all ages in the bin in narthex. Used coats should be in good condition. **LAST DAY IS OCT. 28th.** See Ellen Gundersen with questions.

Reports for Parish Meeting Just a reminder that all reports for the annual meeting should be sent to Jeff Kendall in preparation for the all parish meeting.

All Parish Meeting On Sunday October 28th, 2018, during the coffee hour, we will have our Annual All Parish Meeting. Please make plans to stay following Divine Liturgy for this important work in the life of the church.

Amazon Smile At this time of year, as Nativity approaches, we begin buying gifts for our friends and family. This is just a reminder that if you purchase items from Amazon.Com, St. Michael's could benefit from your purchases. Amazon Smile will give St. Michael's a small rebate for every purchase you make if you use the address below. This address is specific to St. Michael's, so it is easy to use. We have already been receiving benefits from this program. Just type the address into your web browser. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0545881>

A Bishop Unafraid of Beauty

Saint Pelagia lived in Antioch in the third century. As a young woman she was the most beautiful and desirable and best-known harlot in the city, a person who couldn't help attracting attention. With her fabulous jewels worn as part of everyday dress, her exotic scents that perfumed the air as she walked, and the cosmetics she artfully applied to enhance her beauty, Pelagia was an unforgettable figure.

Her story is closely intertwined with that of Bishop Nonnos, who was also well-known in Antioch for his gentle manner and his excellent sermons steeped in profound knowledge of the Scriptures and the Church's Tradition. Most of all he was renowned and respected for his ability to bring sinners to repentance by loving them and never humiliating them.

One day Bishop Nonnos and other bishops were meeting in a garden to discuss Church matters. As they talked together, Pelagia rode by, accompanied by servants and doting admirers. Several bishops turned their heads away to avoid the sight of the bold, laughing woman whose beauty only seemed to emphasize her immodesty. But one of them, Nonnos, did not turn away. He looked after her as she rode by, and it was clear to his companions that he was deep in thought.

Later, he told the other bishops what he was thinking. Pelagia was so diligent about adorning her outward self, he said, in order to please men. But how much time or energy did he and others who claimed to love God spend in adorning their souls, in order to please Him? Why, Nonnos asked, were they so easily distracted from what should have been their only purpose—to make themselves a fitting habitation for their Lord?

That night he prayed with tears that God would not condemn him, even though his soul was so poorly adorned.

A few days later, Bishop Nonnos was delivering one of his wonderful sermons to a large gathering. Pelagia, out shopping, found herself in the crowd. She paid little attention to the bishop's words, but in spite of herself she was drawn to what he was saying about God's judgment and the beauty of each person's immortal soul. She began to long for the true, pure love of the divine Bridegroom. What she'd had with her lovers seemed empty and ugly.

Pelagia's desire for closeness to God grew, and she sent a letter to Nonnos requesting baptism. He hesitated, but seeing her sincerity he granted her wish. She gave him her numerous possessions to be used for the poor, and then quietly left for Jerusalem. There she lived in deep seclusion, disguising herself as a man to avoid attention, near the Mount of Olives. Nearby monks came to know about the pious "Father Pelagios" and when she died they buried her, after overcoming their surprise that she was a woman, with great respect. The beauty that Bishop Nonnos was not afraid to look at had become even more beautiful, having been turned toward the Lord

Troparion - Tone 4

*Like a fragrant rose growing from thorns,
You were revealed to the Church through your virtuous deeds
Becoming a source of joy for the faithful.
You offered your life in sweet-smelling fragrance
To him who made you wonderful.
Entreat him to deliver us from every soul-destroying passion,
O righteous Pelagia!*

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"One cannot hide anywhere from temptations except in the depths of humility."

+ *Elder Macarius of Optina*

"Let us not be resentful or faint-hearted when something unexpected happens to us, but allow Him, who knows all these things well, to test our soul in the fire for as long as He wants; for He does this in the interest and for the benefit of those being tested...A physician is a physician not only when he bathes and feeds the sick man...but even when he cauterizes and cuts...Knowing therefore that God is more tender-loving than all physicians, do not enquire too curiously about His therapy or ask Him for an explanation of it."

+ *St. John Chrysostom*

"Patience adorns the soul with diamonds which are not of the earth but belong to the Jerusalem that is above. Patience is a sweet word. Patience is a sweet breath. Patience is an invincible weapon. Patience is a priceless adornment of man. Patience is a blessing of God."

~from the Spiritual Counsels of St. Raphael in "Modern Orthodox Saints, v. 10"

"What is the human mind without Christ? It's a suffering, tortured lamentation. What is the human soul without Christ? It's a talking scarecrow. What is our conscience, our free will? Hopeless blindness. What is the body without Christ? A disgusting, loathsome worm. What is our will? A helpless criminal. In general, what are we without Christ? A terrible, external spectacle."

- *St. Justin Popović, (1894 AD-1979 AD) was a theologian, a champion, a writer, a critic of the pragmatic church life, a philosopher, and archimandrite of the Monastery Ćelije, near Valjevo, Serbia*

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Vincent Saverino, Marie Holowatch, Patricia Belmont, Mat. Mary Dirga, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Dimitry Perez, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, , Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Patrica, Lubov, Stephanie Hojnicky, Anastacia Sarmousakis, Ioana, Michael Sinovich

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Catalina Mary Finck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
30-Sep	Finck	Telep/Baldych	Baldychev/Shatley/S	Farrell
7-Oct	POT LUCK	Bunitsky/Lewi	Suplizi	Skomorucha
14-Oct	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Riley	Maloney
21-Oct	Bacuta/Fravel	Riley/Riley	Bunitsky	Lewis
28-Oct	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Gundersen