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Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer
Sixth Sunday of St. Luke



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Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for St. Demetrios (Tone 3): A great champion hath the whole world found thee to be when in grave perils, for thou dost put to flight the heathen, O victorious one! As thou didst humble Lyaeus' arrogance and gavest boldness to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, do thou entreat Christ God that we be granted great mercy.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 2): O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

EPISTLE READING

For the Great Martyr Demetrios

Prokeimenon – Psalm 63:10, 1

Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord, and take refuge in Him. Let all the upright in heart glory! Hear my voice, O God.

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (2:1-13)

MY SON TIMOTHY, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my Gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained! Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

This is a faithful saying: If we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

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. 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. (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.



GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMER OF THESSALONIKI

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the faith of Christ.

When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated.

Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth.

Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house. As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website
www.allsaintsorthodox.org*

Today: Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households A-F
- Church school for all ages; adult class taught by Fr. Pat. Parents are also invited to visit their children's classes for an open house today.

Tuesday, Oct. 28: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Oct. 29:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Oct. 30:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Miloshevski karate school, 6-8pm. *All church members are invited to join this month's classes at no charge: 3-6 year olds at 6:15pm, and all ages 7pm. See Fr. Andrew or the Ilievskis if any questions.*

Friday, Oct. 31: All Saints Eve

- Divine Liturgy for St. John of Chicago at Holy Trinity Cathedral (1121 N. Leavitt), 9:30am
- No morning prayers at All Saints
- Potluck dinner and All Saints Eve celebration, beginning 6pm

Saturday, Nov. 1: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Nov. 2:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households G-K
- Church school for all ages; adult class will be taught by Joseph Letendre

ALL SAINTS EVE is coming up this Friday, Oct. 31 at 6pm. Please see the sign-up sheets on the back of the front doors to volunteer for food, saint portrayals, or any other needs. Saint-of-the-year nominees are: Basil of Caesarea, Cloud of Orleans, Brendan the Navigator, Eligius, Edmund the Martyr of Anglia, John of God, and Miguel Pro Juarez.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 10/26	Subd. Joseph	Cristina P	Tobey L	Zach C	A-F
Sun 11/2	Paul K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Alina S	G-K
Sun 11/9	Steve K	Sandy A	John O	Domitille	L-P
Sun 11/16*	Rich C	Sephora I	JoAnne T	Alina S	R-Z
Th. 11/20* <i>Entrance</i>	Joseph L	Debbie K	Azizeh	N/A	<i>Potluck</i>

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour, but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!

**Shaded dates indicate fasting. No meat or dairy should be served at church on these dates.*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCT. 26–NOV. 1, 2025

New Testament readings are based on the traditional Orthodox lectionary. Old Testament readings are currently from the Wisdom Books

Sunday, Oct. 26: Great Martyr Demetrios of Thessaloniki
John 20:19-31 / 2 Timothy 2:1-13 / Luke 8:26-39

Monday, Oct. 27: Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki
Ecclesiastes 6 / Colossians 1:1-14 / Luke 9:57-62

Tuesday, Oct. 28: Martyrs Terrence and Eunice
Ecclesiastes 7 / Colossians 1:15-23 / Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Anastasia the Martyr of Rome
Ecclesiastes 8 / Colossians 1:24-29 / Luke 10:17-24

Thursday, Oct. 30: Martyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia
Ecclesiastes 9 / Colossians 2:1-7 / Luke 10:38-42

Friday, Oct. 31: Priest Martyr John Kochurov
Ecclesiastes 10 / Colossians 2:8-15 / Luke 11:1-13

Saturday, Nov. 1: Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn
Colossians 2:16-23 / Luke 11:14-28

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