

Saintly Notes

Great-Martyr Arethas and those with Him in Arabia (October 24)

This holy martyr suffered for the Christian Faith with over four thousand Christians—priests, monks and nuns, men, women and children. Arethas was the eparch in the town of Nagran, in the southern Arabian land of Omir. He was ninety-five years old when he suffered.

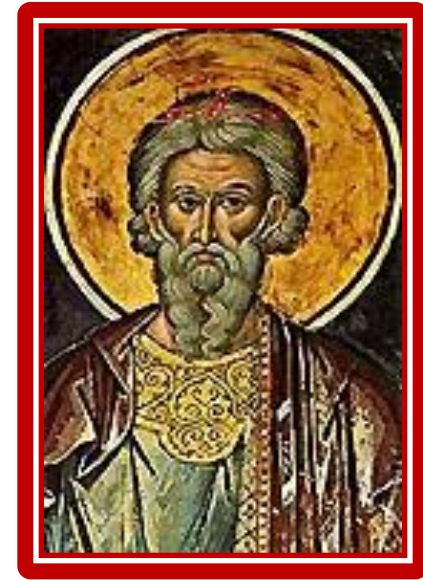
Dunaan, a cruel Jewish persecutor of Christians, then governed Omir. Determined to eradicate all Christians from his land, he surrounded the Christian town of Nagran, and sent a message to the people saying he would put them all to death unless they renounced Christ. The citizens closed the gates, and Dunaan attacked the city wall for a long time without success. Then the iniquitous governor swore to the citizens that he would do nothing to them, if only they would open the gate for him to enter and receive the tribute that they owed him—and that he would take it and immediately withdraw. The Christians believed him and opened the gate. Then the oath-breaking Jew summoned the aged Arethas, the clergy and other distinguished citizens and beheaded them all with the sword. He then perpetrated a horrible slaughter in the town.

Learning of this, the Byzantine Emperor Justin was greatly grieved, and wrote a letter to the Ethiopian Emperor, Elesbaan, requesting him to set out with an army against Dunaan to avenge the innocent blood of the Christians. Elesbaan obeyed Justin, attacked the governor of Omir with his army, defeated him, slew his entire army, and beheaded him.

By a revelation from God, a certain devout man named Abramius was installed as governor of Omir, and again by God's revelation, St. Gregory of Omir (December 19) was installed as archbishop. Christians rebuilt the Church of the Holy Trinity in Nagran that Dunaan had burned, and also built a church to the Holy Martyr Arethas and the other martyrs of Nagran. St. Arethas and the others suffered and received martyr's wreaths from the Lord in the year 523.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
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The Rev. David Keim, Deacon

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Great-martyr Arethas (al-Haarith) and those with him in Arabia;
Martyr Sebastiana of Heraclea; righteous Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers;
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead.* who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection
(Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection*
(Tone 5): See above.

† *Troparion of St. Arethas and Companions* (Tone 1): O Lord, by the sufferings of Thy saints, which they endured for Thy sake, have compassion and heal all the sufferings of us who implore Thee, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

† *Troparion for All Saints* (Tone 4): As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays*
(Tone 2): O Protection of Christians

that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, . . .

Scripture for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Agalynarion

(Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

Special Attention

- **Extraordinary Designated Gifts for our New Temple and Education Wing.** On the Narthex table you will find a brochure with a

list of possible gifts for our new building.

Please read the message from Fr. Nicholas on page 2 of the brochure. It contains important information about how donations can be made.

We currently have donations for the center dome icon, the altar table, Last Supper Icon, and the Theotokos icon on the iconostasis. Thank God for the generosity of our parishioners.

- **Entry into Our New Temple.** Our contractor is still working on the details of our Certificate of Occupancy for the new temple. The exact date for our first service is not yet available. We will keep you informed as soon as the date is firmly set. As of this moment, the soonest date that might be possible is November 7, but even that is still not certain.
- **October Calendars Are Available on the Narthex Table.**
- **Fr. Nicholas' Office.** Until we get into our new building, Fr. Nicholas will be working out of his home. The church telephone number will only give announcements and take messages but will not connect to a live person. If you need to contact Fr. Nicholas please leave a message on the church phone and he will get back to you as soon as possible. During this time, worship services will continue as scheduled (please refer to Sunday's Bulletin "This Week's Schedule"); however, appointments with Fr. Nicholas will be limited.
- **Annual Voters' Meeting.** Due to the difficulty we are having getting into our new temple, the parish council has postponed the Annual Meeting from November 14 to December 12 following the Divine Liturgy. Please make note of this change. The Annual Report should be mailed to you within two weeks.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

†Epistle: Gal. 6:11–18 (RSV)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

†Gospel: Luke 8:26–39 (RSV)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech

Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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