

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health and prosperity of:**

Natalie Morris on her birthday, offered by her mother Lore Stefy.

Readings:

- 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
- Luke 16:19-31

BRETHREN, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, >and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours – 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Private Confession – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour – after Liturgy

Church School - 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

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

Announcements:

- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be on October 27th, after coffee hour.
- **His Grace Bishop Michael** will be visiting our parish on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Vespers will be served on Saturday evening at 6:30 with the bishop in attendance. Please make an extra effort to join in at this important service. After vespers there will be a light supper served where everyone will have the opportunity to meet and greet Bishop Michael.
- The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a luncheon on Sunday November 3rd after the Divine Liturgy in Bishop Michael's honor. The luncheon will also commemorate the **47th anniversary of our parish**. Ethnic foods will be featured. Cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs if you are interested in contributing to the day's menu.
- **Parish cleanup day** – In preparation of Bishop Michael's visit, members of the parish are invited to come help clean the church on Friday, November 1st, at 9:00 AM.

Special Announcements:

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

Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia:

Today the Church remembers the **uncovering of the holy relics of the Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia.**

Saint Gerasimus was born in the village of Trikkala in the Peloponessos. As a young adult, he became a monk on the island of Zakynthos. On the Holy Mountain he became a schemamonk and studied with the ascetics of Mt Athos. Receiving a blessing from the Elders, the monk went to Jerusalem to worship at the Life-bearing Tomb of the Savior. After visiting many holy places in Jerusalem, Mount Sinai, Antioch, Damascus, Alexandria and Egypt, he returned to Jerusalem where he became a lamp-lighter at the Sepulchre of the Lord.

The monk was ordained a deacon and then a priest by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Germanus (1534-1579). St Gerasimus maintained the discipline of an ascetic. For solitude he withdrew to the Jordan, where he spent forty days without respite. Having received the Patriarch's blessing for a life of silence, St Gerasimus withdrew to Zakynthos in solitude, eating only vegetation.

After five years he was inspired to go the island of Cephalonia, where he lived in a cave. He restored a church at Omala, and he founded a women's monastery where he lived in constant toil and vigil for thirty years. He prayed on bent knees stretched out on the ground. For his exalted life he was granted a miraculous gift: the ability to heal the sick and cast out unclean spirits.

At 71 years of age, the venerable Gerasimus knew that he would soon die. He gave his blessing to the nuns and peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on August 15, 1579. Two years later, his grave was opened and his holy relics were found fragrant and incorrupt with a healing power.

Since the Feast of the Dormition falls on August 15, St Gerasimus is commemorated on August 16th. Today's Feast celebrates the uncovering of his holy relics in 1581.

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**



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Forever**

**Gerasimos the New Ascetic
of Cephalonia**

*Let us praise divine Gerasimos the protector and champion of Orthodoxy,
An angel in the flesh and a God-inspired wonder-worker.
He received from God the gift of healing
And grants cures to those who honor him!*

Troparion -

Today the Church remembers:

- Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch (362) • Righteous Child Artemius of Verkholok
- Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia (1579) • Ven. Matrona of Chios (14th c.)



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