

NOVEMBER 17, ST. GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER,[Errors? help@extraordinaryform.org](#)**CONFESSOR – BISHOP**

Gregory was born at Neocaesarea in Pontus about the year 213, and in his early youth was a disciple of Origen, whom he praised in an enthusiastic panegyric. Having been made bishop of his native city, he converted it from idolatry to the true Faith, working a number of miracles, on account of which he received the title of wonder worker. He died during the reign of Aurelian between 270 and 275, and the whole of Pontus, according to St. Basil, venerated his memory with the greatest devotion as that of a teacher of the Faith.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30

Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aetérnum.

(Ps. 131: 1) Meménto, Dómine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aetérnum.

COLLECT

Da, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut beáti Gregórii Confessóris tui atque Pontificis veneránda solémnitas, et devotiónem nobis áugeat, et salútem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum.

LESSON**Ecclesiasticus 44:16-27: 45:3-20**

Ecce sacérdos magnus, qui in diébus suis plácuít Deo, et invéntus est justus: et in témpore iracúndiæ factus est reconciliátió. Non est invéntus símilis illi, qui conservávit legem Excélsi. Ideo jurejurádo fecit illum Dóminus créscere in plebem suam. Benedictiõem ómnium géntium dedit illi, et testaméntum suum confirmávit super caput ejus. Agnóvit eum in benedictiönibus suis: conservávit illi misericórdiam suam: et invenit grátiam coram óculis Dómini. Magnificávit eum in conspéctu regum: et dedit illi corónam glóriæ. Státuit illi testaméntum aetérnum, et dedit illi sacerdotium magnum: et beatificávit illum in glória. Fungi sacerdotio, et habére laudem in nómine ipsíus, et offérre illi incénsum dignum in odórem suavitatís.

GRADUAL Ecclesiasticus 44: 16

Ecce sacérdos magnus, qui in diébus suis plácuít Deo. (Ecclus. 44: 20) Non est invéntus símilis illi, qui conserváret legem Excélsi.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es sacérdos in aetérnum, secúndum órđinem Melchisedech. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Mark 11: 22-24

In illo témpore: Respóndens Jesus discíplis suis, ait illis: Habéte fidem Dei. Amen, dico vobis, quia, quicúmque díxerit huic monti: Tóllere et mittere in mare, et non hæsitáverit in corde suo, sed credíderit, quia, quodcúmque díxerit, fiat, fiet ei. Proptérea dico vobis: Omnia quæcúmque orántes pétitis, crédite quia accipiétis, et evénient vobis.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 21-22

Invéni David servum meum, óleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et bráchium meum confortábit eum.

SECRET

Sancti tui, quæsumus, Dómine, nos úbique lætíficent: ut, dum eórum mérita recólimus, patrocínia sentiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum.

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constitúit dóminus super familiam suam: ut det illis in témpore tritici mensúram.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, de percéptis munéribus grátias exhibéntes, intercedénte beáto Gregórió Confessóre tuo atque Pontífice, benefícia potióra sumámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum.

The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince; that the dignity of priesthood should be to him forever.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that the august solemnity of Thy blessed confessor and bishop, Gregory, may increase our devotion and promote our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation. There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him increase among his people. He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowledged him in His blessings: He preserved for him His mercy: and he found grace before the eyes of the Lord. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him; and gave him a great priesthood; and made him blessed in glory. To execute the office of the priesthood and to have praise in his name, and to offer to him worthy incense for an odor of sweetness.

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God. (Ecclus. 44: 20) There was not any found like to him, who kept the law of the Most High.

Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus answering, said to His disciples: Have the faith of God. Amen, I say to you, that whosoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou removed and be cast into the sea, and shall not stagger in his heart, but believe that whatsoever he hath said shall be done, it shall be done unto him. Therefore I say unto you, all things whatsoever you ask when ye pray, believe that you shall receive, and they shall come unto you.

I have found David My servant, with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

May Thy saints, we beseech Thee, O Lord, everywhere make us joyful, that, while we venerate their merits, we may experience their patronage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

This is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we thank You for the favors we have received, we may, by the intercession of blessed Gregory, Thy Confessor and Bishop, obtain still greater blessings. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.