

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

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

**For the eternal memory of:**

**Leonid** Stefy, offered by his children and wife - Lori Stefy

**Readings:**

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- Luke 8:26-39

**BRETHREN**, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**At that time**, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**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

**Church School -** 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, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** today, after coffee hour.
- **Next weekend, His Grace Bishop Michael will be visiting our parish, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> after the Divine Liturgy in Bishop Michael's honor. The luncheon will also commemorate the **47<sup>th</sup> 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 and help clean the church this Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 AM.

**Special Announcements:**

- Special 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 sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

**Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica:**

Today the Church remembers the Holy Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica. He suffered in the year 306 in the city of Thessalonica together with the Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica.

**Icon of the Mother of God “the Joy of All Who Sorrow”:**

Last Thursday, the Church remembered the wonderworking “*Joy of All Who Sorrow*” **Icon of the Mother of God**. The icon was glorified in the year 1688. Euphymia, the sister of Patriarch Joachim (1674-1690), lived at Moscow and suffered from an incurable illness for a long time. One morning during a time of prayer she heard a voice say, “Euphymia! Go to the temple of the Transfiguration of my Son; there you will find an icon called the *Joy of All Who Sorrow*. Have the priest celebrate a Molieben with the blessing of water, and you will receive healing from sickness.” Euphymia did as she was directed by the Most Holy Theotokos, and she was healed. This occurred on October 24, 1688.

Icons of this type depict the Mother of God standing full-length, with a scepter in her right hand. In some variants of this icon, she is also holding Christ in her left arm. Appearing above her in the clouds is the Ruler of heaven and earth, her Son, and along the edges of the icon, framing the Theotokos on both sides, are suppliants (us) asking for her intercession. Her tenderness and loving-kindness are evident in her face and demeanor as she stands with her head tilted as if listening to us.

Another variant, the icon of the **Mother of God “*Joy of All Who Sorrow*” (with coins fused to it by a bolt of lightning)**, was manifested at St Petersburg in 1888. During a terrible thunderstorm, lightning struck in a chapel. All was burned or singed, except for this icon of the Queen of Heaven. It was knocked to the floor, and the poor box broke open at the same time. Somehow, twelve small coins (half-kopec pieces), became attached to the icon. A church was built in 1898 on the site of the chapel.

The icon is also remembered on July 23 and November 19.



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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

**Holy Martyr Nestor of  
Thessalonica**

*Your holy martyr Nestor, O Lord,  
Through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons.  
Through his intercessions, save our souls!*

Troparion -

**Today the Church remembers:**

Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (ca. 306) • Ven. Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—ca. 1114) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Andrew, Prince of Smolensk (1540) • Martyrs Capitolina and Erotheis of Cappadocia (304) • Martyr Mark and those with him, on the Isle of Thasos • St. Dumitru (Demetrius) the New, Metropolitan of Bucharest (13th c.).

**October 27, 2013**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Tone 1** of the Octoechos