

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:
(today's sponsors will be listed next week)

Readings:

- Galatians 2:16-20
- Luke 8:26-39

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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.

(No service on 10/28/2012 because of storm)

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 3rd 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 will be a meeting of the Parish Council** today after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will be on November 4th 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. A sign-up sheet is posted downstairs. Let us know if you would like to contribute your specialty.
- **Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 4th.** Remember to "fall back" and set your clock back an hour next week or you will be early for service.

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

The "Other" Saints Cosmas and Damian:

This Thursday, November 1, the Church celebrates 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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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:

Repose of Ven. Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (1651)

- Martyrs Terence and Neonila, and their children: Sarbelus, Photus, Theodulus, Hierax, Nitus, Bele, and Eunice. Ven. Stephen of St. Sabbas' Monastery, Hymnographer (9th c.) ● Repose of St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Serbia (1266) ● Greatmartyr Parasceve of Iconomium (3rd c.) ● St. Dimitry, Metropolitan of Rostov (1709) ● Ven. Nestor, not the Chronicler, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) ● Martyrs Africanus, Terence, Maximus, Pompeius, and 36 others, of Carthage (3rd c.) ● Hieromartyr Cyriacus, Patriarch of Jerusalem (363) ● Ven. John the Chozebite (6th c.) ● St. Neophytus, Bishop of Urbinsk in Georgia (7th c.) ● Ven. Athanasius the Younger, Patriarch of Constantinople (14th c.)

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21st Sunday After Pentecost
6th Sunday of Luke