

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:4-10

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

TODAY'S READER: STELLA COMINOS

GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31

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.'"



**FEAST OF SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIEN
THE HOLY UNMERCENARY HEALERS**

Tomorrow, November 1, is the FEAST OF STS.. COSMAS AND DAMIEN, the Holy Unmercenary Healers. They are invoked by the Church as "divine physicians" and their intercession is prayed for by all those with any form of illness—physical, psychological, or spiritual. **Orthros will be at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.**

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Memorial Service will be held today for **William Chambarlis (40 Days)** requested by his sister, Irene Ewing; for **Iralia Pastras (4 Years)** requested by her daughter Athena (Georgio); and for **Athanasia (Ethel) Athos (20 Years)** requested by her daughter Janet Athos. May their memories be eternal!



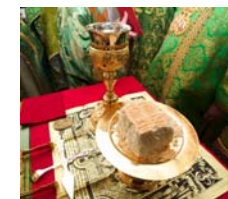
MYRRH-STREAMING ICON TO VISIT NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

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



**SPIRITUAL WARFARE:
CONQUERING
THOUGHTS**

We know that sin begins with a thought. We have a thought and then we become attracted to it. Next, we act on it. To overcome sinfulness, in addition to arraiging our life to avid temptations, we must be ever wary of our thoughts. The key for doing this is to become a student of your thoughts. Saint Theophan says, *"Attentively follow the course of affairs and watch what thoughts accompany them and conclude them, in order later to judge by this what initially lay within."* It is like boxing—many little jabs are thrown until the final knock-out punch. Saint Theophan says, *"The enemy has a law—not to begin suddenly with a passion but with a thought, and to repeat the thought often."* These repeated thoughts may not always be bad thoughts. The bad ones are easy to reject, but others require keen discernment. When new thoughts come about be wary. Don't immediately incline to accept them. Be patient. Watch and objectively reflect. Don't trust in your own reasoning but share new thoughts with a trusted friend or your spiritual father. The risk is disillusion. Saint Theophan describes it this way. *"Their foremost characteristic is that a person assuredly considers himself to be something he is not—for example, call to teach others, capable of an extraordinary life, ad so on Our pride is always lurking in the back ground waiting to be satisfied."* Our challenge is to free our mind of unnecessary thoughts. Saint Theophan states, *"The result of warfare can be a mind free of thoughts, a heart free of passions, and a will free of tendencies. When this develops, the person has achieved passionlessness. His inner being becomes a clear mirror that reflects spiritual things."*



**SERIES ON THE DIVINE
LITURGY TO BEGIN**

Following the completion of the Bible Study, we will begin a four-part series on *The Divine Liturgy*. Sessions will e held on the following Thursdays: Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The series will examine the nature, theology, and symbolism of the Orthodox Liturgy. The presenter will be Chrysostomos Gunning. Don't forget to mark these days on your calendar! A descriptive flyer on the topics is on the Church bulletin board, across from the Church office.



**DOXOLOGY FOR
"OXI DAY"**

There will be a Doxology celebrated today, after Divine Liturgy, to commemorate OXI DAY — the day when the Greek people stood firm over against those forces that threatened its freedom and national sovereignty. We give praise to God for all those peoples and nations that preserve the dignity of human freedom.



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 Grandea 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.

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.

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

There will be no Bible Study this week (Nov. 4). It will resume next week at its normal Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

PHILOTOCHOS 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.

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 Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be on Sunday, November 21 after church services. No need to bake. Call Maria Kopsidas at 240-421-9909 to place your order ahead of time.

PARATHOSE JUNIOR DANCE TROUPE

Practice will begin Sunday, November 14 in the Founders Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for youth in grades 3 through 6. Practices will be held every Sunday. If you have any questions, please email Olga Kasakeris at arisolga5@gmail.com or Evy Vlachos at ek4818@me.com

JOY/HOPE

Please join us for our regular meeting scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Founder's Hall. Our topic for this week will be the Theotokos.

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

5TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE
ST. NICHOLAS OF CHIOS THE NEW MARTYR

OCTOBER 31, 2010



The three brothers, St. Stamatios, St. John and the eldest, St. Nicholas, along with a group of another four people traveled the Aegean with their load of olive oil. Because of bad weather their boat was stranded on Asia Minor across from Chios, in the area of Tsesme. They went out where they met a Christian to whom they revealed their situation and they gave him money to buy them food and whatever they needed for the return of their small boat. He, however, as another Judas, betrayed them to the aga of the area, and after a short time the aga's men appeared. They killed two from their group as they tried to flee, another two fell into the sea, and the three brothers were seized and led to the pasha of Chios. He, after questioning them, ordered the two younger brothers, Stamatios (18) and John (22), to be locked in the darkest prison on the castle, the oldest, Nicholas, would be taken out of the castle and be beheaded. Along the whole road they were incentivising Nicholas to convert to Islam and to save his life. That blessed one responded to them: "Will I begin a new life? No, I was born a Christian and a Christian I will die, I don't deny my faith." He was beheaded at once.

Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Kontakion

When the Life-bestower Christ God had resurrected * with His vivifying hand, from the dismal caverns, * all the dead from eternity, He freely bestowed * resurrection on the substance of our mortal humanity. * For He is the Savior of all, resurrection and life, and the God of all things.



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