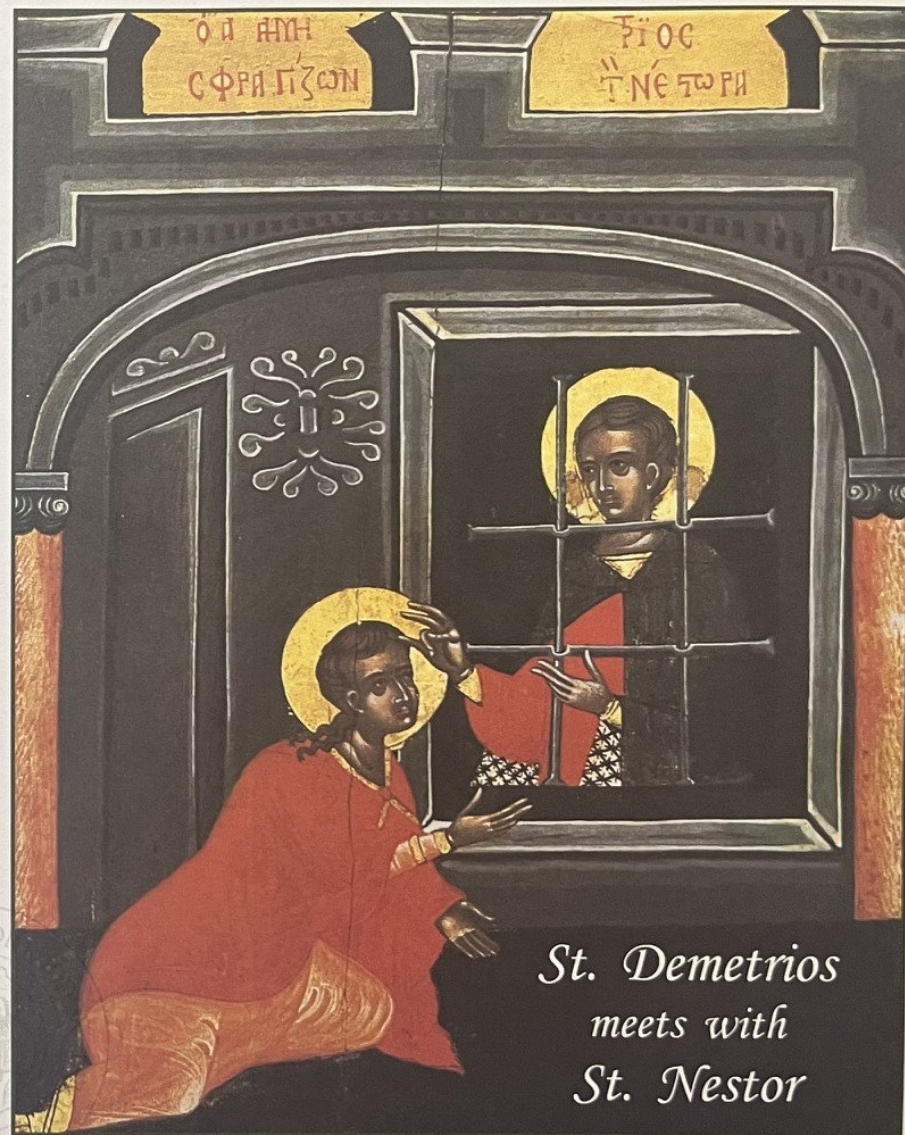


"O GOD OF DEMETRIOS, HELP ME!"

The Great Martyr Demetrios was born in the city of Thessalonica in the early years of the fourth century. Although his father was a prominent figure in the Roman army, Demetrios and his parents were secretly Christians. When his father died, Demetrios was chosen by the Emperor to replace him as military commander of Thessalonica. His orders were simple: put all Christians to death! Instead of doing so, Demetrios went about teaching others about Christ and sought to have pagan customs and traditions eliminated. His teaching zeal was so great that he is sometimes referred to as a "SECOND APOSTLE PAUL."

When the Emperor learned of the actions of Demetrios, he came to Thessalonica and had him imprisoned immediately. This was still the "era of the gladiators," so while there, the Emperor arranged a battle between his favorite warrior Lyaeos and a young Christian named Nestor. Coincidentally, Nestor had learned his faith from Demetrios! The night before he was to fight Lyaeos, Nestor visited Demetrios in prison and received his blessing, which is depicted on the cover of today's bulletin. Although Lyaeos was a Goliath-like man, Nestor was able to defeat him, causing the arena crowd to proclaim: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" This was more than the Emperor could bear. He ordered Nestor to be beheaded, and he had Demetrios run through with spears. The body of St. Demetrios was secretly buried by his followers. Years later, his relics were discovered and a magnificent church was erected over the place of his relics. For centuries now, fragrant myrrh has flowed from his crypt.

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St. Demetrios
meets with
St. Nestor

Welcome our Visitors! We invite you to venerate the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. However, only Orthodox Christians who are in good standing and who have prepared by prayer, fasting, and Confession may receive Holy Communion.

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The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor

Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 10

MARTYRS MARCIAN AND MARTYRIOS THE NOTARIES

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. MARCIAN & MARTYRIOS IN TONE FOUR

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee, * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

We Celebrate Today

On October 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy **Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrios**, disciples of Saint Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Verses

Note ye in these notaries the pens of Jesus,

Dipped by the sword's nib in their own blood as Martyrs.

On the twenty-fifth, they beheaded Marcian and Martyrios.

These saints fought against the Arian heresy which blasphemed God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. The Emperor Constantius himself inclined towards it. Patriarch Paul was dethroned and driven out to Armenia, where the Arians strangled him. Orthodoxy had two fierce strugglers on hand against the pagans and the heretics. Marcian, a reader, and Martyrios, a chanter, ranged themselves decisively on the side of Orthodoxy. The Arians first

tried to bribe them, but, when the two holy men refused this with scorn, the heretics condemned them to death. At their martyrdom, they raised their hands and prayed to God, thanking Him that they were finishing their lives as martyrs in 346. St. John Chrysostom later built a church in their honor over their relics, which worked miracles and cast out demons.

On this day, we also commemorate the **Martyrs Valerios and Chrisaphios**; and **Tabitha** the merciful, raised from the dead by the apostle Peter. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+Healing & Recovery Bishop Nicholas, Fr. Paul, Dea Terry, Kh. Janet, Joy Logue, Dolores Nosser, Rick Collins, George Michael, Nasif, Lynne Abraham, Pam Smith, Irene Tzotzolas, Michael Farris, Athena, Georgia, Andrea Simon, Chuck Abraham, Carla Leese, Drew, Robert Taylor, Gregory Thomas, Helen Abraham, Hannah Bonelli.

+Birthdays & Anniversaries Stacey Mahoney, Rachel Thomas (24), John Jabour (27), Robin & Frances Dallaire (29), John Michael Jabour (31).

Nov. Eleanor Durst (2), Jacob Jay West (3), Joey Bonelli, Danielle Thornton, (4) Steven Tzotzolas (8), Nancy Thomas, (10),

+ Holy Bread and Coffee Hour are offered by Rhonda Wright and her family.

+The Nativity Lent: Is divided into 2 Periods: (1)- Nov.15 through Dec. 19 when traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish & wine) is observed daily, with katalysis for wine & fish on Mon. Tue. Thur. Sat. & Sun. (2)- The period of the forefeast, Dec.20-25. When the traditional strict fasting is observed all days of the week.

+Lazarus Account. Has been reestablished to help people in dire need of financial support. If you would like to help, make your donation online, cash or by check to St. George, earmark "Lazarus Fund".

+Upcoming Events: +Fall Festival, Sunday November 1 @ 4pm. We will have a cake walk, bingo, cotton candy and popcorn. Hotdogs, chili and all the fixings will be provided by volunteers and will be cooked in our kitchen. please bring sweets and prizes for bingo.

+ 120th Anniversary's Celebration for St. George Church. Save the Date November 14&15. His Grace Bishop Nicholas will be with us. The schedule of services and events will be sent. A Historic picture of the church family will be taken with his grace and Fr. Gabriel. Bring your elderly parents and children, and be a part of a historical event to remember.

The Church Fathers Teach

If you want to attain salvation, learn and keep in your heart all that the holy Church teaches and, receiving heavenly power from the mysteries of the Church, walk the path of Christ's commandments, under the direction of lawful priest, and you will undoubtedly attain the Heavenly Kingdom and be saved. All of this is naturally necessary in the matter of salvation, necessary in it entirety and for all. Whoever rejects or neglects any part of it has no salvation.

(St. Theophan the Recluse, Five Teachings on the Path to Salvation, 3)

DIVINE LITURGY OCTOBER 23, 2026

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, 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 hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus 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 Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus 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 was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had 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 Jesus 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 Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.