

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

Uncle **George** on his birthday, offered by Linda and Richard Dantine

**Matushka Emily** Shuga, sister of Bill & MaryAnn Kuzemchak

**Readings:**

- **Galatians 1:11-19**
- **Luke 16:19-31**
- 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Demetrios)
- John 15:17-16:2 (St. Demetrios)
- 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 (Earthquake)
- Matthew 8:23-27 (Earthquake)

**BRETHREN**, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room**

**Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)**

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

**Announcements:**

- **There will be a meeting of the Parish Council today** after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos** will be next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> after coffee hour.
- **The 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our parish** will be celebrated on **Sunday November 9th**. After the Liturgy there will be a dinner in our community room, sponsored by the Sisterhood. The dinner will feature ethnic foods. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 per person. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for anyone who wishes to contribute an item for the dinner. If you are planning on attending the dinner, please indicate how many will attend on the sheet downstairs or call Lore Stefy at (609) 625-1184.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Any Announcements 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 signup sheet at the candle stand.

**St. Maximus says:** "The one who loves God leads an angelic life on earth, fasting and being watchful and singing psalms and praying and always thinking good of everyone."

**Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhusher of Thessalonica:**

Today the Church remembers this glorious and wonderworking saint who was born in Thessalonica of noble and devout parents. Implored of God by childless parents, Demetrius was their only son, and so was raised and educated with great care. Demetrius's father was a commander in Thessalonica. When his father died, Emperor Maximian appointed Demetrius 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. Demetrius 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 Demetrius. Then, when he was returning from battle against the Sarmatians, Maximian stopped at Thessalonica to investigate the matter. The emperor summoned Demetrius and questioned him about his faith. Demetrius openly acknowledged his Christian Faith to the emperor and also denounced the emperor's idolatry. Maximian cast Demetrius into prison. Knowing what was awaiting him, Demetrius 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 Demetrius. The soldiers found the saint of God at prayer and ran him through with lances [in 306 A.D.]. 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.

**Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople:**

In 740, at the time of the iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian, there was a terrible earthquake at Constantinople. Seeing this as God's just punishment for their sins, the people repented and prayed to the Most Holy Theotokos and to St Demetrius to help them. God had mercy on them, and the earthquake stopped.

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Great Martyr Demetrius

Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
Forever

*God, who has given you invincible might,  
has tinged the Church with streams of your blood, Demetrius!  
He pre-serves your city from harm,  
for you are its foundation!*

Kontakion — Tone 2

**Today the Church remembers:**

- Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhusher of Thessalonica** (ca. 306) ● Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.
- St. Theóphil of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (Far Caves—1482)
  - Martyr Lupus (ca. 306). Ven. Athanasius of Medikion Monastery (ca. 814)
  - Monk Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1518).

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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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