

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health and prosperity of:****Sub-deacon Edward** on his birthday, offered by his family.**All Sisterhood members**, offered by the Church Council**Readings:****2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9** (19th Sunday after Pentecost)**Luke 7:11-16** (3rd Sunday of Luke)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Ar'etas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:****Hours** - 9:40 AM**Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

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

(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)**Church School**

2nd through 8th grades – 9:30 AM (No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.)

Preschool through 1st grades meet immediately after communion.

No Church School today because of preparation for floor work.**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:

- A new floor is being applied in our basement this week. The room will be closed next Sunday, October 14th, to let the finish cure. **There will be no coffee hour or Church School next Sunday.**
- **The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos Appreciation Dinner** will be held today, October 7th at Cousin Mario's. An e-mail was sent to each member with details. (or see Linda Dantine for details)
- **Annual Anniversary Dinner will be held November 4th.** Space is limited! Fr. Matthew sent out an e-mail with details and reservation forms.
- **Let us all help our brethren hit by Hurricane Florence.** See our website for links to [Saint Basil Orthodox Church](#) in Castle Hayne, NC, and their [GoFundMe page](#). We will also have a collection basket on the bread table after the service this week and next.

Special Announcements:

- **Any Announcements or prayer requests 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.

Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

*Having courageously confronted the Enemy,
you brought his guiles to an end, and received from on high the
crown of victory.*

*Illustrious martyrs, Sergius and Bacchus,
with one heart you cry aloud:
"How good and pleasant it is to dwell with God!"*

Kontakion -Tone 2 (Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus)

St. Maximus says "The one who throws off self-love, the mother of all passions, will very easily, with God's help, put aside the others such as anger, grief, grudges and so on".

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(Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus)

**Glory to
Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*Your holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You,
our God.*

*For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through their intercessions, save our souls!*

Troparion – Tone 4

On this day the Church remembers:

Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303) • Ven. Sergius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 13th c.) • Ven. Sergius, Abbot of Nurma (Vologdá—1412), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh) • Uncovering of the relics of Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1514) • Martyrs Julian the Presbyter and Cæsarius the Deacon, at Terracina (1st c.) • Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (290) • Martyr Polychronius the Presbyter (4th c.)

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3rd Sunday of Luke