

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For Eternal Memory of:****Nadja**, mother of Barbara Funk**David**, husband of Barbara Funk**Archpriest Michael** Rachko, former Rector of out parish**For health of:****Fr. Stephen** Siniari, who has recently suffered a massive heart attack.**Readings:**

- **Ephesians 2:4-10**
- **Luke 10:25-37**

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:PM**Sunday service:****Hours** - 9:40 AM**Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM**(Private Confession** – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)**(General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**(Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)**Church School** – 9:30 AM

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, at our Anniversary Dinner.

Announcements:

- **On November 13th, the Orthodox Church in America** will elect its next Primate, the "*Metropolitan of All-America and Canada.*" Our parish will be represented, in Parma, Ohio, by our acting Rector, Fr. Daniel Hubiak, and our Church Council Vice-president Paul Jankowski. We thank our delegates for taking on this important responsibility. Please pray for our delegates and all who are attending the 17th All-American Council.
- **Our Parish Anniversary Dinner will be held today after Liturgy.** Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Church school students and those under 12 are free. The dinner will feature ethnic food specialties. Please join us downstairs to celebrate our 46th anniversary.
- **Financial gifts to help the victims of disasters in the United States, like Hurricane Sandy**, may be made to the United States Emergency Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief as well as long-term support through the provision of emergency aid and recovery assistance. To make a gift, please visit <http://www.iocc.org> call, toll free at 1-877-803-IOCC (4622), or mail a check or money order payable to IOCC to PO Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297-0429.

Reminder:

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand. Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

Two Outstanding Saints of Constantinople:

On November 13th and 14th, the Church celebrates two saints who lived and worked in the city of Constantinople. The first is **John Chrysostom**, and the second is the **Emperor Justinian**.

Saint John Chrysostom did so many important things that he is one of the best-known people who ever lived in the great city. One action that stands out is his speaking against moral laxness. He insisted that priests and bishops, especially, hold themselves to a high standard of moral behavior, and urged them to serve as examples both to believers and to those outside the Church.

We might assume that his stance would be welcomed and supported by all the clergy. But there were those among them who had become accustomed to a life that didn't demand much of them in terms of moral living or hard work, and they deeply resented Chrysostom. He endured real hatred from those who had no desire to live up to the standards he set, and they watched with jealousy as he became a famous preacher and, more importantly, a spiritual shepherd loved and trusted by the people. He suffered from their envy, and it finally led to his exile and death. But he never abandoned his struggle to live as a true follower of Christ.

Justinian was born in 482, about 75 years after Chrysostom's death. His unusually long reign, from 527 to 565, was as full of notable events as Chrysostom's life had been. He planned aggressive military campaigns to regain territory that had been lost, especially in North Africa and Italy. His effort was so successful that by the time he died in 565, the Empire extended further than it ever would under the rulers who followed him.

Justinian wrote hymns, created a code of laws (the "Justinian Codex") to bring order to the life of the Empire, and lived as a serious Christian. He kept the fasts and observed the feasts, urging others to do the same, whether they were members of his court or simple citizens.

The rebuilding of the cathedral of Hagia Sophia was one of the great achievements of Justinian's reign. He undertook a massive program of construction throughout Constantinople, which was described in a treatise written by the court historian. The cathedral, being the central place of Christian worship in the Empire, was the most notable part of his effort.

Hagia Sophia is known for its design and grand scale, as well as its soaring dome. At least two of the architects Justinian selected had been trained in physics and mathematics, and they were able to create a structure that has impressed thousands of visitors since their work was completed in 537.

Though it is no longer a place of worship for Christians, Hagia Sophia is still a reminder of the shining days of Constantinople. The two saints commemorated in mid-November, John and Justinian, did much to make the city a place where God was honored and truly worshiped.

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Temporary Rector



Martyr Menas of Egypt

**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*Today the church honors those who fought the good fight and died for their faith:
The victorious Menas, the noble Victor and the ascetic Vincent.
The church glorifies their divine struggle and cries out with love:
Glory to You, O Christ, the lover of mankind.*

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Today the Church remembers:

Martyr Menas of Egypt (304) • Martyr Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) • Martyr Vincent of Spain (204) • Martyr Stephanida (Stepanida, Stephanie) of Spain (2nd c.) • Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826) • Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow (1434) • Ven. Martýrii, Abbot of Zelénsk (Pskov—1603) • Repose of St. Stephen Dechani of Serbia. St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397)

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23rd Sunday After Pentecost
8th Sunday of Luke