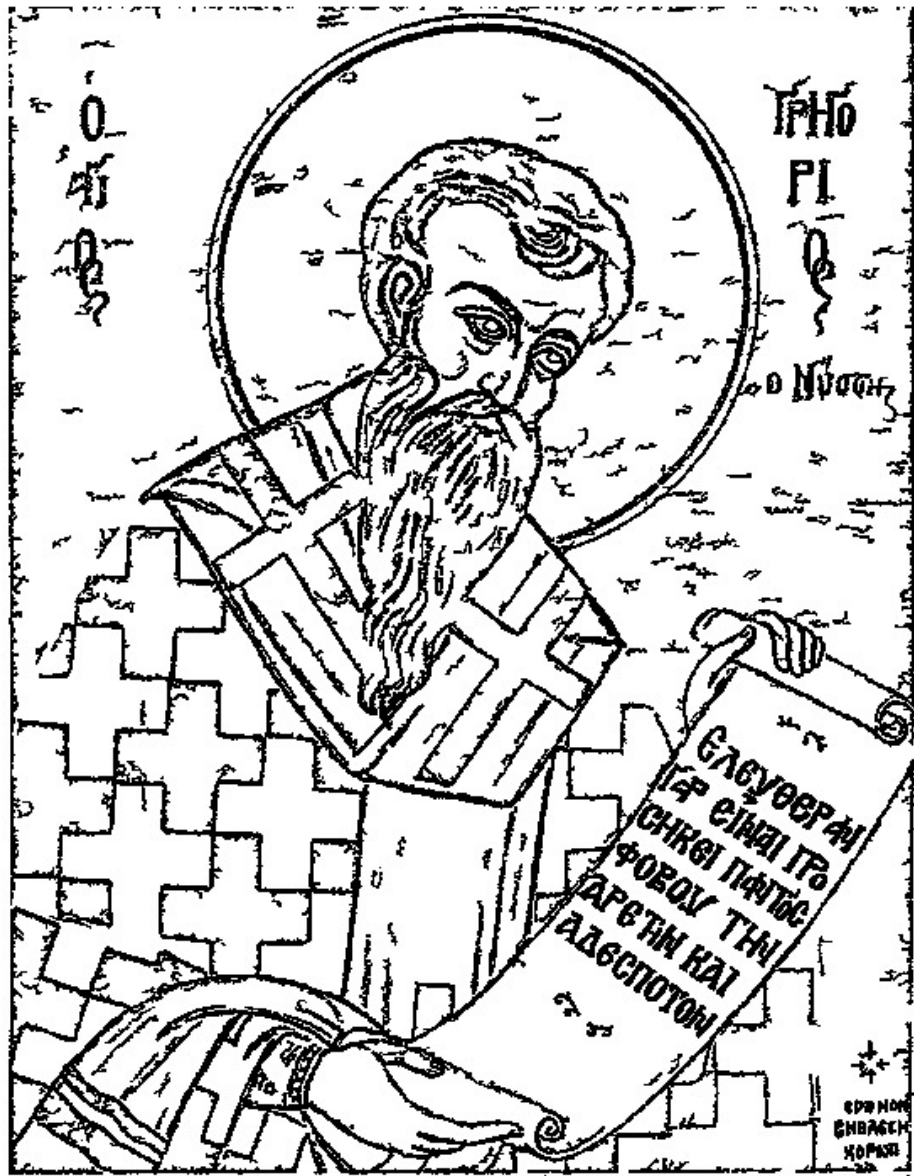


Saint Gregory, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

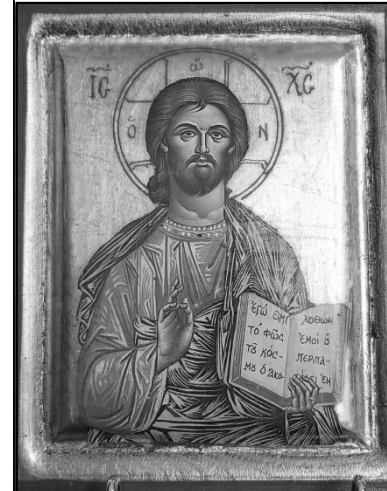
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## The great light!



**Imagine sleeping in your bed at night.** Everything is dark. You can't see anything, even your own hands. Then, suddenly, somebody flips on the lights. Now what? All of a sudden, you can see everything! Everything is as clear as day.

Today's Gospel reading tells us about a different kind of light. This light is the light of Christ! The Gospel tells us how people had been waiting for a long time for this special light of Christ. The Gospel tells us how the words of the prophet came true, "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light."

Before Christ came into the world, it was like that darkness, as you lay in bed! The people didn't know a lot about God. They didn't know what was going to happen. They didn't know what to expect.

But when Christ came into the world, it was like that flood of light, when you turn the switch! This "great light" let the world know God. Our Lord Jesus Christ made everything as clear as day.

Nobody wants to sit in darkness! We can have this "great light" of Christ in our lives too. When we read about our Lord in the Bible, and when we try to be like Him, that "great light" makes our lives clear and bright too.

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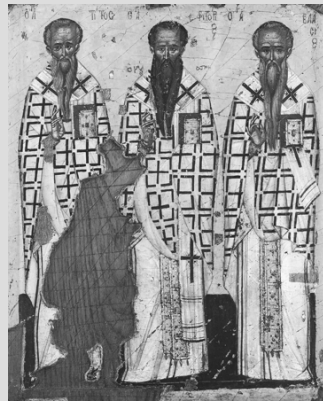
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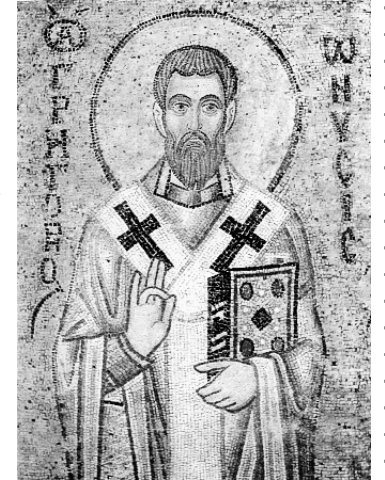
When you first look at this icon, you might think it is the Three Hierarchs, the Church fathers we celebrate at the end of January.

But these are three saints who didn't know each other during their lifetime! It's St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Titus, and St. Blaise. Maybe they know each other in heaven now!



## SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA "THE FATHER OF FATHERS"

**Do you have a brother or a sister?** If you do, you might have heard somebody call you, "Peter's sister" or "Maria's brother," or whomever. Sometimes you might have thought you don't have a name, just somebody's brother or sister!



Today we celebrate a saint with a very well-known brother. Saint Gregory of Nyssa was the younger brother of Saint Basil, and everybody loves Saint Basil. We celebrated his day on the first of January. In Greece, children get little presents on that day, and they remember Saint Basil. But do you know his brother, Saint Gregory too?

Saint Gregory did so much for our Christian Church. Long ago, lots of people were saying that our Lord, Jesus Christ, was not really God. They said the Son (Christ) was not equal with God the Father. But Saint Gregory argued and argued against these people. He showed that they were wrong.

Saint Basil made his younger brother Gregory a bishop, and they loved and respected each other very much. When Basil died, Gregory finished some of his brother's writings, and we still have them today! Saint Gregory was a good little brother, but a great Church Father!

**We celebrate St. Gregory today, January 10th (OC: Jan 23rd).**