

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 18, 2020

Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 2

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

- 9:10 am - Hours
- 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
2 Cor. 11:31-12:9 Col. 4:5-9,14,18
Luke. 8:5-15 Luke 10:16-21

Schedule of Services

Tuesday, October 20

- 7:00 pm - Akathist to Saint John, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Friday, October 23

- 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos:

Saturday, October 24

Memorial (Demetrius) Saturday

- 5:00 pm - Great Vesper followed by **Great Panikhida**

Sunday, October 25

- 9:10 - Hours
- 9:30 - Divine Liturgy



WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG

On October 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke. Luke was born in Antioch and was numbered with the Seventy Apostles. He excelled in his studies of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. Luke once came to Jerusalem where he saw the Savior face to face. With Cleopas, he saw the resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Luke returned to Antioch and preached with the Apostle Paul and then traveled to Rome with him, converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. Following the martyrdom Paul, Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Libya, Macedonia, Egypt and Greece. He painted three icons of the Most-holy Theotokos, one of which is protected by the nuns of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Convent of Our Lady of Saydnaya in Syria. He also painted icons of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Hence, Luke is considered to be the founder of Christian iconography. In addition to his Gospel which he wrote in about the year 60, Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles and dedicated both works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia. Luke was 84 years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Boethia. The miracle-working relics of this wonderful saint were transported to Constantinople in the fourth century. On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Marinos the Elder at Anazarbos; Venerable Theodore, Simeon and Euphrosyne, founders of the Monastery of the Great Cave in the Peloponnesus; New-martyrs Gabriel and Kyrmidoles of Egypt; and Venerable Peter of Cetinje (TSEH-tee-neeheh). By their holy intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

PRAYER IN A TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

Our Father, great and glorious God Who art in Heaven, yet Who dost look upon the earth with compassion, meting out Thy justice and Thy mercy upon nations: look down upon our earthly and temporal homeland, the United States of America, which is now divided by strife, and send Thy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, upon us like a heavenly Breeze, to restore peace to our cities, our countrysides, and our hearts. May He, the Spirit of truth Who leads the saints into all truth, teach us the truth, that we may abide in it, repenting of our error and ignorance. May He, the Spirit of righteousness, lead us in the way of righteousness, that we might cast aside and forever reject all hatred and bigotry. May He, the Spirit of Justice, strengthen us to restore justice to our land, that we may root out all corruption. O Father Almighty, adorn our rulers with a spirit of wisdom; adorn our civil authorities and the police and all who enforce the law with a spirit of mercy and restraint; and adorn all who dwell in our land with a spirit of love for one another, regardless of race or class. O Father without beginning, Who at the breathing of Thy Spirit didst cause dry land to appear out of the churning waters of chaos when the world was founded: deliver our earthly homeland from disorder, and grant us all to stand firmly on the ground of Thy justice and Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom is due all worship, together with thee, the God and Father, and the All-holy Spirit, the Comforter, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



Intercessory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Genevieve Bobenko, Barbara Bogart, Michael Bzik, Mary Ann Dolak, Dorothy Fabian, Barbara Kary, Margaret Kovalycsik, Kathleen Lazorzcyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Patricia Galley.

Birthday Greeting

Happy Birthday go out this week to **Dennis Maixner** - 21; and **Helena Czech** - 22. May God continue to enrich them life with the fullness of joy and happiness for many years - Mnogaya Lyeta!

Our Parish Life

◆ **St. Demetrius Memorial Saturday** is one of the Ancestral (Soul) Saturdays that the Church has set aside to remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ. As is our parish custom, deceased family members will be memorialized at the Panikhida service on next Saturday October 24 followed by Great Vesper service. Every one is encouraged to attend this service, for by following the commandment of Jesus to pray for one another, including those who are no longer with us, we firmly believe that these intercessions will bring us and them great benefit.*

◆ **The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. Brochures are located by the bulletin board in the parish hall or at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.

◆ Annual Diocesan Assembly as a one-day event on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church. In South River NJ.

◆ **The sacrament of Holy Confession.** As we return to church, confession by appointment is now available. Masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed. If you prefer, you can still take part in the Sacrament via phone; call Fr. Maryan to set up a time for both options.

