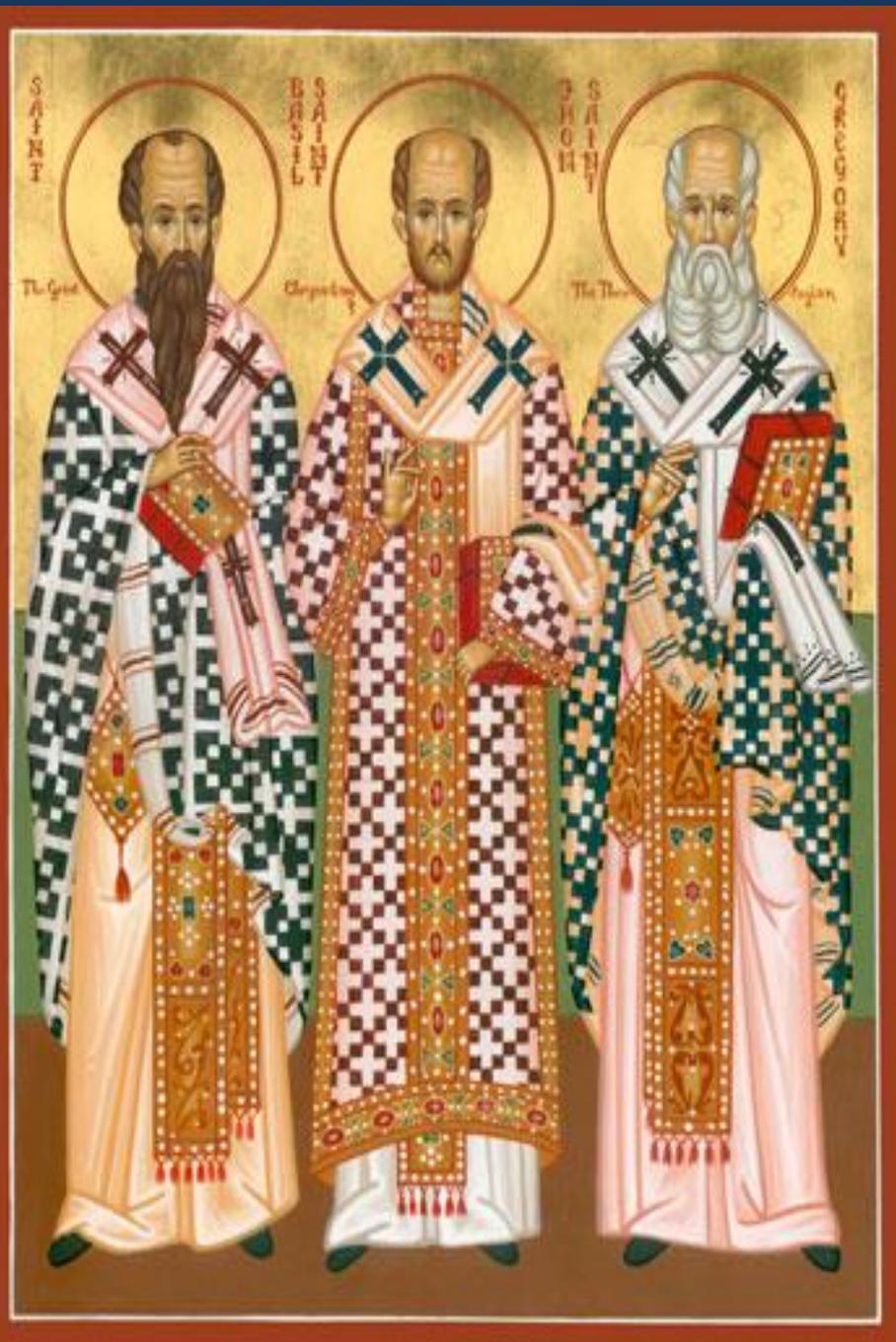


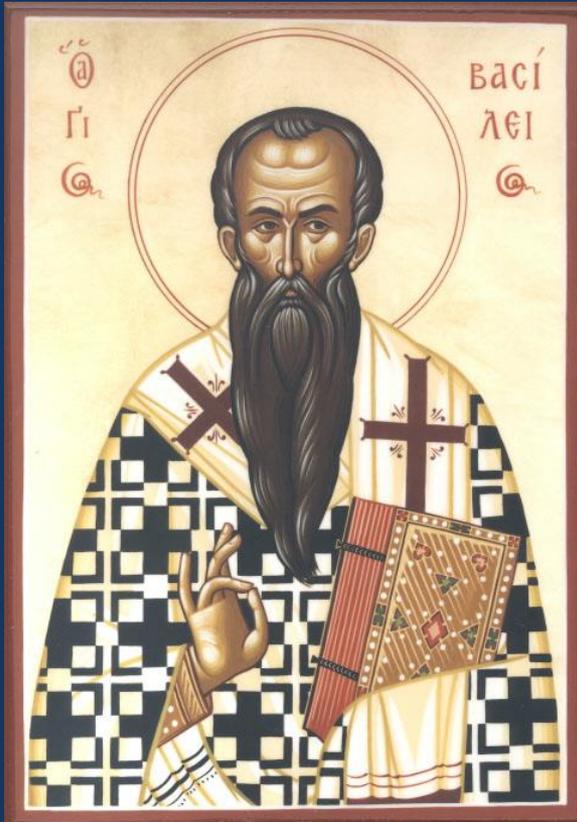
The Three Hierarchs



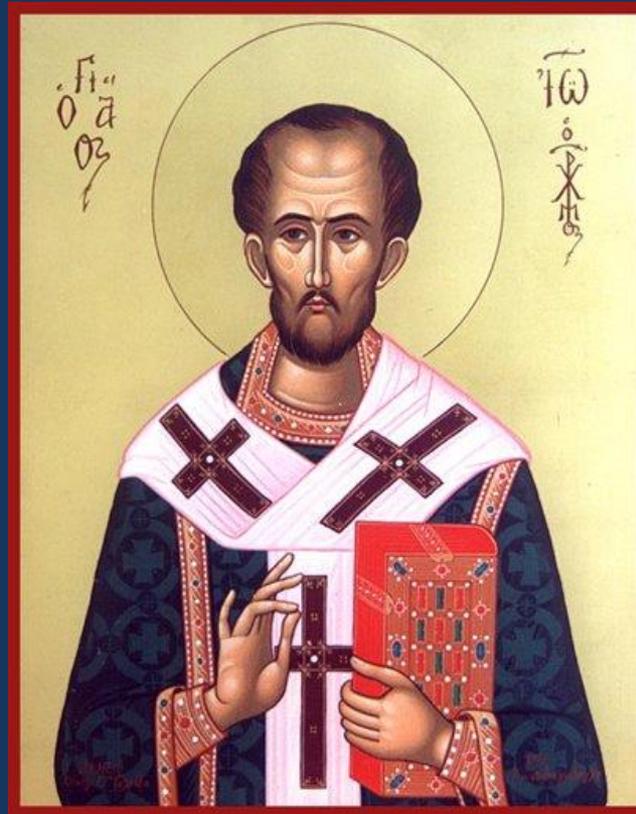
Who were the
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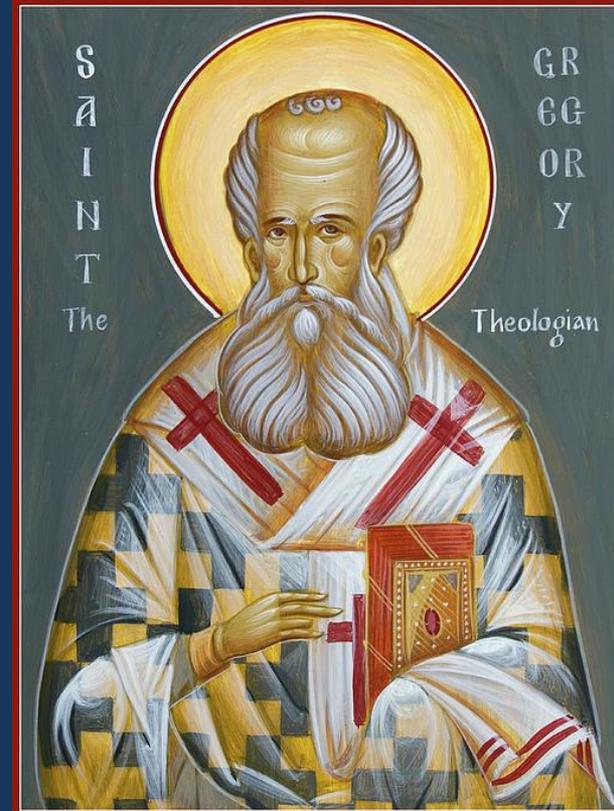
St. Basil
the Great



St. John
Chrysostom



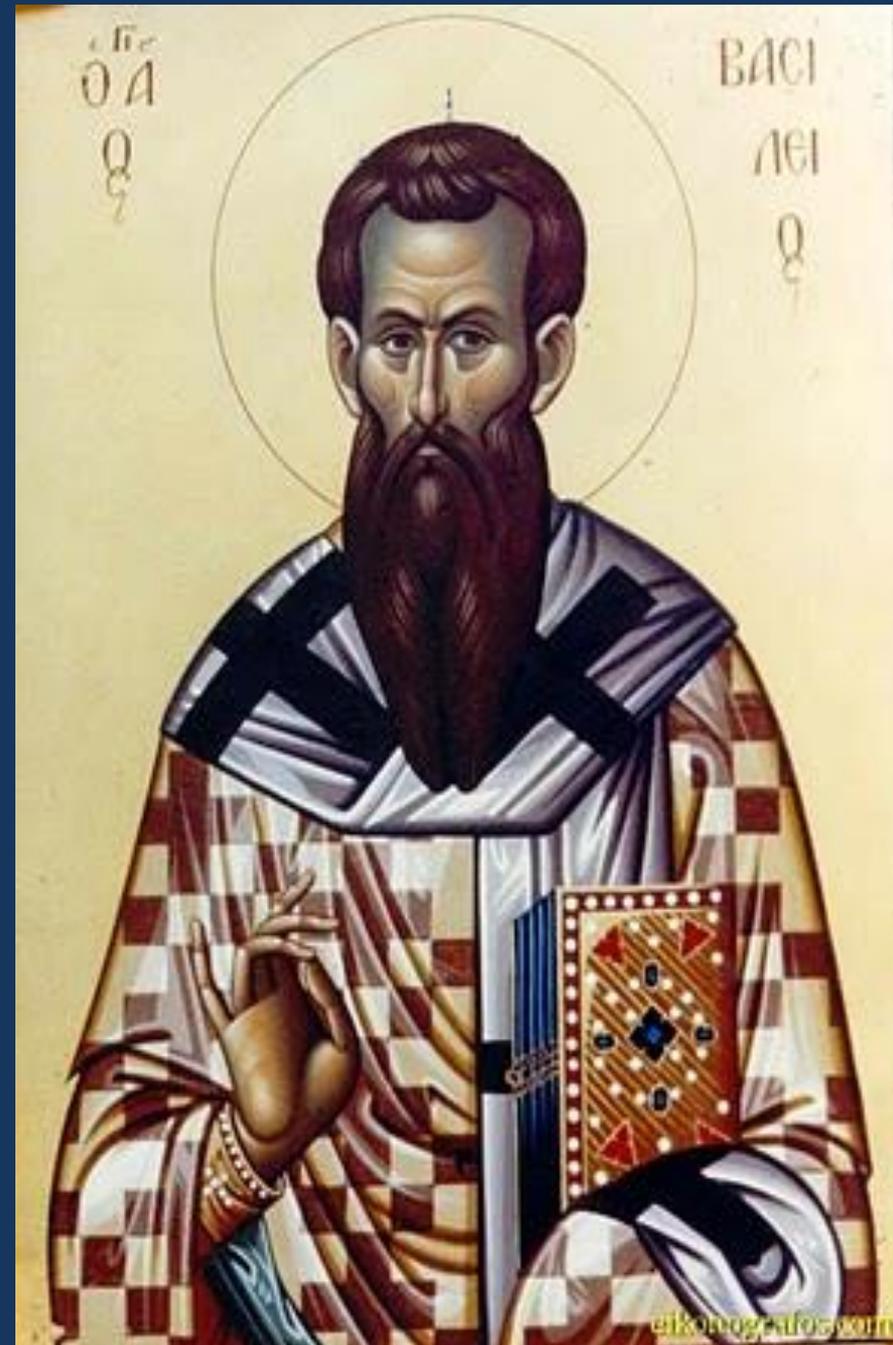
St. Gregory the
Theologian





Together they are the Three Holy Hierarchs and we celebrate their feast day on January 30th every year.

Why was Saint Basil given the title 'the Great'?



- He helped the victims of drought and famine.
- He loved children and always assisted the sick and the homeless. He was the first bishop to establish orphanages and hospitals and old people's homes.
- His whole life was dedicated to Jesus and the message of Christianity.
- He founded monasteries.
- He wrote the set of rules for monastic life.

Why was John
Chrysostom known
as the 'golden-
mouth'?



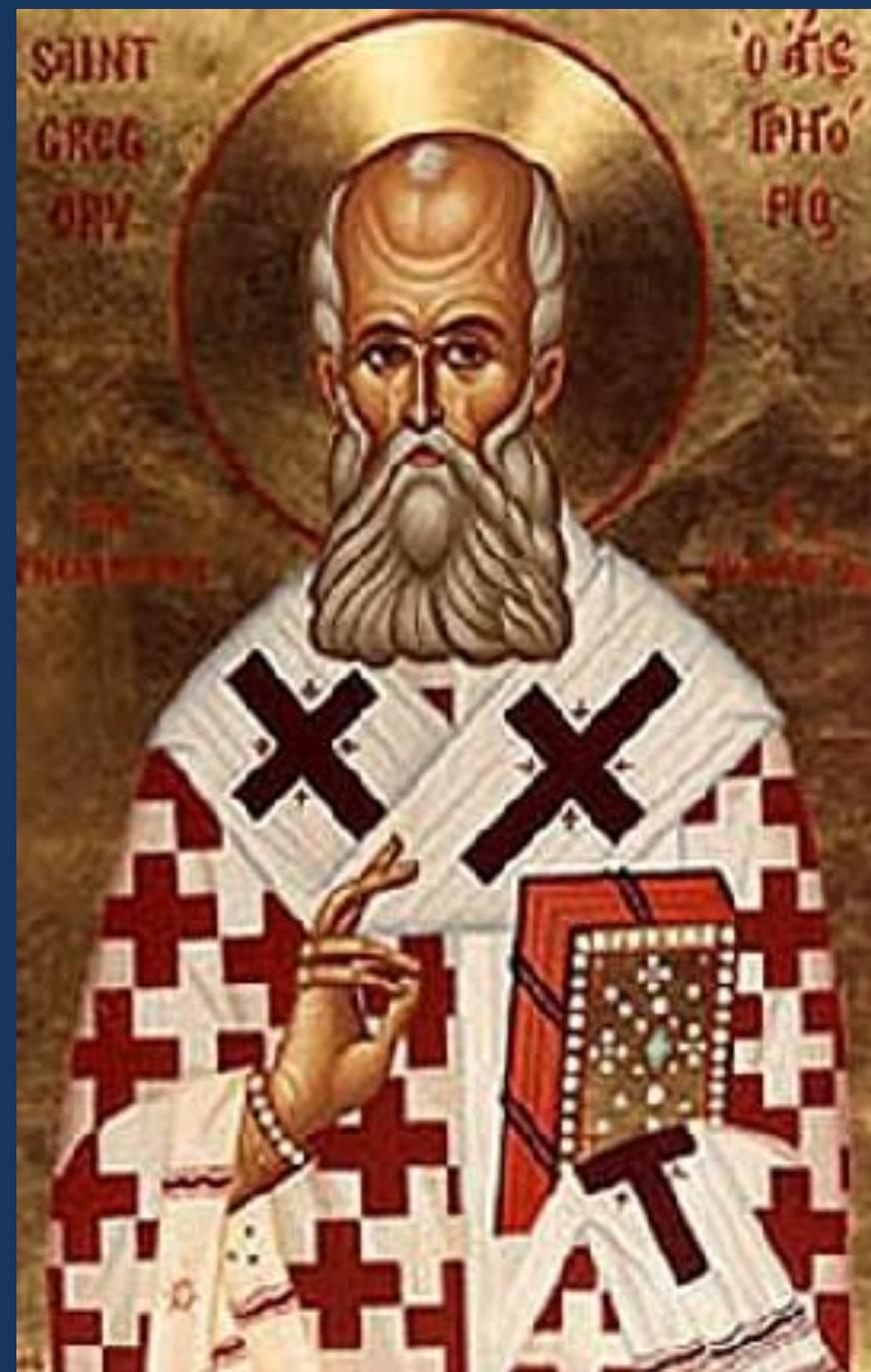
- He wrote some of the liturgy and is responsible for at least the basic outline of what we know today as our Orthodox Divine Liturgy.

- He spent most of his life teaching and guiding Christians how to live the right way.

- He preached to families how to make their families spiritual and their homes godly.

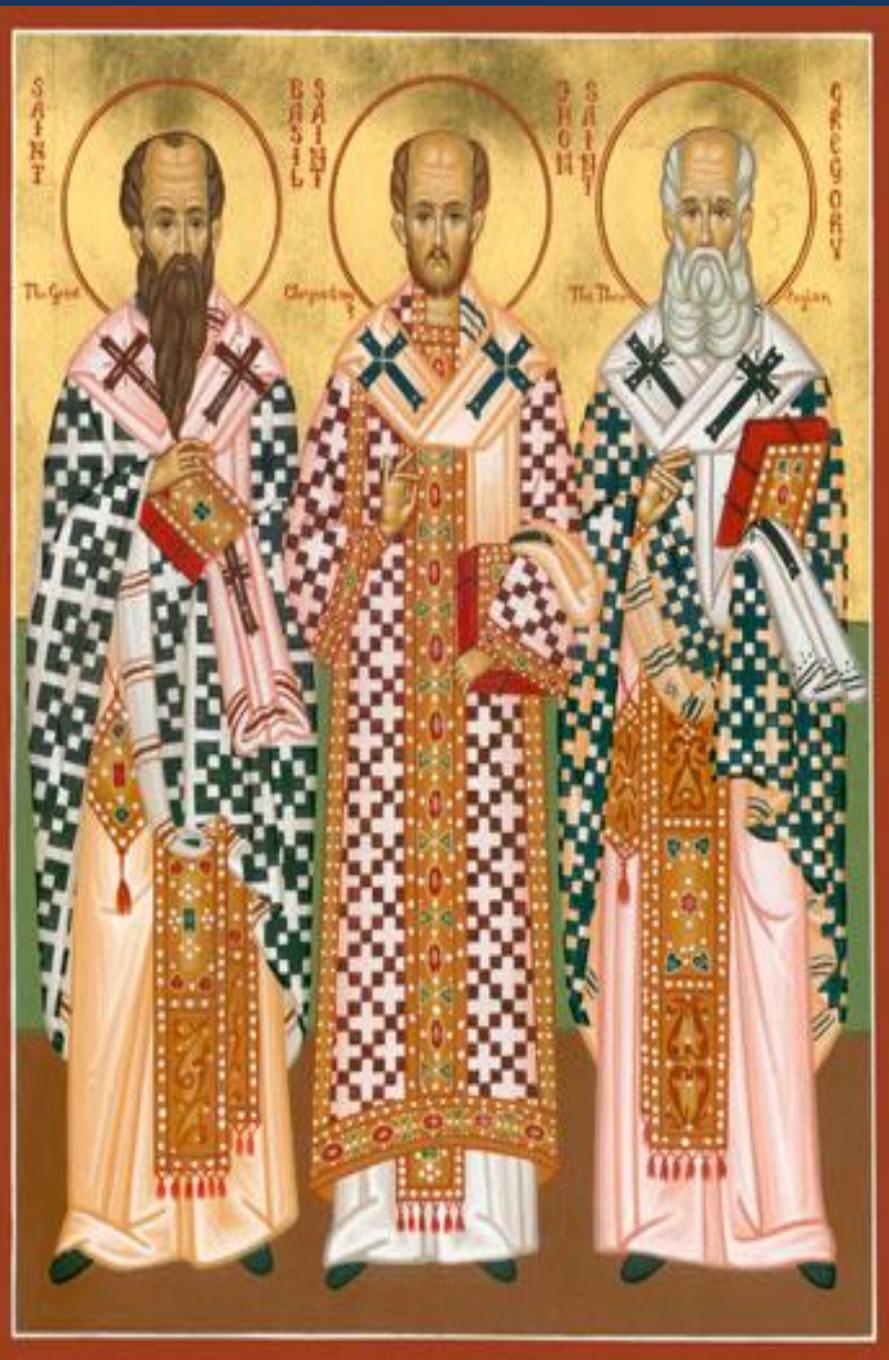
- He was an outstanding preacher.

Why is St. Gregory
called 'the
Theologian'?



- From the time he could read, his mother made sure that he had holy books to read, especially the Holy Scriptures. His life shows us an example of how to live a Christian life.
- He thought and wrote a lot of books, poems and hymns about Jesus and being faithful.
- He spent a lot of time thinking about what it meant to be faithful and to be a Christian.

Why do we remember the Three Hierarchs on the 30th January?

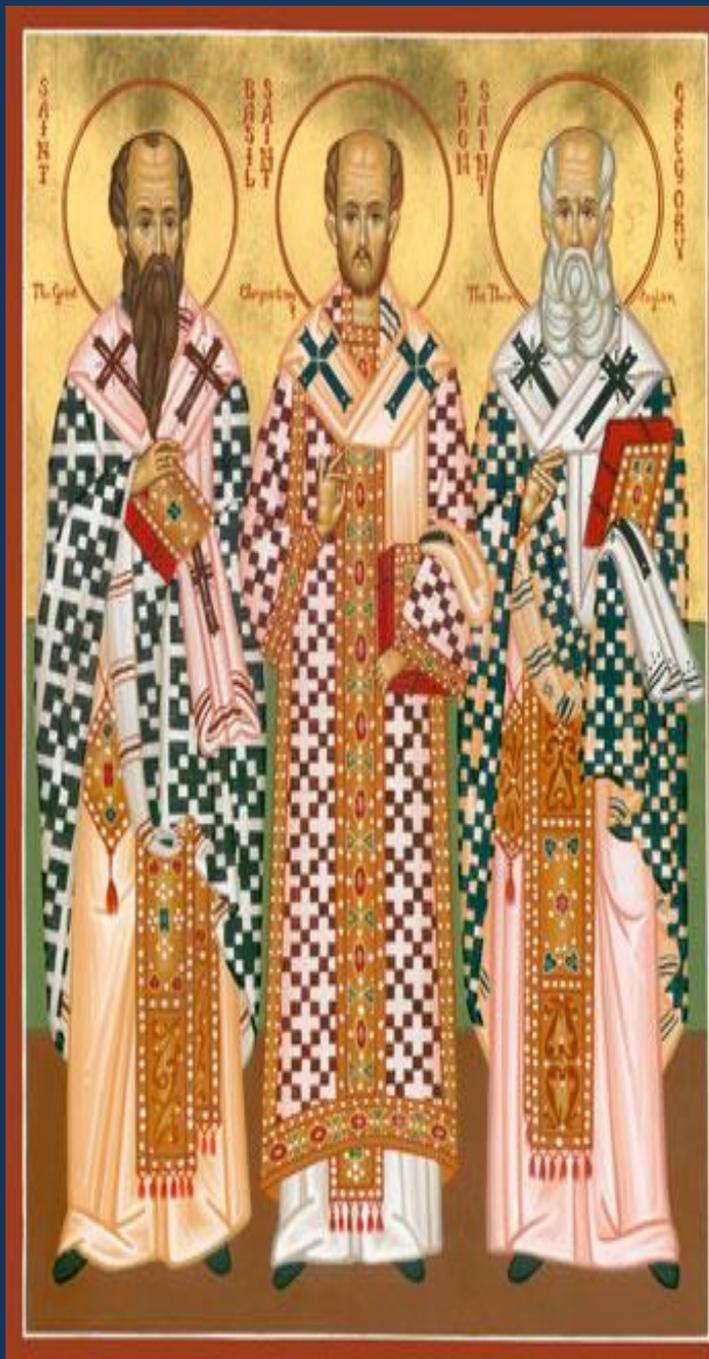


- These three men had a lot of faith and values; thoughtful, kind, modest and considerate to others. They helped the less fortunate, set up schools and helped shape the life of the church.
- These three men provide an example of how to live by the teachings of God and be good people.
- They have taught us to believe in and worship the Holy Spirit.
- They all made great contributions to the life of the church.

Your Task

- Who are the Three Hierarchs?
- When do we celebrate the Three Hierarchs?
- Why do we celebrate the Three Hierarchs?
- What have they taught us?
- What do they mean to us?
- How can you follow the examples of the Three Hierarchs at school?

Draw the icon of the Three Hierarchs.



The Three Hierarchs

Introduction: On 30th of January we celebrate The Three Hierarchs.

St Gregory: He taught children how to read and write. He wrote scriptures and he taught people about Jesus and how to be a good Christian, He built schools.

St Basil: Built houses and he looked after the poor. He built hospitals and tried to care for the sick.

St John (Golden Mouth) He spoke kind words and everything he said was always very nice. People said that his words were like gold and he taught people about kindness. He also used to preach.

