



*Christ Heals the Demoniac*

## CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 1, 2009

#### Please Remember in Prayer

Bill Parrish (undergoing surgery on Monday in Baltimore), Carole Boris (newly-departed), Archpriest Michael, Monk Christian, Nadia, Kathy Parrish, Marie, Thomas, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshtuko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Steven, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Paul Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda. Requests? Let Fr. John know.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Prayers for Those in  
the Healing Ministries  
St. Michael's Party  
Coffee Hour

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:00p.m. Reading Group

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 5:00p.m. Orthodoxy 101 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

The true aim of a Christian life is to acquire the Spirit of God, while prayer, vigil, fasting, almsgiving, and other good works done for Christ's sake are merely means for acquiring it.

*St. Seraphim of Sarov*

#### READER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Peter Parsells

**Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Jodi McElwee



#### Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries – Today

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers. Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward at the end of the Liturgy.



#### St. Michael's Party – Today

On November 1<sup>st</sup> (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of Archangel Michael – November 8<sup>th</sup>) we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children of the parish. After the Divine Liturgy, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Events and games to follow.

#### Reading Group – Monday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

The next Reading Group will meet on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at the church. The text will be the Didache or "The Teaching of the Apostles". This early Christian treatise, dated by most scholars to the late first/early second century, has three main sections dealing with Christian lessons, rituals such as baptism and Eucharist, and Church organization. Copies are available for pickup at the candle stand.



#### Many Thanks!

to all who helped with the Yard Sale, either by donating items or by working at the sale. Your support is greatly appreciated! May the Lord bless your efforts! Alice Peter's will offer a quick report at the end of the Divine Liturgy about the sale.



#### Great Food + Godly Purpose – Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

On November 20, 2009, the Dagsboro Café and Christ the Savior Orthodox Church are teaming up to bring to you, "Great Food + Godly Purpose". When you purchase any meal on November 20, 2009 between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Dagsboro Café, 20% of your check will be donated to Christ The Savior Orthodox Church's Building Fund. Vouchers are available at the candle stand, and lenten food will be offered. Please mark this date on your calendars and come out for the Great Food and Godly Purpose!

## THE UNMERCENARY HEALERS

On the 1st Sunday of the month of November, the Church celebrates the memory of the Unmercenary Healers and Physicians. These are the saints that are especially known for being in the medical field and for being gifted with the power of healing. The saints healed always in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They also used the medical procedures and medications of their day. The hymnology of the day mentions these saints by name:



*the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the excellent healer of the infirm; of Antipas, Charalampus and Blaise, the most honored hieromartyrs; Spyridon and Modestus, the all-splendid luminaries of the Church; the three pair of divinely wise saints Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same name and the same ways; Cyrus and the glorious John; the divine Panteleimon and Hermolaus; the Nun-Martyr and deliverer from depression, Maria of Gatchina; the Royal Nun-martyr Elizabeth of Moscow; Luke the Archbishop and Surgeon of Crimea*

Like all of the saints these Unmercenary Physicians dedicated themselves to God, becoming the first missionary physicians of the Christian Church. They preached the Christian Faith and treated the sick without accepting any payments or rewards for their services. They also gave to the poor whatever earthly possessions they had. Living in terrible poverty for God's love, all were renamed "Unmercenary" which means "not influenced by financial gain".

Seeing their humility, sacrifices, and dedication, God blessed them with the special gift of working miracles. The saints used God's gift to cure all kinds of diseases through the holy name of Jesus Christ. They cured lepers, made the paralyzed to walk, drove off evil spirits, healed the blind, and even raised the dead. All these wonders were performed by the power of God, through the prayers of these saints.

Hundreds of years after their death, Orthodox Christians still turn to these saints for healing of their illnesses and for comfort for their souls. The saints continue to perform miracles by interceding to our Lord Jesus Christ for those who pray with faith.

### NOVEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Anniversaries:

- 11/14 Paul & Sandra St. Germain
- 11/25 Lee & Tanya Jenkins

#### Birthdays:

- 11/7 Alice Jenkins
- 11/18 Todd Leasure
- 11/27 Isabelle Bekeshka
- 11/29 Jacob McFarland

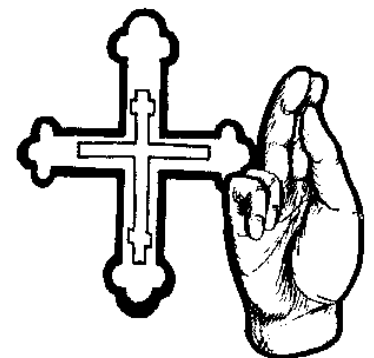
#### Namesdays:

- 11/8 Archangel Michael
- Michael Cook
- Michael McFarland
- Richard (Michael) Evanusa
- 11/14 St. Philip the Apostle
- Todd (Philip) Leasure
- 11/24 St. Catherine the Great
- Katherine Cook
- Kathy Parrish
- Catherine Lupiwok

*Corrections? Please see Fr. John.*

### LIVE IN GRATITUDE

"Live in gratitude, and you will never be disappointed. See that your afflictions are not there to punish you, but to purify you and cleanse you of the delusions of this world. You all are being prepared each day for great things. Be wise, and prepare for the future, but do not be worried about it. Be prudent, but not obsessed. The man who constantly worries achieves nothing but stress and anxiety. Instead, pray and draw close to God. Believe that He will help you, and suddenly, you will see how He has already."



## FINDING GOD

Seek God daily. But seek Him in your heart, not outside it. And when you find Him, stand with fear and trembling, like the Cherubim and the Seraphim, for your heart has become a throne of God. But in order to find God, become humble as dust before the Lord, for the Lord abhors the proud, whereas He visits those that are humble in heart.



St. Nectarios of Aegina (+1920)



## A PRAYER FOR ONE'S PARISH PRIEST

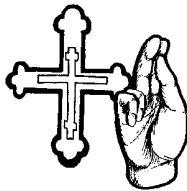


O Lord Jesus Christ, enkindle the heart of Thy priest, \_\_\_\_\_, with the fire of zealous love for Thee, that he may always seek Thy glory; Give him strength that he may labor unceasingly in Thine earthly vineyard for the salvation of our souls and the glory of Thine all-honorable and majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



## A PRAYER FOR ONE WHO IS ILL

O holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, who hast sent Thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: do Thou visit and heal Thy servant \_\_\_\_\_, granting him release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that he may give thanks unto Thee and bless Thy holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



## THE EMPTY CHAIR

*"I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."  
Matthew. 28:20*

A man's daughter had asked the local priest to come and pray with her dying father.



When the priest arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed. The priest assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me," he said. "No, who are you?" said the man. The priest told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair and I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the priest shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the minister talk about prayer, but it went right over my head and so I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day four years ago; my best friend said to me, 'Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus Christ.'"

Here is what I suggest.

"Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see the Lord in the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I will be with you always'. Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The priest was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the priest that her daddy had died that afternoon. "Did he die in peace?" he asked. "Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek.

When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The priest wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."