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18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE VOICE

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
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Secretary: Katherine Hodge
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Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, October 27 - Daniel Slife
Sunday, November 3 - Bud Graham
Sunday, November 10 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, November 17 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, November 24 –Reader Nicholas Morelli

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

Sunday, October 27

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife

Epistle:2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18

Sunday, November 3

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

Epistle:2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel

Thursday, November 7

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

GENERAL PARISH MEETINGS

TODAY, OCTOBER 27: It is time to choose a Nominating Committee for the election of the 2025 Parish Council.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17: To elect the 2025 Parish Council members.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

The Cheerful Giver

6 But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows [a]bountifully will also reap [b]bountifully. **7** *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of [c]necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God *can* make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. **9** As it is written:

"He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever."

10 Now [d]may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, [e]supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of

your righteousness, **11** while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel Luke 8:26-39

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

26 Then they sailed to the country of the [a]Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. **27** And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons [b]for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. **28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" **29** For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. **31** And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So, they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. **33** Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. **35** Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **36** They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was [c]healed. **37** Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the [d]Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, **39** "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Holy Martyrs Nestor and Demetrios, the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki

Commemorated on October 26

The Great Martyr Demetrios (Dēmḗtrios) the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessaloniki. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of Saint Demetrios were secret Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father's home.

By the time Demetrios had reached maturity and his father had died, Emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confident in Demetrios's education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father's position as proconsul of the Thessaloniki district. The young commander's principal duties were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The Emperor's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply: "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The Emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrios he had provided him with the opportunity to bring many people to Christ. Accepting the appointment, Demetrios returned to Thessaloniki and confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the

Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and the worship of idols. The compiler of his Life, Saint Simeon Metaphrastes (November 9), says that because of his teaching zeal he became "a second Apostle Paul" for Thessaloniki, particularly since "the Apostle to the Gentiles" founded the first community of believers in the city (1 Thess. and 2 Thess.). The Lord also destined Saint Demetrios to follow Saint Paul on the path to martyrdom. When Maximian learned that the newly appointed proconsul was a Christian, and that he had converted many Roman subjects to Christianity, the Emperor's rage knew no bounds. Returning from a campaign around the Black Sea, the Emperor decided to lead his army through Thessaloniki, determined to massacre the Christians. Learning of this, Saint Demetrios ordered his faithful servant Lupus to give his wealth to the poor saying, "Distribute my earthly riches among them, for we shall seek heavenly riches for ourselves." He began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom.

When the Emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrios, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian ordered Demetrios to be thrown into prison. An Angel appeared to him, comforting and encouraging him. Meanwhile the Emperor amused himself by staging games in the circus. His champion was a German by the name of Lyaeos. He challenged Christians to wrestle with him on a platform built over the upturned spears of the victorious soldiers. A brave Christian named Nestor went to the prison

to Saint Demetrios, his instructor in the Faith, asking for his blessing to fight the barbarian. With the blessing and prayers of Saint Demetrios, Nestor defeated the fierce German and hurled him from the platform onto the spears of the soldiers, just as the murderous pagan would have done with the Christian. The enraged commander ordered the execution of the holy Martyr Nestor (October 27) and sent a guard to the prison to kill Saint Demetrios. At dawn on October 26, 306 soldiers appeared in the Saint's underground prison and ran him through with lances. His faithful servant, Saint Lupus, gathered up the blood-soaked garment of Saint Demetrios he took the imperial ring from his finger, a symbol of his high status, and dipped it in the blood. With the ring and other holy things sanctified the blood of Saint Demetrios, Saint Lupus began to heal the infirm. The Emperor ordered his soldiers to arrest and kill him. The body of the holy Great Martyr Demetrios was cast out for wild animals to devour, but the Christians took it and secretly buried it in the earth. During the reign of Saint Constantine (306-337), a church was built over the grave of Saint Demetrios. A hundred years later, during the construction of a majestic new church on the old spot, the incorrupt relics of the holy martyr were uncovered. Since the seventh century a miraculous flow of fragrant myrrh has been found beneath the crypt of the Great Martyr Demetrios, so he is called "the Myrrh-gusher."

Saint Demetrios is regarded as a protector of the young, and is also invoked by those struggling with lustful temptations.

FALL FAMILY FUNFEST

TODAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

Followed by
LUNCHEON
and
OUR ANNUAL TRUNK-A-TREAT
FOR ALL AGES!

EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING
A TREAT TO SHARE WITH ALL THE KIDS – young and older

NON-SCARY COSTUMES ARE WELCOME

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OUR CATECHUMENS

By the Providence of God, our Parish Family of St. Elia has been entrusted with those who have been sent to us to love them and nourish them in the faith.

Let us pray for our Catechumens:

Daniel Williamson, Randy Warner and his daughter Marceline, as they prepare to be received into the Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Church School Classes are held on Sunday morning following the Divine Liturg**y.**

Preschool: Mrs. Natalie Slife, Mrs. Eve Tavenier;
School Age Mrs. Martha Morelli, Mrs. Frances Hakim
High School: Subdeacon David Trace
Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude

OUR STEWARDSHIP October 20, 2024

Candles:	**$ 79.00**
Special Donation:	**50.00**
Diocese Reimbursement:	**449.00**
Tray Offerings:	**735.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,313.00**
PayPal Donations:	**$ 64.25**
Tithely Donations:	**224.43**
TOTAL:	**$288.68**
TOTAL OFFERNGS	**$1,601.68**

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude

Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

Kristopher Barnhart: son of Diego and Chanelle -

REMEMBER **OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Archbishop Alexander

Archbishop Benjamin

Archbishop Nathaniel

Archpriest Emil Huntyan

Archpriest Andrew Moulton

Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak

Matushka Myra Kovalak

Matushka Christine Zebren

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

Matushka Valeria Zahersky

Pani Dolores Zuder

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Reader John Paluch

Florence Lambo

Mary Magensky

Sarah Nigilo

Melissa Trace

Halina Woroncow

Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)

Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)

Hilda Ralich (Dan Ralich's mother)