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February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Texts for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectionary Entry

On January 25, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, into the General Roman Calendar. Saint Gregory is to be celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on February 27.

The Holy See released the proper liturgical texts in Latin, and on September 30, 2024, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the English translation of those texts. (An approval and confirmation process is still required for a Spanish translation.)

USCCB Website

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English texts

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Latin texts – Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

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Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Optional Memorial

From the Common of Doctors of the Church, or the Common of Holy Men and Women:
For an Abbot.

Collect

**Almighty ever-living God,
who were pleased to imbue with mystical doctrine Saint Gregory
of Narek,
the teacher and glory of the Armenian people,
grant us, by his teaching,
to learn the art of speaking with you
and constantly to fortify our life
with the Sacraments of the Church.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

LECTIONARY FOR MASS

FEBRUARY

PROPER OF SAINTS

February 27

689B Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Optional Memorial

Aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the Common of Doctors of the Church or Common of Holy Men and Women may be used for St. Gregory of Narek. The following readings are also recommended by the Holy See:

From the *Common of Doctors of the Church, or the Common of Holy Men and Women, or:*

FIRST READING Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16 [no. 725.2]
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31 [no. 727.2]
R/. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom. [no. 709.5]
R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

ALLELUIA See John 6:63c, 68c (no. 729.3)
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 7:21-29 [no. 730.2]
He taught them as one having authority.

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Optional Memorial

Because the celebration of St. Gregory of Narek falls variably in Lent and Ordinary Time, there are different indications depending on the time of the year:

Ordinary Time

From the Common of Doctors of the Church or the Common of Holy Men: For Religious, except the following:

Office of Readings

SECOND READING

From the *Book of Lamentations* of Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
(*Oratio* 70, III-IV: SCh 78, 369-370)

To you will I flee for refuge, O Christ

Since the capacity of humans to attain salvation has been measured and found wanting, it has also been shown that they have been converted by your mercies, O Source of blessings; they are strengthened by you, O Almighty One; they are called and forgiven by you, O Defender, for whom all things are possible; they are made joyful by your pardon, O Liberator; they are prone to no deadly thing, O Uncorrupted One; they are given life and light by you, O Renewer. Therefore, knowing what my human nature is, to you will I flee for refuge, O Christ, Son of the living God, the Blessed One in all things.

Moreover, what I have written above is also borne out by calling to mind here a verse relevant to this prayer: *Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of mortals; for as his majesty is, so also is his mercy* (Sir 2:18).

For I do not try in this my *Book of Lamentations* to lessen the merit of those who attain salvation, because without merit it is impossible to approach God.

Rather, I glorify the Name of the Savior, and I praise his grace directed to all. I also profess with my words that, for all those who through a good life have ascended toward great honor, the aid of your mercy has always been necessary.

For you are Life, you are Salvation, you are Health, you are Immortality, you are Blessedness, you are Illumination!

Grant me rest from the weariness of my sins, so that you too may rest from my wailing and troublesome pleading which constantly afflict you, O my Judge.

For you rejoice in nothing except the salvation of humanity, O you who are blessed for ever. Amen.

RESPONSORY

Ps 34 (33):6, 23; 2 Tm 2:22

Look toward God and be radiant, and let your faces not be abashed.

— The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

Seek righteousness, faith, charity, and peace.

— The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

Prayer, as in Morning Prayer.

Morning Prayer

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Those who are learned will be as radiant as the sky in all its beauty; those who instruct the people in goodness will shine like the stars for all eternity.

PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
who were pleased to imbue with mystical doctrine Saint Gregory of Narek,
the teacher and glory of the Armenian people,
grant us, by his teaching,
to learn the art of speaking with you
and constantly to fortify our life
with the Sacraments of the Church.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Evening Prayer

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. O blessed doctor, Saint Gregory, light of holy Church and lover of God's law, pray to the Son of God for us.

Lent Office of Readings

All from the Lenten weekday. After the Second Reading and Responsory of the Lenten weekday, the reading, responsory, and concluding prayer for St. Gregory of Narek may be added.

Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer

All from the Lenten weekday. After the concluding prayer of the Lenten weekday, the appropriate antiphon above may be added, followed by the prayer for St. Gregory of Narek.

MISAL ROMANO

FEBREO

PROPIO DE LOS SANTOS

27 de febrero

San Gregorio de Narek, abad y doctor de la Iglesia

Del Común de doctores de la Iglesia, o bien del Común de santos y santas: Para un abad.

LECCIONARIO DE LA MISA

FEBREO

PROPIO DE LOS SANTOS

27 de febrero

San Gregorio de Narek, abad y doctor de la Iglesia

Para el día de san Gregorio de Narek también se puede usar, además de las lecturas de la Misa del día, cualquier lectura del Común de doctores de la Iglesia o bien del Común de santos y santas. Se recomiendan también las siguientes lecturas por la Santa Sede.

PRIMERA LECTURA Sabiduría 7, 7-10. 15-16 [lectura n. 95, p. 377]
Amé la sabiduría más que la salud y la belleza.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL Salmo 37 (36), 3-4. 5-6. 30-31 [lectura n. 779, p. 860]
R. Rectas y sabias son las palabras del justo.

ALELUYA Cfr. Juan 6, 63c. 68c [lectura n. 981, p. 980]

R. Aleluya, aleluya.
Tus palabras, Señor, son espíritu y vida.
Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna.
R. Aleluya.

EVANGELIO Mateo 7, 21-29 [lectura n. 204, p. 461]
Jesús les enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad.

27 de febrero
San Gregorio de Narek, abad y doctor de la Iglesia
Memoria libre

Como la celebración de san Gregorio de Narek cae variablemente en Cuaresma y Tiempo Ordinario, existen diferentes indicaciones dependiendo del tiempo del año:

Oficio de lecturas

Todas del tiempo diario de Cuaresma. Después de la Segunda lectura y responsorio para el diario de Cuaresma, se permite una lectura adicional, responsorio y oración conclusiva del Común de doctores de la Iglesia o bien del Común de santos varones: para los religiosos.

Oración de la mañana

Todas del tiempo diario de Cuaresma. Después de la oración conclusiva del diario de Cuaresma, se puede añadir la antífona apropiada que se ofrece abajo, seguida de la oración conclusiva del Común de doctores de la Iglesia o bien del Común de santos varones: para los religiosos.

ANTÍFONA

Los sabios brillarán con esplendor del cielo, y los que enseñan la justicia a las multitudes serán como estrellas por toda la eternidad.

Oración de la tarde

Todas del tiempo diario de Cuaresma. Después de la oración conclusiva del diario de Cuaresma, se puede añadir la antífona apropiada que se ofrece abajo, seguida de la oración conclusiva del Común de doctores de la Iglesia o bien del Común de santos varones: para los religiosos.

ANTÍFONA

Oh doctor admirable, luz de la Iglesia santa, san Gregorio, fiel cumplidor de la ley, ruega por nosotros al Hijo de Dios.