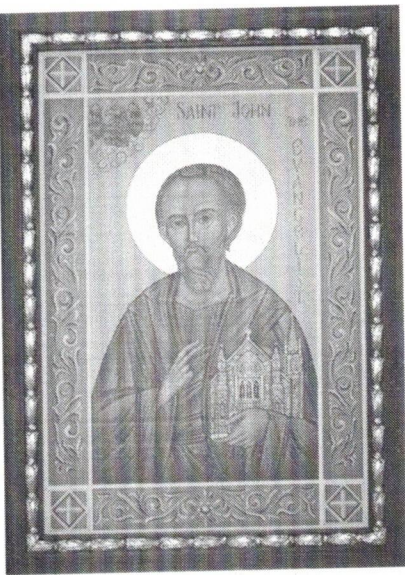


*St. Demetrios
meets with
St. Nestor*

October 27, 2024



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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 202

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7;

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA;
PROCLA (CLAUDIA) THE WIFE OF PONTIUS PILATE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

***Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.***

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

THE GOSPEL (CONT.)

And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

THE SYNAXARION

On October 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the companion of Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica.

Verses

Having slain Lyaeus and his lying error, truthful Nestor lieth on the ground, beheaded.

On the twenty-seventh they took the head off of dear Nestor.

Nestor learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrios himself. At that time, Christ's enemy, Emperor Maximian, highly prized a Vandal fighter named Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. He defeated all challengers and threw them to their deaths onto a forest of spears. Christians were arrested and forced to duel with Lyaeus. Nestor's heart was torn with pain, and he decided to duel Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrios and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrios made the sign of the Cross on his chest and forehead and prophesied to him, "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor of David-like size went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a great crowd. Everyone pitied and feared for Nestor, but he crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrios, help me!" With God's help, he defeated Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him to his death onto the sharp spears. Then all the people cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" But the humiliated emperor commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrios run through with lances. Thus, both Christian heroes took up habitation in the Kingdom of their Lord in the year 306.

On this day, we also commemorate Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER SERVICES

October 26th Saturday— Great Vespers 5PM

October 27th Sunday— Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

**October 30th Wednesday* — 6PM COMPLINE PRAYERS, A
LIGHT MEAL & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

November 2nd Saturday — Great Vespers 5 PM

November 3rd Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

**November 6th Wednesday* — 6PM COMPLINE PRAYERS, A
LIGHT MEAL & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

November 9th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

November 10th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

**November 13th Wednesday* — 6PM COMPLINE PRAYERS, A
LIGHT MEAL & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

November 16th Saturday— Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM
NO GREAT VESPERS

November 17th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Jim, Shannon, Aiden, Elise, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Yvonne, Mary Jo, Charlene, Cindy, Joann, Marlene, Ray and Julianna.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Infant Micah and Eleanor
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November Trisagions To Be Held

- George Tony d. Nov 3, Father of Patti Paulin
- Anne Kavchok d. Nov5, Mother of Joann Rossman
- Paul Engle d. Nov 20, Husband of Joan Engle
- Catherine Renee Wiglesworth d. Nov 28, Mother of Phillip Wiglesworth

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THE NATIVITY FAST (ST. PHILLIP’S FAST) BEGINS ON MOVEMBER 15TH AND END ON DECEMBER 24TH FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY.

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REMINDER: TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HR ON NOV. 2ND FOR STANDARD TIME

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Christ is touched by faith, Christ is seen by faith, He is not touched by the body. He is not perceived with the eyes.
(St. Ambrose)

"O GOD OF DEMETRIOS, HELP ME!"

The Great Martyr Demetrios was born in the city of Thessalonica in the early years of the fourth century. Although his father was a prominent figure in the Roman army, Demetrios and his parents were secretly Christians. When his father died, Demetrios was chosen by the Emperor to replace him as military commander of Thessalonica. His orders were simple: put all Christians to death! Instead of doing so, Demetrios went about teaching others about Christ and sought to have pagan customs and traditions eliminated. His teaching zeal was so great that he is sometimes referred to as a "SECOND APOSTLE PAUL."

When the Emperor learned of the actions of Demetrios, he came to Thessalonica and had him imprisoned immediately. This was still the "era of the gladiators," so while there, the Emperor arranged a battle between his favorite warrior Lyaeos and a young Christian named Nestor. Coincidentally, Nestor had learned his faith from Demetrios! The night before he was to fight Lyaeos, Nestor visited Demetrios in prison and received his blessing, which is depicted on the cover of today's bulletin. Although Lyaeos was a Goliath-like man, Nestor was able to defeat him, causing the arena crowd to proclaim: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" This was more than the Emperor could bear. He ordered Nestor to be beheaded, and he had Demetrios run through with spears. The body of St. Demetrios was secretly buried by his followers. Years later, his relics were discovered and a magnificent church was erected over the place of his relics. For centuries now, fragrant myrrh has flowed from his crypt.

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