

Scripture Readings

EPISTLE 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.

GOSPEL Luke 8: 26-39

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

Gospel Reflection



Today's Gospel recounts the story of the Gadarene demoniac delivered from Satan by the Lord Jesus. The man was possessed for years and was made whole by the power of God. Those who witnessed the deliverance asked Jesus to leave their town. Struck by fear, they could not bear the power of the Christ in their midst, for Jesus had exposed the presence of evil. So it can be with us. Ashamed or guilty, we too can run from the light of Christ's power as it seeks to root out sin and darkness in our hearts. We can deny the great need we have to own our sins and to confess them. Jesus heals, delivers, and makes us whole by shining his light into our hearts today and every day of our lives! Rather than avoid his power, may we welcome Christ into every aspect of our lives. Let us welcome Him as deliverer, as the Divine Physician, as the One who can set us free. When Christ enters our hearts and emanates His eternal cleansing light, let us always give thanks and, in His words, "declare how much God has done" for us. To Him be glory unto ages of ages. Amen!

Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos



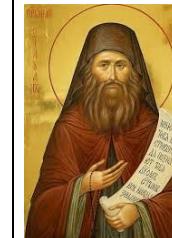
Wednesday, October 28: Orthros 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God in the tenth century. As his life was ending, St. Andrew of Constantinople, joined by his disciple St. Epiphanius and others, witnessed the Mother of God, along with St. John the Baptist and other saints and angels, during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, near the city gates in the northwestern section of Constantinople. Several relics of the Theotokos were kept at the Blachernae Palace, including her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century. The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down, and remained in prayer for a long time, her face covered in tears. She then removed her veil and spread it over the people as a sign of her protection. During that time, Constantinople was threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering. The icon of the feast of the Protection of the Mother of God depicts the Theotokos standing above the faithful, draped with a veil, with her arms outstretched in prayer. On both sides of her are angels. On the lower right of most icons of this feast are St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius, as witnesses of this vision of the Mother of God, who is depicted extending her veil in protection of the twelve apostles and bishops, holy women, monks and martyrs within the congregation. Through the protection of the Holy Theotokos, may God grant us safety, health and length of days.



Feast of St. Demetrios

Monday, October 26, is the Feast of St. Demetrios the Myrrh Streamer. Orthros will be at 8:30 AM and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM. Join us in praying for Archbishop Demetrios and Fr. Dimitrios, our Presiding Priest. God grant them many years!



For the Blessed Repose

Spyros Baras (1 Year), offered be his loving family. Altar flowers today are given in his memory. May his memory be eternal!

Love Your Enemies

"I ask you to try something. If someone grieves you, or dishonors you, or takes something of yours, then pray like this: "Lord, we are all your creatures. Pity your servants, and turn them to repentance," and then you will perceptibly bear grace in your soul. Induce your heart to love your enemies, and the Lord, seeing your good will, shall help you in all things, and will Himself show you experience. But whoever thinks evil of his enemies does not have love for God and has not known God." (St. Silouan)

Pray For Their Health and Salvation

His Eminence Metropolitan +Panteleimon; His Eminence Archbishop +Pavlos of Aleppo and His Eminence Mar +Gregorios Ioanna of Aleppo, who were kidnapped; persecuted Christians of the Middle East, Bill Pastis, Frosso Malavakis, Sotirios Kakavoulas, Marge Costas, Christopher Costas, Evangelia Pantazakos, Bill George, Mary Matthews, Patty Roumel, George Dizelos, Cimon Psira, John Karas; Constantina Speris; Andrew Katson; the child Seraphina Marie Vasilatos; Alexandra Aposporos; Lynne; Maria Papida; Thomas Khalil, and Maria Vasilion, For members of the Armed Forces: Cmdr. Steve Gonsalves

Parish Events

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: Every Sunday, 11:30 AM in the Chapel, following the Children's Liturgy. This year's topic is "A Journey Through Scripture: Lessons from the Bible and How to Apply Them to Our Daily Life." For information, contact Michael Haldas at Michael.haldas@verizon.net

PHILOPTOCHOS: Today, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM - 23rd Annual Agape Tea, at St. George. Admission is free and donations are most welcome. All proceeds will go the Agape Foundation, which provides financial assistance to families with children with serious medical conditions beyond insurance coverage. Please join us and be as generous as you can!

BIBLE STUDY: Thursday, Oct. 29, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM. Join us for the continued exploration of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

HOPE & JOY: For children ages 4-11. Friday, Oct. 30, 7:30 PM in the Founders Hall. Wear your costume for our Halloween celebration. We will share dinner, hosted by Mama Lucia, followed by an Orthodox lesson and a fun craft. Future dates are Nov. 6 and Nov. 20. Register online through the CCB. For information, contact Fran Solovieff at fpvlantis@aol.com or Maria Campbell at mariacampbell@yahoo.com

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF): Saturday, Oct. 31, Fall 2015 DC/ Baltimore Retreat, at St. Nektarios Monastery, 8704 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Theodoros Daoud, Presiding Priest at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Hunt Valley, MD, will speak on "Modern Martyrs: Witnesses of the Word." Register at <http://goo.gl/forms/YYhza7ujWl>

50 PLUS: Monday, Nov. 2, 10:00 AM - Brunch at Original Pancake House, 12224 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. For information, contact Maria Kopsidas at (240) 421-9909.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: All students attending Sunday School must be registered. Work with us to enrich our children in the teachings of Christ. Register online at https://stgeorge.ccbchurch.com/form_response.php?id=31 - for information, contact Athena Kranias at akranias@hotmail.com

GREEK SCHOOL: Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is ongoing for Greek School and Adult classes. Adult evening classes are offered to beginners on Thursdays, intermediate on Wednesdays, and advanced on Tuesdays. For information, contact Eirini Iatrou at eirini.iatrou@gmail.com



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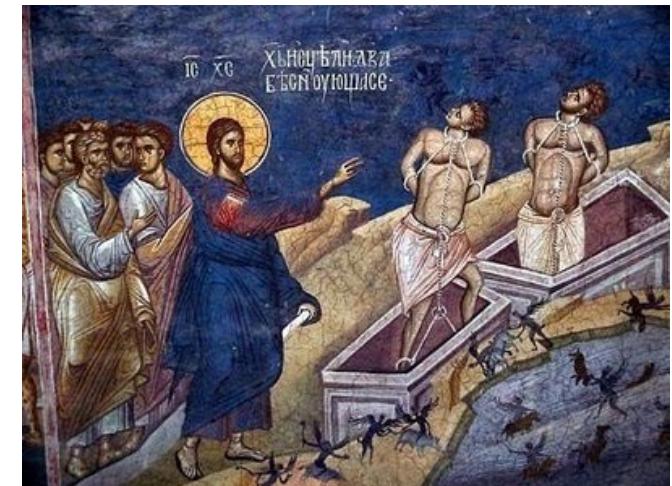
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October 25, 2015
Sixth Sunday of St. Luke
St. Tabitha of Joppa



“Return to
your home and
declare how much
God has
done for you.”
(Luke 8:26-39)

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 4

Joyous tidings of Thy wondrous Resurrection; that the angel proclaimed to the women disciples, and brought an end to the ancestral curse, and with pride they announced to the other Apostles: Death hath been despoiled, and risen is Christ our God, bestowing upon the world great mercy.

Apolytikion to St. George
O Trophy-Bearer, Great Martyr George, who freed captives, supported the poor, healed the sick, was a champion of kings, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved!

Ἄπολυτίκιον

Ως τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός,
βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.