

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



Icon of Gregory Palamas

From the Office of Gregory Palamas

Texts from Vespers:

O most holy and thrice-blessed father, you are a disciple of Christ the high-priest as well as a good shepherd; you have given your life for your sheep. And now, O holy and God-bearing Gregory, intercede with Him to grant us his great mercy.

Your voice, which is always ready to teach, resounds in the ears of our hearts; it awakens even the most slothful souls. And by your inspired words, you show us the steps of the ladder which leads us from the earth to God. O holy Gregory, wonder of Thessalonica, intercede with Christ, that with his divine brightness, He may enlighten those who honor your memory.

O virgin, you have never known wedlock, yet you conceived God in the flesh in a manner which words can never describe. You thus became the Mother of God on high. O immaculate lady, receive the supplication of your servants and grant us the cleansing of our sins. Accept now our prayers and beseech God to save all of us.

Text from the Lenten Triodion, Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA.