

## ***VENERABLE GENEVIEVE OF PARIS***

St. Genevieve was born of wealthy parents in Gaul (modern France) in the village of Nanterre, near Paris, around 422. Her father's name was Severus, and her mother was called Gerontia. As was customary at the time, she often tended her father's flocks on Mt. Valerien.

When she was 15, Genevieve was taken to Paris to enter the monastic life. Through fasting, vigil and prayer, she progressed in monasticism and received from God the gifts of clairvoyance and of working miracles. Gradually, the people of Paris and the surrounding area regarded Genevieve as a holy vessel.

St. Genevieve considered the Saturday night Vigil service to be very important, since it symbolizes how our whole life should be. "We must keep vigil in prayer and fasting so that the Lord will find us ready when He comes," she said. She was on her way to church with her nuns one stormy Saturday night when the wind blew out her lantern. The nuns could not find their way without a light, since it was dark and stormy, and the road was rough and muddy. St. Genevieve made the Sign of the Cross over the lantern and the candle within was lit with a bright flame. In this manner they were able to make their way to the church for the service.

When it was reported that Attila the Hun was approaching Paris, Genevieve and the other nuns prayed and fasted, entreating God to spare the city. Suddenly, the barbarians turned away from Paris and went off in another direction.

There is a tradition that the church which St. Genevieve suggested King Clovis build in honor of Saints Peter and Paul became her own resting place when she fell asleep in the Lord around 512 at the age of 89. Her holy relics were later transferred to the Church of St. Etienne du Mont in Paris. Most of her relics, and those of other saints, were destroyed during the French Revolution.

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## ***THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

### ***SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY***

***Forefeast of the Theophany***

***Holy Prophet Malachi***

***Martyr Gordius at Caesarea in Cappadocia; Ven. Genevieve of Paris***

“O divinely inspired prophet, Malachi, you foretold the awesome day of the coming of Christ, proclaiming to all that the Messiah is over and above and before the law. You told your people that just as they had sought Him in the temple for so long, so indeed would He one day come. Pray to Him, O holy prophet, that He will save our souls.”

Kondakion, Tone II

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

***Wednesday, January 6***

“Today, the Trinity, which alone is divine, reveals Itself to us in Its unique, overflowing goodness. The Father speaks from the heavens as the Son is baptized, and the Holy Spirit, too, makes His presence felt. And we who perceive all this by faith, cry out together: Glory to You for revealing Yourself to us, O our God.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II TIMOTHY 4:5-8

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday, January 5	9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
Wednesday, January 6	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Waters - <b>Holy Theophany</b>
Saturday, January 9	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, January 4	Hebrews 11:17-23,27-31	Luke 17:20-25
Tuesday, January 5	I Corinthians 9:19-27	Luke 3:1-18
Wednesday, January 6 (Blessing of Waters)	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7	Matthew 3:13-17
Thursday, January 7 (Forerunner)	I Corinthians 10:1-4	Mark 1:9-11
Friday, January 8	James 1:19-27	Luke 18:31-34
	Acts 19:1-8	John 1:29-34
	James 2:1-13	Luke 19:12-28
	Colossians 1:3-6	Luke 10:16-21
Saturday, January 9	Ephesians 6:10-17	Matthew 4:1-11

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**COMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY:**  
10, Sunday

Second Sunday Food Sale

**A NOTE TO PARISHIONERS FROM FATHER ALEXANDER**  
**ABOUT HOUSE BLESSINGS**

Unfortunately, the continuing COVID pandemic has led to the conclusion that it would be prudent to avoid doing House Blessings this year. Holy Water will be blessed on Theophany, January 6, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and it will be available for distribution in the vestibule for several weeks afterwards. In addition to partaking of it and saving some at home for special purposes, people may sprinkle Holy Water around their premises as well. Should anyone require the need of a pastoral visitation, it can always be arranged by calling Fr. Alexander, either on the office phone (216-524-4859) or directly (516-761-8772).

**FOOD SALE:**

Next Sunday is our Food Sale. Please donate what you can, and plan to shop for some treats!

**THANKS TO ALL DONORS!**

As attendance has diminished, regular weekly donations have also fallen off. But expenses continue. With winter upon us, heating costs will rise, and expenses for utilities and maintenance are always occurring and do not decrease. We are very grateful to all donors. Special thanks to those who have continued to support the parish by mailing or dropping off donations! We are confident that, through God's mercies and His inspiring doctors and scientists, we will be able to return to normal parish life during the coming year.

**2021 CALENDARS AND ENVELOPES:**

We have lectionary wall calendars as well as your donation envelopes available in the vestibule.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those who would like to offer covers in 2021. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian. Cost is \$8, or \$20 for Pascha and Christmas. You can also call the office on Monday or Thursday morning; or call at any time and leave a message with the date you would like to reserve for your offering.

**YEAR-END UPDATE:**

The pandemic continues to affect all of us, and while the news of the vaccine is positive, it appears that it will be some time before most of us will be able to receive it. So, attendance and participation at the church will continue to be abnormal. We will continue to hold liturgical services, more or less as we have been doing, with attendance limited, wearing masks and keeping social distance. Coffee hours will not be held until further notice. But we hope to continue the monthly food sales for the time being.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, THROUGH 12/23/20	\$ 6804.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	455.00
BUILDING FUND	1690.00
CANDLES	210.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	125.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	360.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	212.00
KITCHEN SURPLUS SALE	25.00
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	225.00
IN MEMORY OF MAT LOBAS	200.00

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### THE EDUCATION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

*On January 1 we commemorated St. Basil the Great, one of the most important of the Church Fathers, who left a tremendous theological legacy. St. Gregory the Theologian was his friend from their student days, about which he affectionately wrote after St. Basil's death. This concludes our year-long series of selections from the writings of St. Gregory.*

As admitted by men of sense, the first of our advantages is education; not only in the noble form which holds to salvation and contemplation, but even about culture which many Christians ill-judgingly abhor, as treacherous and dangerous. For we ought not to neglect the heavens, and earth, and air, and all such things, because some have wrongly seized upon them, and honor God's works instead of God. We reap what advantage we can from them for our life and enjoyment, while we avoid their dangers; not raising creation in revolt against the Creator, but from the works of nature apprehending the Worker, and, as the apostle says, bringing into captivity every thought to Christ. But come now, and let us contemplate the life of Basil.

In his earliest years he was swathed in the best and purest fashions, and he was trained in general education, and practiced in the worship of God, and, to speak concisely, led on by elementary instructions to his future perfection. When sufficiently trained at home, he set out for the city of Caesarea, to take his place in the schools there, an illustrious city of ours, for it was also the guide of my studies, the metropolis of letters, no less than other cities. Then to Byzantium, the imperial city of the East, distinguished by the eminence of its rhetorical and philosophic teachers, whose most valuable lessons he soon assimilated by the quickness of his powers; thence, he was sent by God, and by his craving for culture, to Athens.

Athens, a city truly of gold, and the patroness of all that is good. For it brought me to know Basil more perfectly, though he had not been unknown to me before. We were contained by Athens, like two branches of some river-stream, for after leaving the common fountain of our fatherland, we had been separated in our varying pursuit of culture, and were now again united by the impulsion of God no less than by our own agreement. I preceded him by a little, but he soon followed. For he was versed in many languages, before his arrival, and it was a great thing for either of us to outstrip the other in the attainment of some object of our study. What branch of learning did he not traverse; and that with unexampled success, passing through all, as no one else passed through any of them: and attaining such eminence in each, as if it had been his sole study? The two great sources of power in the arts and sciences, ability and application, were in him equally combined. Who had such power in Rhetoric, which breathes with the might of fire? Who in Grammar, which perfects our tongues in Greek and compiles history, and presides over metres and legislates for poems? Who in Philosophy, that really lofty and high reaching science, or in that part of it are concerned with logical demonstration; which is called Dialectic. Even in Astronomy, Geometry, and numerical proportion, he had such a grasp, that he could not be baffled by those who are clever in such sciences. Medicine also was rendered necessary for him by his physical delicacy, and his care of the sick. From these beginnings he attained to a mastery of sciences and art, all of which he would put into excellent use in his pursuit of theological knowledge and spiritual growth.

*From the writings of St. Gregory the Theologian*