

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor is:****For the Health of:**

Fr. Matthew and Barbara on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, offered by their children.

**For the memory of:**

Adele and Nikolai Taran, offered by the Dawson family

**Readings:**

**Ephesians 2:14-22** (*24th Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Luke 10:25-37** (*8th Sunday of Luke*)

**BRETHREN** for he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**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** – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM** **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM  
 (Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)  
 (General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)  
 (Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)

**Church School**

2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades – 9:30 AM (No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.)

Preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grades meet immediately after communion every Sunday.

**Coffee hour** - after Liturgy

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **There will be a meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God today, after coffee hour.**
- **The Sisterhood is sponsoring a Gourmet Popcorn and Holiday Treats fundraiser.** Fifty percent of every purchase goes directly back to the Sisterhood! Please be generous with your purchases and enjoy some delicious popcorn at the same time. See Tammy Zimmerman for a brochure.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Any Announcements or prayer requests for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

**Martyr Victor at Damascus**

The Holy Martyr Victor at Damascus was a soldier during the reign of the emperor Marcus Aurelius the Philosopher (161-180). When the emperor began a persecution against Christians, Victor refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Such obligatory sacrifices were a test of a soldier's loyalty to the gods, the emperor and the state. The saint was given over to torture, but he came through all the torments unharmed. By the power of prayer, he was victorious over a sorcerer, who from that point gave up give sorcery and became a Christian.

Through Saint Victor's prayers, blind soldiers suddenly received their sight. Witnessing the miracle worked by the Lord through Saint Victor, Stephanida, the young Christian wife of one of the torturers, openly glorified Christ, for which she was condemned to a cruel death. She was tied to two palm trees bent to the ground, which when released, sprung back and tore her apart. She was fifteen years old.

The torturer ordered that the holy Martyr Victor be beheaded. Hearing the commander's order, Saint Vincent told his executioners that they would all die in twelve days, and that the commander would be captured by the enemy in twenty-four days. As he foretold, so it came to pass.

The martyrs suffered in the second century at Damascus, where their venerable relics were buried.

*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.*

Kontakion (for the Martyrs) – Tone 8

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The lives of other saints remembered today can be found at:

[oca.org/saints/lives/2018/11/11](http://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/11/11)

**Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion**

*Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,*

*enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs:*

*all-wise Father Theodore, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things*

*Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!*

Troparion (Venerable Theodore) Tone 8

*Your ascetic life, equal to an Angel's,*

*made you radiant through your athlete's contest;*

*blessed by God, O Theodore, you became a companion of the Angels,*

*with whom you unceasingly intercede for us all.*

Kontakion (Venerable Theodore) Tone 2

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*(Martyr Victor at Damascus)*

**Glory to  
Jesus  
Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*Your holy martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida, O Lord,  
Through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.*

*For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,*

*And shattered the powerless boldness of demons.*

*Through their intercessions, save our souls!*

Troparion (for the Martyrs) – Tone 4

#### On this day the Church remembers:

Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and 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.

Martyrii, Abbot of Zelénsk (Pskov—1603) • Repose of Saint Stephen Dečani of

Serbia • Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397)

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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke