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Gregory Of Nazianzus - Bishop Of Constantinople

Gregory of Nazianzus was born in Cappidocia (now Turkey) in about 330. He studied rhetoric in Athens with Basil of Caesarea and Julian. In 361, he was ordained presbyter, and for many years lived an austere, priestly life. In 379, Gregory moved to Constantinople. He appeared as one afire with the love of God. His fame as a theologian rests on five sermons he delivered during this period on the doctrine of the Trinity. He was acclaimed Bishop of Constantinople in 380 at the Great Church of Hagia Sophia. After the Ecumenical Council of 381, he retired to Nazianzus where he died in 389. Among the Fathers of the Church, he alone is known as "The Divine," "The Theologian."

Almighty God, you have revealed to your church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nazianzus, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

May 16, THE 10TH ANNUAL STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY/TEACHER PROGRAM, 11:30 AM, Rosemary Clarke Middle School, Pahrump. Luncheon, awards, all-youth entertainment. Sponsored by St. Martin's Church and Nye Communities Coalition. Tickets \$10. For information call 775-537-1115, or 775-727-9970.

May 30 & 31, SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER: TRAINING IN ANTI-RACISM; Presented by the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, Epsicopal Church Center of Utah, Salt Lake City, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM each day (14 hours - this program must be completed in its entirety). Reservations must be made by March 20. [For Information, or to Register](#)

Jun 4-6, DEACON'S CONFERENCE, Camp Potosi Pines; 5:00 PM Thursday - Noon Saturday.

Jun 8 - Jul 26, DIGGING UP DAMASCUS ROAD: READING PAUL, presented by Erica Martin, PhD. A CDSP course; 2 CEUs. Registration ends June 1. [To register](#)

Jun 13, TRINITY CHURCH, RENO WELCOMES YOU TO "SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop" presented by Bishop Dan. Coffee and tea will be provided (donations appreciated!). Luncheon options include: Bring your own (we will provide water and lemonade); Eat out within walking distance (names and addresses of eateries provided); Order out from a local deli (pay when you order on Saturday morning). There is really no fast food or grocery store within walking distance; they are about 10 minutes away by car. No need for reservations; but, if you have questions please call Holly at the Church Office (775) 329-4279.

Jun 21-25, THE UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS (UBE), 41st Annual Meeting and Conference, Hilton Hotel, Silver Spring, Washington, D.C. [Online registration](#)

Jun 18-22, 2009 ASIAMERICAN MINISTRIES CONSULTATION, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, Florida. [For More Information](#)

Jul 14, A TOUR OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, HOSTED BY KATHLEEN HALLAMORE, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church, Church on the River, Reno. For information about this event and others that will be sponsored by the church during July's Artown events, call Meg Tarble (775) 827-2516

Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan, St. Paul's Church, Elko. No Charge. [For Additional Information](#)

Oct 23 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin. Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. [For Reservations](#)

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Quiet Time



PREPARING FOR THE EUCHARIST...A SOURCE OF PEACE

Lord God, when I go up to your altar for communion, grant that I may derive from it a discernment of the infinite perspective hidden beneath the smallness and closeness of the host in which you are concealed.

Already I have accustomed myself to recognize beneath the inertness of the morsel of bread a consuming power that, as the greatest Doctors of your Church have said, far from being absorbed into me, absorbs me into itself. Help me now to overcome that remaining illusion, which would make me think of you as touching me only in a limited and momentary way.

I begin to understand under the sacramental species you touch me first of all through "accidents" of matter, of the material bread; but, then, in consequence of this, you touch me also through the entire universe inasmuch as the entire universe, thanks to that primary influence, ebbs and flows over me. In a true sense the arms and the heart, which you open to me, are nothing less than all the united powers of the world, which, permeated through and through by your will, your inclinations, your temperament, bend over my being to form it and feed it and draw it into the blazing center of your infinite fire. In the host, Lord Jesus, you offer me my life.

News Briefs



Bishop Dan's Blog - Bishop Dan invites you to comment on his blog postings at <http://bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>

DIOCESAN CONVENTION, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009. Theme: **I Love to Tell the Story.** Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin. When you book your room online there is NO FEE. [Online Booking](#)



A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email stmatts@embarqmail.com

A Benedictine Experience - July 5-12, 2009 - Experience the quiet, discipline, and community of a contemplative retreat sponsored by the Friends of St. Benedict and the Episcopal Diocese of California. The retreat will take place at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, California, Sunday July 5-Sunday, July 12. For detailed information on registration call 202-363-8061, or 415-381-3235

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more [Contact](#).

High Rent Party - \$2 Tickets, First Tuesday's starting in March, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas. Top Vegas Entertainers; Network Jobs; Win \$\$\$ for Rent; Barter Services!!!!

The Beauty of God's Holiness: A Liturgical Art Exhibit at General Convention, Presented by the National Altar Guild. [For Further Information](#)

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