September 30th
Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia
Martyrs Ripsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: Having laid up all their hope

1) Thou hast entered joyously into the Holy of
Ho-ly, hav-ing made thy sacred robes
red with thy martyr blood, O wise Gregory.

There is light untold, God's un-ending glory,
and the sound of him that keepeth feast;

therein hast thou received prizes for thy pains, the unfading crown,
good fame for all eternity,

and the habitation in Paradise,

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where thou ever prayest with boldness unto Christ God for our souls, O worthy and glorious Martyr of the Most High.

2) Wave of torments could not shake thy soul, O glorious athlete, nor the years that thou wast kept captive in a gloomy pit where thou wast concealed; but thou didst shine like light on all those imperiled in the starless night of vanity,
making them sons of day through the holy laver of Baptism,

that saving and superior

true regeneration to higher life,

and through wise instructions in truly living

worthy of God, as a good hierarch e-lect of God,

all wise Father Gregory.

3) Fair Rhipsime, loving Thee, Who art the Bridegroom Immortal and the Master of all things,
suffered being flayed alive, having formerly
utterly rent apart all the gloomy sackcloth
of the passions by her abstinence;
and with her in the fray, the renowned Gaiana fought valiantly
and brought forth an assembly of
virgins who contended with steadfastness,
wholly overthrowing the ancient foe that
tripped the heel of Eve. As we fittingly honor them,

Thee we glorify, O Christ.

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