January 25th

Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Rejoice, spring whence theology flowed,
in thee the most exalted vision of God abide;
for when thou, with godly mind, hadst searched out that depth found on high,

thou, O Father, manifested to all
the single commingling of the Divine Light in Three Great Suns,

which in identity of Godhead is truly one
while yet being Three in the holy Hypostases.

And with the splendor of thy words and purity of thy life,
thou taught-est all men to wor-ship and praise the
All- holy Tri-ni-ty. En-treat Him to send down
His great mer-cy on our souls, O thou man in-spired of God.

2) Ev-ry her-e-sy's black, bit-ter night
hast thou dis-persed with thy clear light of the-olo-gy;
for since thou, O The-o-lo-gian, with thought di- vine and de-vout,
didst at-tain the well-spring of ef-ful-genc-es,
O Fa-ther, thou didst con-verse with the light that pro-ceed-eth thence;
and hav-ing made thy mind a clear-shin-ing look-ing-glass,
thou resplendently didst receive, O wise Gregory,
in thee the triple undivided light of Divinity
and didst contain in abundance that ray and
splendor of single light. Do thou now implore Him
with great fervor that he grant His Great Mercy to our souls.

3) Rejoice, thou rushing river of God,
ever abounding with the waters of grace divine,
for thou makest glad the city of Christ our King and our God
with thy godly doctrines and celestial words.
Thou torrent of all delight, boundless sea inexhaustible,
exact and lawful guard and keeper of God's decrees,
fervent champion of the Most Holy Trinity;
instrument of the Spirit, sober mind ever vigilant,
sweet-sounding tongue that hath searched out the depth of Scripture with clarity. Do thou now implore Christ
with great fervor that He grant His Great Mercy to our souls.