

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Church Office 301-469-7990 (ext 300) of any loved ones who are hospitalized or "shut-ins," so they may be visited and receive the grace of Holy Communion.

WALK FOR FR. BASIL!!

The Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a Memory Walk **TODAY** to help end the disease. Please consider walking in support of **Fr. Basil Kissal, retired Proistamenos at Sts. Constantine and Helen's parish in Washington, DC.** The event is at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick. Registration is at 1 p.m. and the Walk begins at 2 p.m. **FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL 800-272-3900 OR GO TO THE WEBSITE www.alz.org/maryland.**

BIBLE STUDY

Offered Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The Gospel of St. John the Theologian is being studied. Join us for this important journey into God's Word.

PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON

The Ladies Philoptochos Society will have its Annual Membership Tea to be held on Sunday, November 7, 2010 in the Grand Hall, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We have a wonderful afternoon planned which includes light refreshments, warm fellowship, and a special give-away at each table. Bring a new member and she will be eligible to win a specially prepared gift basket! **Dr. James C. Skedros**, Professor of Byzantine Studies and Professor of Early Christianity at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology will speak to us on 'Reflections on Martha and Mary'."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS

The 2010 5x7 Color class Photo(s) are now available for a "Good Will" donation during coffee hour in the Grand Hall beginning October 17. Your donation will benefit the little mission church, the Holy Theotokos of Inveron Russian Orthodox Church in Honolulu, home of the miraculous icon. We are blessed to have the miraculous myrrh streaming icon of the most Holy Theotokos come to St. George to hear our prayers.

50 PLUS

St. George's Fifty Plus Club next meeting is on Wednesday, November 10th at 11:30am. Featured speaker at 12:00 noon, will be Dr. Stephen Pappas, Jr. whose topic will be "Macular Degeneration of the Eyes". All are welcome. Reminder: Our Luncheon and Cruise on the Potomac is on October 27th. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by contacting Maria Kopsidas at 240-421-9909

PARATHOSE DANCE TROUPE

Parathosi senior dance troupe practice will begin Tuesday, November 9 in the gym from 7:00pm - 8:30pm for youth in grades 7-12. Practices will be held every Tuesday thereafter. If you have any questions, please email Irene Tzamaras at itzamaras@verizon.net

A REMINDER

The current Stewardship year is swiftly drawing to a close. If you have pledged and are current with your giving, thank you! If you have pledged and have not yet given anything or are behind in your giving, please make good on your commitment as soon as possible. We need everyone's help to keep the ministries, sacraments, charitable works, and other capital expenditures going. Complete your 2010 pledge by the end of the year (December 2010) and make sure you indicate on your check **2010 Stewardship Pledge**. The **NEW STEWARDSHIP YEAR BEGINS IN JANUARY 2011 AND ENDS IN DECEMBER 2011.**

ST. GEORGE BULLETIN

**6TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE
ST. ARETHAS THE GREAT MARTYR**

OCTOBER 24, 2010



Today's Gospel recounts the story of the Gadarene demoniac who was delivered from Satan by the Lord Jesus. The man was possessed for years and made whole by the power of God. The amazing part of the story was that those who witnessed the deliverance, *asked Jesus to leave their town.* Struck by fear, they couldn't stand Jesus power in their midst. Jesus exposed the presence of evil and dispatched it into the herd of swine. So it is often with us. *We run from the light of Jesus power as it seeks to expose sin and evil in our own hearts.* We deny the great need we have to own our sins, to confess our sins, and to live on righteously. Without that honest admission, we are left to discouragement. Jesus shines his light into YOUR heart today! Let him heal it. Let him deliver it from all trouble and woundedness. Give yourself over to His forgiving touch no matter how long you may have lived in denial. He reaches out to you this day!

Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

Kontakion

You descended to Hades, my Savior, and shattered its gates, as the Almighty. As Creator, You raised the dead with yourself, and smashed the sting of death, O Christ. You freed Adam from the curse, O Lover of humanity. Therefore we all cry out to You, Save us, O Lord.



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EPISTLE GALATIANS 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

TODAY'S READER: MANOLI ANAGNOSTIADIS

GOSPEL LUKE 8:26-39

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.



FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-GUSHER

Tuesday, October 26, is the **FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-GUSHER**. Orthros will be at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Join us to commemorate this great Saint and to pray for Archbishop Demetrios and our Presiding Priest, Father Dimitrius. May the Lord God remember their priesthood in His Kingdom!

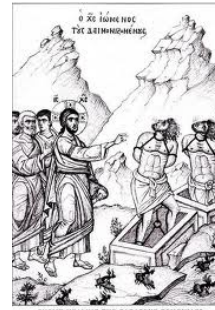
MEMORIAL SERVICE

An 8-Year Memorial Service will be offered today for **Dimitri Marlas**, requested by his wife, Loula, his son Yianni, his daughter-in-law Tracy, and his grandchildren Tracy, Sophia and Dimitri. May his memory be eternal!



MYRRH-STREAMING ICON TO VISIT ST. GEORGE

The **Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos** will visit St. George on Sunday, **NOVEMBER 7 AT 6:30 P.M.**



WHAT IS EXORCISM IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Exorcism (Greek: *Εξορκισμος*) is the rite of prayer which expels demons from a person or physical object. The most common use of exorcism in the Church is at the reception of a catechumen, which is most often included at the beginning of the baptismal rite, and during the Great Blessing of Water which is done on the baptismal waters and at Theophany. An exorcism may also be performed if it is believed that a person is suffering from demonic influence. Exorcism is the practice of expelling evil spirits by means of prayer or set formulas adopted by the Christian Church. Christ Himself and his Apostles practiced exorcism for the people possessed. (See Matthew 10:1 and foll; Luke 11:14 and foll; Acts 16:18, 19:13 and foll.). Exorcism has been practiced on persons possessed by an evil spirit all through the development of the Christian Church beginning with New Testament times. The most well-known exorcisms are those applied to Catechumens about to be baptized. Since infant Baptism was introduced in the Church, the statements denouncing Satan and accepting Christ are given by the Godfather/mother in the place of the candidate to be baptized. The Orthodox exorcisms before Baptism are four in number. Following them, and after the candidate or sponsor gives the affirmations in Christ, he is required to recite the Nicene Creed as the final seal of a successful candidacy. It should be noted here at this point that the Orthodox exorcisms are in essence prayers for averting the influence of evil spirits rather than for expelling the devil, especially in ceremonies such as sanctifying the waters (Agiasmos), blessing the ceremonial oil, or blessing sacred vessels. It should also be noted that the

importance of exorcism in Orthodox ecclesiastical life is not as great as it is in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches. In recent years certain semi-pagan exorcistic rituals have been practiced by a number of people uncertain as to their religious belonging, including clergymen of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches. Assuming the role of an exorcist is a serious offense against the Church's conception of evil and of the sacramental means by which it should be warded off. Needless to say, evil in man, whether personified or not, naturally requires the help of the Church..



DOXOLOGY

There will be a Doxology sung after Divine Liturgy today in honor of **St. Gerasimos of Kephalaria, whose feast day was October 20.** *"O believers, let us praise the protector of the Orthodox, The God-bearing miracle-worker lately appearing to us, the incarnate angel, divine Gerasimos. For he has rightly received from God the ever-flowing grace of performing healing. He strengthens those with diseases and he heals those with demons. And therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him."* (Apolytikon)



FEAST OF ST. NECTARIOS

November 9 is the **Feast of St. Nectarios of Aegina, Metropolitan of Pentapolis**. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos will observe the feast at the Monastery of St. Nectarios, 8704 Hampton Rd., Emmitsburg, MD by celebrating Great Vespers, Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m. and Orthros and Hierarchical Liturgy on Tuesday, November 9, at 9 a.m. Please join His Eminence for this special observance of the life and holiness of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker!

PRAYER LIST: Artie Constantinides, Antonia "Nitsa" Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaios, Katherine Panagakos, Priscilla Preuss, George Virvan, George Speris, Mariah Smiley, Doris Webb, the child Camille Feruzzi who is gravely ill, the child Heather Greene, Irene Pappas, Marty Levine, Lindsey Reijsoo, the child Ashley Lyvers, the child Alexis Ross, Joseph Papadakis, the child Joseph Saxon, Francine Bruggeman, Estrella Grande Ocampo, Stephanie Skanderis, Georgia Haldas, Eric Ricasa, Milton Kayafas, Mary Agis, Maureen Shriver, Tiffany Keiker, Mary O'Hara, William Coulopoulos, Matina Mantis, and Robert Shriver. **US ARMED FORCES:** Rev. Fr. John Kalantzis, Lt. Nicholas Karnaze, Spc. Spiro Nino, John Xanthakos, Colonel James Karas, and Gary Hogman (Iraq) and his wife Cindy, 2nd Lt. Phillip Natsios, Private Louis Tiches, EG Robert Stock, and PFC Brett Hughes.