

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st

No Medical Fees!

Saints Cosmas and Damian are the principal and best known of those saints venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones,” or “unmercenary ones,” because they practiced their profession as physicians without fees from their patients.

According to tradition, Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers, born in Arabia of a saintly mother Theodota. The brothers studied the sciences in Syria and became eminent for their skill in medicine. Being charitable Christians, they practiced medicine with great application and success, but never took any payment for their services. They observed the Lord’s command, “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give” (Mt. 10:8).

At Aegeae in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments and were beheaded about the year 283. The three brothers of Cosmas and Damian, Anthimus, Leontius and Euprepiu, are said to have suffered with them.

Among the distinguished people who attributed recovery from serious illness to Saints Cosmas and Damian was the Emperor Justinian I who built two churches in Constantinople in honor of the martyrs. Their basilica in Rome with its lovely mosaics was dedicated in the year 530.



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm

Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am

Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am

**OCTOBER 26, 2025 – 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3);
 THE HOLY GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS**

GIVING REPORT – The in-pew collection for October 19 was \$337. *We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on tithe.ly, our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity, dedication, and support!*

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY – Join us for the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, Oct 29, 6:00pm. Confession is available at 5:30pm.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will next meet on Thurs, October 30, 8:00pm, to pray and discuss *Always Believe in Love: Selected Writings of Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Newcomers welcome! Contact Kate for location info: kateclairenelson@gmail.com

THIS SUNDAY! THE 4TH ANNUAL PARISH CHILI COOKOFF & PUMPKIN DECORATING – Sunday, October 26th after the Divine Liturgy. Bring a pot of your best chili. There are a variety of categories to enter. Pumpkin decorating for the children; pumpkins provided. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up!



The Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius was a Christian born of wealthy parents in Thessalonica. During the persecution of the Church, he was arrested and taken to be imprisoned. Emperor Maximian was going to Thessalonica that day and ordered the Christian detained until he could be investigated and tried. Maximian then went to the arena for the games to watch his favorite gladiator, the champion Lyaeus. The emperor offered a reward to any man who could defeat his favorite champion. An unknown young man named Nestor, having asked Demetrius's blessing, jumped into the midst and accepted the offer. The

emperor, knowing the gladiator Lyaeus to be much his superior, tried to dissuade the young man, but he insisted on fighting him. Much to everyone's shock, Nestor killed the huge Lyaeus with one blow. Furious at so losing his favorite champion, Maximian rose up in a huff and stormed out without giving Nestor the promised reward. When his officers met him and asked him what was to be done with the Christian Demetrius awaiting him, he angrily replied, "Run him through with your spears!" Thus Demetrius perished without trial, a martyr for the Lord. This happened in about 306. His relics were treasured in Thessalonica and a church built in honor of him by Leontius, Christian prefect of Illyria, after the peace of the Church.

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN PARADE – If anyone is interested in volunteering to coordinate our parish's possible entry in Front Royal's Christmas on Main Parade (Dec 6, 4:00pm), please contact Elizabeth: mrsewallace@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com.*

20th Sunday after Pentecost; Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius

Troparion, Tone 3 (p. 337). Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 3 (p. 712). In you, O martyr Demetrius,* the world has discovered a champion in its travails,* for you have routed the nations* and so, as you smashed the pride of Lyaeus*, encouraging Nestor to struggle,* pray to Christ our God to grant great mercy to our souls.

(p. 337). Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3 (p. 338). You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

(p. 713). Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 2 (p. 713). With the streams of your blood, O Demetrius,* God, who gave you invincible strength,* has dyed the Church in royal crimson* and preserved your city invulnerable* for you are its fortification.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3 (p. 340). Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. *verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. **Prokeimenon, Tone 7 (p. 714).** The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Brothers and sisters, For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my

earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 3 (p. 340).

verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

verse: The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

At that time, the Lord went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!"

Communion Verses.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)