

**Last week's and Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For health and of:**

Uncle **George** on his birthday, offered by Linda and Richard  
**Johnathon** and **Melissa**, just married, son and daughter-in-law of Holly  
 and Ed

**Readings:**

- Galatians 6:11-18
- Luke 8:41-56

**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 not 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.

**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 he 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 you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one 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. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he 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 he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **There were no services last weekend because of the storm.**
- **There will be a meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God today after coffee hour.**
- **Our Parish Anniversary Dinner will be held on Sunday November 11th.** Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per person. Church school students and those under 12 are free. The dinner will feature ethnic food specialties. Please see the sign-up sheet downstairs to let us know what you will be bringing.

**Reminder:**

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

**The "Other" Saints Cosmas and Damian:**

**Last Thursday, November 1, the Church celebrated the memory of a pair of unmercenary physicians, Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor.**

There are two other pairs of unmercenary saints named Cosmas and Damian, one from Rome and celebrated on July 1, and the other from Arabia and celebrated on October 17. The word "*unmercenary*" means the same thing for all of them—that they refused payment for their healing work.

The two brothers celebrated on November 1 were raised by their mother Theodota, a Christian whose pagan husband died while the boys were still young. She taught them to be reverent toward God, and encouraged them to study hard to become skilled physicians. She, too, is a saint of the Church and is remembered on this day.

As Cosmas and Damian grew into manhood, they became well-known for their care not only of people but of animals. In their view, all living creatures, being part of God's creation, were worthy of loving care and medical help when it was needed. The brothers knew that their abilities were God's gift, so they determined never to request any payment for what they did.

They applied this principle not only to friends and people they knew well, but to any stranger who needed their assistance. The courteous attention they showed to every person reflected their mother's Christian teaching, and brings to mind the words of Saint Paul that we read today: "Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer every one" (Colossians 4: 5-6). Paul was encouraging his readers to be effective in spreading the Gospel by being gracious in speech and behavior; Cosmas and Damian did so by representing Christ in their medical treatment, always accompanying it with prayer.

Having agreed to be "*unmercenary*" in their work, the two men were more strongly bonded even than many brothers are. But the bond was broken, in a sad and curious way, for a period of several years. A very sick woman, deeply grateful to the brothers for having cured her, offered Damian the small gift she could afford: three eggs. She insisted that he accept them "in the name of the Life-Creating Trinity." Damian felt that he could not refuse.

Cosmas was shocked by what seemed to be a breach of their agreement not to accept payment, and he declared, on his deathbed, that his brother must not be buried beside him as they had planned. When Damian died shortly after he did, a big problem arose: where should Damian be buried?

God intervened by giving the power of speech to an animal the two physicians had once treated. The animal assured everyone that Damian had accepted the gift only out of respect for the name of God, and therefore they should not hesitate to bury him next to Cosmas. Happy and relieved, the people did so, and the two brothers were united once again.

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Sunday Bulletin

# Church of the Mother of God

## "The Joy of All the Sorrowful"

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**Very Reverend Daniel Hubiak,  
Temporary Rector**



Saints Cosmas and Damian  
of Asia Minor

**Glory to Jesus  
Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*Having received the grace of healing,  
you grant healing to those in need.*

*Glorious wonder workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian,  
visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies,  
and bring healing to the world through your miracles.*

*Kontakion-*

**Today the Church remembers:**

Ven. Joannicius the Great (846) • Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermas, Presbyter (1st c.) • Ven. Merkúry, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) • Ven. Nikander, Abbot of Gorodénsk (Novgorod—16th c.)

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## November 4, 2012 - Bulletin

**Tone 5** of the Octoechos

22<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke