

November 17th

Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neo-Caesarea

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Re - joice, _____ thou who wast made _____ ver - y great
in rev - e - la - tions of most sa - cred the - ol - o - gy;
thou ground - work of sav - ing doc - trines and pil - lar stay - ing the
Church; in - stru - ment di - vine _____ of _____ God the Com - fort - er;
the Spir - it's re - sound - ing harp, loft - y mind _____ great and heav - en - ly;
O thou great shep - herd who thy - self art the meek - est lamb
and au - then - tic child of the Chief Shep - herd, Christ our God;
foun - tain that pour - eth out the floods of doc - trines and streams of cures,
teach - er of great sa - cred mys - t'ries, sa - cred in -
- i - ti - ate Greg - o - ry. Make earn - est en - treat - y
with Christ God that His Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.

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2) Re - jice, _____ gem of the hier - archs of Christ,
 bright hab - i - ta - tion of the vir - tues a - blaze with light;
 the can - on of ho - ly priest - hood, stan - dard and rule of the
 Church, riv - er of di - vine _____ floods ev - er pour - ing forth,
 that might - i - ly wa - ter - eth all thē earth _____ in its plen - i - tude
 un - to a - bun - dance of the sav - ing fruit of the soul,
 wash - ing clean a - way all the mire _____ of the her - e - sies;
 re - jice, O _____ thou earth - ly An - gel; O re - jice, thou ce - les - tial man;
 mouth med - i - tat - ing with wis - dom in the di -
 - vine _____ law, O Greg - o - ry, thou heir of the Lord _____ God,
 Who be - stow - eth His Great Mer - cy and peace up - on the world.

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3) With thy show - ers of most sa - cred prayers,
 thou didst dry up the lake that caused strife and en - mi - ty;
 and us - ing thy rod, which by grace di - vine was changed to a
 tree, thou didst check the stream that wild - ly o - ver - flowed;
 the al - tars of de - mon rites thou didst dash to the ver - y ground;
 and thou didst end the cold and win - ter of un - be - lief
 with thy warm - est prayers un - to God, O wise Greg - o - ry.
 Work - ing thy won - ders, thou didst both con - firm souls and of - fer them
 un - to the great Ben - e - fac - tor of all, from
 Whom thou hast now re - ceived a wage tru - ly wor - thy.
 In - ter - cede with him to grant His Great Mer - cy to our souls.