



## CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 1, 2015

#### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

#### Prayers for the Healing Ministries – Sun., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sunday following the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy for a prayer and blessing.



#### St. Michael's Party – Sun., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Archangels, we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children. After the Divine Liturgy, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Questions, please see Mat. Emily.

#### Have A Question?

Please feel free to give Fr. John a call. You can reach him on the church cell phone at 302-537-6055 or by email at frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org. Fr. John is also available to meet in person by appointment.



#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

##### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy  
Bls. Healing Ministries  
Coffee Hour

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

##### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

##### Holy Archangels

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy  
Coffee Hour  
St. Michael's Partry



"I beg and beseech you, Lord: grant to all who have gone astray a true knowledge of you, so that each and every one may come to know your glory."

Saint Isaac the Syrian



#### 2016 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 apiece and the pocket planners \$4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.

#### 2015 Archdiocesan Assembly – November 14<sup>th</sup>

is to be held with on Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC. A lay delegate is needed to accompany the priest. If you have any interest, please let Fr. John know. Thank you!



#### Food for the Hungry

A food basket is in the coffee hour room. This basket is for non-perishable items which will be distributed to those in need.

#### READER SCHEDULE

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

George Kaloroumakis

##### Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

Gabriela Jones



#### Matching Donations

We are pleased to announce two \$2,000 matching donations for the HVAC repairs. During the first week, \$1,500 was already raised, so there is only \$2,500 remaining. Deadline is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the donors!

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 9/30/15					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2015					PROJECT CRAWLSPACE			FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 11/01			AS OF: 11/01		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
59,626	64,787	3,180	1,380	-3,361	5,399	6,400	1,500	0	+499	21,132	17,410	+3,722	+3,428	0	330,070



## THE UNMERCENARY HEALERS

As the month of November begins, 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!

### Birthdays:

- 11/2 George Kaloroumakis
- 11/8 Andrei Labai
- 11/14 Jenny Barbarita
- 11/15 Dana Wyant
- 11/16 Oscar Hageman  
Vladimir Bozic
- 11/25 Nicholas Borodulia
- 11/27 Isabelle Bekeshka
- 11/29 Jacob McFarland  
Lydia Sandul

### Namesdays:

- 11/8 *Holy Angels*  
Michael Cook  
Michael McFarland  
Richard (Michael) Evanusa  
Michael Barbarita  
Romona Sterca  
Daniel Michael Oganyan  
Gabriel Morsey  
Gabriela Jones
- 11/16 *St. Matthew*  
Matthew McFarland
- 11/20 *St. Gregory Decapolite*  
Gregory Parsells
- 11/22 *St. Cecilia*  
Cecilia Wyant
- 11/24 *St. Catherine the Great*  
Katherine Cook  
Kathy Parrish  
Catherine Lupiwok  
Kathryn Rose Barbarita  
Megan Catherine Borodulia  
Ekaterina Golub
- 11/30 *St. Andrew the Apostle*  
Andrew Hageman  
Andrei Labai

### Anniversaries:

- 11/1 Joseph & Beth Dunbar



## ST. NECTARIOS OF AEGINA

*Commemorated on November 9<sup>th</sup>*



St. Nectarios, earthly name was Anastasios, as he was called, was from a very poor family in nineteenth century Selybria, in Thrace. He attempted to board a ship to Constantinople to find work, but he had no money for a ticket. The engines of the ship roared, yet it would not move until young Anastasios was permitted aboard. En route, the sea once raged, but Anastasios dipped his cross, which contained a piece of the True Cross, into the water three times, praying "Silence! Be still." The waters became still, but he lost his cross. As the ship continued, a loud continuous knocking was heard from beneath the ship. When they arrived at their destination, the sailors found the cross stuck to the bottom of the ship, as if the holy Cross of our Lord led the ship... When he was 29 years of age, he became a monk on the island of Chios. The patriarch sent him to study theology in Athens, and he was ordained Priest Nektarios (when you become a monk your name is changed), and later the Bishop of Pentapolis. However, owing to jealousy and alleged improprieties, he was removed from office, only to be rejected again in Athens and island of Euboiea. He suffered as a pauper, but he persevered, and his integrity and his wisdom shone through. The people of Euboiea embraced him. He became the Dean of the School of Theology in Athens in 1910 and helped begin a convent and became a spiritual father with healing powers for many throughout Greece. Ten years later, he was taken from Aegina to a hospital ward in Athens for the poor and incurable. He gave up his spirit there, and they prepared him for burial. His sweater was placed on the nearby bed of a paralytic, who suddenly regained his strength and walked. The room, which has since become a chapel, was filled with a beautiful fragrance for many days after his repose in the Lord our God. Healings are seen throughout the world to this day by the saint's holy prayers. He is considered the patron saint of those with cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, for those who are seeking a job, and epilepsy. St. Nectarios lived from 1846 until 1920. On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, he reposed in the Lord.

## ON THE HEART READY FOR GOD

*By St. Nikolai Velimirovich*



*My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready* (Psalm 57:7). Brethren, blessed is he who is able to speak like this to his Lord! Blessed is he whose heart is completely ready to follow the will of God. The readiness of the heart of man lies in this: to joyfully follow the will of God and not be confused by one's own thoughts and desires. At first, the repentant King David had followed his own sinful thoughts and desires, and was like a boat on a stormy sea. However, when he realized that the storm was going to drown him, he turned to God with great repentance and tears, and turned the boat of his life entirely over to God. *My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready!* he cried out with great peace of soul, for he knew that he had given his boat into the hands of the Most-skilled Helmsman. The storm still raged and the winds and waves still assaulted him, but he was not afraid, convinced that nothing could smash his boat, and that his boat would sail safely to a calm harbor. A "ready heart" means a heart cleansed of pride and humbled before the majestic power and wisdom of God. A "ready heart" means a heart emptied of all worldly desires and illusions, and filled with nothing but aspirations toward God and love for God. A "ready heart" means a heart that is healed of all restlessness, cares and fears, and is quieted and encouraged by the presence of God's grace. *I will sing and give praise in my glory* (Psalm 57:7), continues the Psalmist. This shows that his heart is truly ready—he is not proud of his royal glory but ascribes it to God. He humbled himself before God as nothing, and now his sole pleasure is to magnify and glorify God. His personal glory only gives him a reason for glorifying His All-glorious God.

O my brethren, let us endeavor that our hearts be ready soon before God: ready to hear the word of God, ready to follow the will of God, ready to glorify the Living God. O Lord God, our immortal Creator, help us to ready our hearts, that they may be vessels of Thy life-giving grace. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.