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VOL. 5 No. 42 20 OCTOBER 2024 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Great-Martyr Artemius of Antioch

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended <u>from</u> on <u>high</u>, O <u>Mer</u>ciful One! You accepted the <u>three</u> day <u>bur</u>ial to free us from our <u>sufferings!//</u> O Lord, our <u>Life</u> and Resur<u>rec</u>tion, <u>glo</u>ry to You!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising <u>from</u> the <u>tomb</u>, You raised the dead and resurrected <u>Ad</u>am. Eve exults <u>in</u> Your <u>Resurrection</u>,// and the world <u>cel</u>ebrates Your <u>rising</u> from the dead, O greatly <u>Mer</u>ciful One!

Tone 3 Parish Theotokian

Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly prays to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, / for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)

V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

(182-ctr) 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(83) Luke 16:19-31

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps.* 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia!

Announcements

PRAY FOR UKRAINE! The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday, 22 October, at 6:30 PM Assumption of thee Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton. We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

<u>PARISH BOARD MEETING:</u> The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening, Monday, 21 October, immediately following Vespers at 6:30 PM. ALL PARISH BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE.

MARK THE DATE: ORDINATION - Saturday; 16 November att 10 AM our Subdeacon ALEXIS CLODFELTER will be ordained to the Holy and Christ-Loving Diaconate by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel here in our church. A celebratory luncheon will follow in our parish hall. All are invited, BUT YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS! If you plan to be in attendance, please let Robin Bodnar know ASAP!

SPECIAL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL PARISH MEETING: <u>The special, extraordinary General Parish Meeting originally scheduled for next Sunday, 27 OCTOBER, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for sometime in November.</u> Please watch the bulletin for further details.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE: This year, as last year, the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (Союз Українок Америки) Br. 91 is holding a food drive of non-perishable food for Second Harvest of Lehigh Valley to honor the Victims of the Holodomor in Ukraine of 1929-1932 where millions of our brothers and sisters perished. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected at our church in the breezeway, beginning TODAY and continuing through November. Please be generous.

SAVE THE DATE: 08 December—Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. We are looking for volunteers to work the Bazaar, make baked goods for sale, make special soups, and sponsor \$100 gift baskets (partner with a friend if you cannot sponsor the entire \$100). For more information and to volunteer, please see Robin Bodnar or Hayden Arp. This bazaar is greatly needed for our parish fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

TODAY:. - SISTERHOOD/BROTHERHOOD MEETING

READER SCHEDULE: DATE. HOURS EPISTLE

10-20. Hayden Arp. Dennis Ritter10-27. Dennis Ritter John Sokalsky

- <u>COFFEE SOCIAL</u>: Today's coffee hour is hosted by DORI BOCHNAK AND THE CHOIR.
- Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Mark Koczak, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, Daniel Milinichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, Delaney Clotfelder and the newborn child, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.
- Schedule for this Week

SUNDAY - 20 October - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Great-Martyr Artemius of Antioch

2 Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1 Luke 8:26 - 39

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday, 21 October - The Venerable Hilarion the Great

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Luke 10:22-24

6 PM - Vespers 6:30 PM - Parish Board Meeting

Tuesday, 22 October - The Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker Averkios

Ephesians 5:20-25 Luke 11:1-10

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - <u>Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301</u> Newport Ave. Northampton (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Wednesday, 23 October - The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord Galatians 1:11-19. Matthew 13:54-58

9 AM - Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of William Radio requested by Monica Cruz

Thursday, 24 October - The Holy Great-Martyr Arethas and His Companions *Ephesians 5:33- 6:9 Luke 11:14-23*

Saturday, 26 October - The Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-Gusher of Thessalonica

2 Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-27-16:2

9 AM - Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of William Radio requested by Monica Cruz

SUNDAY - 27 October - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Luke 8:41-56

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Holy, Glorious Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki

Commemorated on October 26

(https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/10/26/103059-holy-glorious-demetrios-the-myrrh-gusher-of-thessaloniki-adapted for our bulletin)

The Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of Thessalonica was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessalonica. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, already being diminished by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of Saint Demetrius were secret Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian faith in the family home. By the time Demetrius had reached maturity and his father had died, Emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confident in Demetrius' education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father's position as proconsul of the Thessalonica 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 simply to put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ. The Emperor did



not suspect that by appointing Demetrius he had provided him with the opportunity to bring many people to Christ. Accepting the appointment, Demetrius returned to Thessalonica, and 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 worship. The compiler of his Life, Saint Simeon Metaphrastes, says that because of his teaching zeal he became "a second Apostle Paul" for Thessaloniki, 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 in the area of the Black Sea, the Emperor decided to lead his army through Thessalonica, determined to massacre the Christians. Learning of this, Saint Demetrios ordered his faithful servant Lupus to give his wealth to the poor and began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom. When the Emperor came into

the city, he summoned Demetrius, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian ordered Demetrius to be thrown into prison. 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 teacher in the faith, asking for his blessing to fight the barbarian. With the blessing and prayers of Saint Demetrius, 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 Demetrius 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 by the blood of Saint Demetrios, Saint Lupus began to heal the infirm. The Emperor ordered his soldiers to arrest and kill him.