

Saintly Notes

Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming (October 26)

This glorious and wonderworking saint was born in Thessalonica of noble and devout parents. Implored of God by childless parents, Demetrios was their only son, and so was raised and educated with great care. Demetrios' father was a commander in Thessalonica. When his father died, Emperor Maximian appointed Demetrios as commander in his place. As he appointed him, Maximian, an opponent of Christ, particularly recommended that he persecute and exterminate the Christians in Thessalonica. Demetrios not only disobeyed the emperor but openly confessed and preached the Lord Jesus Christ in the city of Thessalonica. When the emperor heard of this he became furious with Demetrios. Then, when he was returning from battle against the Sarmatians, Maximian stopped at Thessalonica to investigate the matter. The emperor summoned Demetrios and questioned him about his faith. Demetrios openly acknowledged his Christian Faith to the emperor and also denounced the emperor's idolatry. Maximian cast Demetrios into prison.

Knowing what was awaiting him, Demetrios gave all his goods to his faithful servant Lupus to distribute to the poor, and joyfully awaited his imminent suffering for Christ the Lord. An angel of God appeared to him in prison, saying: "Peace be to you, O sufferer of Christ; be brave and be strong!" After several days, the emperor sent soldiers to the prison to kill Demetrios. The soldiers found the saint of God at prayer and ran him through with lances. Christians secretly took his body and honorably buried it. Healing myrrh flowed from the body of the martyr of Christ, curing many of the sick. Soon, a small church was built over his relics.

An Illyrian nobleman, Leontius, was afflicted with an incurable illness. He hastened, with prayer, to the relics of St. Demetrios and was completely healed. In thanksgiving, Leontius erected a much larger church on the site of the old church. The saint appeared to him on two occasions. When Emperor Justinian wanted to translate the relics of the saint from Thessalonica to Constantinople, flaming sparks sprang from the tomb and a voice was heard: "Stop, and do not touch!" And thus, the relics of St. Demetrios have remained for all time in Thessalonica. As the protector of Thessalonica, St. Demetrios has appeared many times, and on many occasions has saved Thessalonica from great calamity. His miracles are without number. The Russians considered St. Demetrios to be the protector of Siberia, which was conquered and annexed to Russia on October 26, 1581.

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople in 740;
Venerable-Martyr Joasaph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers; 7:30p Intro. to
Orthodoxy
Thursday: 6:00p Planning Committee
Saturday: 10:00a Div. Lit. for St. Raphael of Brooklyn; 5:30p Great
Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy;
12:30p New Building Project Information Meeting

Third Antiphon

for the Resurrection—Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One, then
Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly
power. And when Thou didst raise the dead
from beneath the earth, all the powers of
heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ,
Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before
Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art
risen from the dead; who sing to Thee.
Alleluia.

Troparion

of the Resurrection—Tone 2

See above.

Troparion

for the Commemoration
of the Earthquake—Tone 8

O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and
make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful
threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and
send upon us Thy rich mercies through the
intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only
Lover of mankind.

Troparion

of St. Demetrios—Tone 3

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a
great help in tribulations and a vanquisher of
nations, O fight-bearing one. Wherefore, as
thou didst demolish the arrogance of
Lahosh, and on the battlefield didst hearten
Nestor, beseech, O Saint Demetrios, Christ
God to grant us the Great Mercy.

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, Holy Immortal . . .

Epistle and Gospel

Today and Next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Gal. 1:11–19

Gospel: Luke 16:19–31

Alegalyrnarion

Tone 8

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

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise
Him in the highest. Alleluia.

After Communion

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Steven Wynne, Matthew Wynne, Del
Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Johannes
Kibret, Nicholas Kliewer.

Special Attention

- **Annual Voters' Meeting.** Our annual
All Saints' Voters' Meeting will
convene at 12:30pm on November
16th in the church nave. This year the
plans for the new church extension
and remodeling project will be
presented and voted on in addition to
hearing the reports from our various
committees and organizations. The
budget for 2009 and election of 2 new
members of the parish council will
conclude our agenda. Everyone is
invited to this meeting, but only those
who are official voters will be able to
vote. If you would like to become an
official voting member of All Saints,
please see Fr. Nicholas.
- **Date Set for Information Meeting
About New Church Extension and
Remodeling Project.** The parish
council and the planning committee
are planning to hold an informational
meeting on Sunday November 2 at
12:30pm to present the current
building project that will be voted on
at the annual meeting (12:30pm on
November 16). At this informational
meeting you will hear about and see
the plans for our new church
extension and remodeling and you
will have the chance to ask questions
and to make suggestions. It is our
hope that this will make the voting
easier and more efficient at the
annual voters' meeting.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

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†**Epistle: 2 Tim. 2:1–10 (RSV)**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

†**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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