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MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA OCTOBER 27, 2024

TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Troparion – Tone 4

Thy holy martyr Nestor, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through his intercession, save our souls!

Kontakion – Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion – Tone 2

Having fought the good fight, thou didst win immortal glory, O Nestor. Thou didst become a perfect soldier for the Master through the prayers of the martyr Demetrius.// Together with him thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

Prokeimenon – Tone 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!
V. *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!*

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

The holy Martyr Nestor was very young in age, handsome in appearance, and he was known to the holy Great Martyr Demetrios (October 26), for he had instructed Nestor in the faith.

The Emperor was visiting Thessaloniki, and he built a high platform in the midst of the city so that a gigantic barbarian named Lyaios could wrestle there and be seen by everyone. Beneath the platform many spears and other sharp weapons were placed pointing upward. When Lyaios defeated his opponents, he threw them down onto the spears and they died. Many Christians were forced to fight Lyaios, and were killed. When Nestor saw how Emperor Maximian rejoiced over the victories of his champion, he disdained his pride. Seeing the miracles of Saint Demetrios, however, he took courage and went to the prison where the holy Martyr was confined, and fell at his feet.

“Pray for me, O Servant of God Demetrios,” he said, “that by your prayers, God may help me to beat Lyaios, and put an end to him who brings reproach upon the Christians.”

The Saint, after sealing Nestor with the Sign of the Cross, told him that he would prevail over Lyaios, and then suffer for Christ. Nestor mounted the platform without fear and exclaimed: "Help me, O God of Demetrios." After he defeated Lyaios, he hurled him down onto the spears, where he gave up his wretched soul.

Maximian became enraged and ordered that both Nestor and Demetrios should be put to death. Saint Demetrios was stabbed with spears, and Saint Nestor was beheaded. Thus, by his example Saint Nestor teaches us that in every human challenge we must say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me." (Psalm 117/118:6, Hebrews 13:6).

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

To add a name, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

For the Sick / Caregiver

Sharon (10/6)

Lynne (10/6)

Liam (10/6)

Kelly (10/6)

Bill (10/6)

Alexandra (10/6)

Father Paul (10/6)

Matushka Mary (10/6)

Thomas (10/6)

Michael (10/20)

Anthony (10/20)

Natasha (10/20)

Carmine (10/20)

Marianne (10/20)

Paul (10/20)

Martha (10/20)

Subdeacon Serge (10/27)

Melody (10/27)

Michael (10/27)

Charlotte (10/27)

For the Deceased

Betty (10/6)

Michael (10/6)

Lenore (10/6)

Bonnie (10/13)

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the Week of October 27

Sunday October 27 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday November 2 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession and Catechumen classes

Sunday November 3 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

October 20 – 62 adults, 17 youth, \$4,545

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight Savings Time ends this coming weekend. Please remember to move your clocks BACK one hour Saturday night November 2.

There will be a parish Movie Night (for adults and children) on Friday November 8 at 6:00 PM in Daria Hall. A Potluck sign-up sheet is on the credenza across from the candle desk. Please sign up and indicate what food you will bring to share – remember it is a fast day. We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship!

Starting next Sunday, November 3, and for the entire month of November, the Sunday School children will be collecting coats and jackets to be distributed to the folks in Trenton. Adult and children's coats that are in good condition will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Please bring donations to Daria Hall and place them in the appropriate boxes near the stage. If you have any questions please see Julie Stell. Thank you and God bless you in advance for your generosity!

The FOCA Club is having a Christmas Bake Sale in Daria Hall on Saturday, December 14. Pre-Order forms are on the last page of this bulletin and forms are also on the credenza across from the candle desk. Please support our fundraising in order to help support Orthodox charities throughout the year. Thank you.

Notice to owners of plots in St. Vladimir Cemetery: We are adding phone numbers for owners of plots to our database AND emergency contact information for plot owners (contact names and phone numbers). Also, if you are aware of any previously purchased plots that will not be used, please let us know. This requested information can be provided as follows:

Text: 609-475-2517

Email: meteugene@aol.com

Call: 609-475-2517 (if you have to leave a message, please spell your name and provide call back phone number)

Thank you! Michael Toth, Cemetery Caretaker

Catechumen classes will be held on Saturday evenings after Vespers (5:00 PM). Parishioners are more than welcome to attend along with those studying to convert to the Orthodox faith.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Matthias Brasowski – November 5

Margie DiCicco – November 5

Nicholas Chaikivskyi – November 5

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, wiping down the tables, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. **PLEASE NOTE:** Your assigned Coffee Hour Support Person will provide guidance, however, the Support Person will leave Daria Hall at 9:55 AM to attend church services. If you have arrived late or are not finished, you will be provided the key to lock the Hall when you are leaving for church services. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

SUGGESTED MENU:

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

If your menu includes a pork dish, please keep in mind that several of our parishioners do not eat pork, so please provide an alternative for them.

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event. The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

- Oct. 27 Fiyori Habtesillasse, Lemlem Woldearegay
- Nov. 3 Tyler Burger, Ludwin Lopez
- Nov. 10 Galina Shubina, Vera Pschenyczny
- Nov. 17 FAST Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun
- Nov. 24 FAST Peter Abdallah, Jim Galcik
- Dec. 1 FAST Natalia Kolomatskaia, Trudy Ellmore
- Dec. 8 FAST Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Hannah Dougherty
- Dec. 15 FAST Mimi & Alan Berck, Amleset Gebrekvistos
- Dec. 22 FAST Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Svetlana Sosedov
- Dec. 29 Valeria & Timothy Srock, Guy Radcliffe
- Jan. 5 Darice Keyes, Bill & Margie DiCicco
- Jan. 12 Aftan Chowansky, Matthew & Nana Barrett
- Jan. 19 Juan Garcia, Benjamin & Julie Stell
- Jan. 26 Karina Kotelnicki, Paul & Patty Denko
- Feb. 2 Anna, Leon & Simeon Brasowski, Brittani & Alex Brasowski
- Feb. 9 Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Stefania Balasa

Have a healthy, blessed week!

FOCA Club Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14, 2024

PRE-ORDER FORM

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Check below for no nuts</i>	<i>Cost Each</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
	2 doz. Cookies		\$13	
	4 doz. Cookies		\$25	
	Nut Roll		\$8	
	Poppyseed Roll		\$8	
	Lekvar Roll		\$8	

Total Due \$ _____

All cookies will be homemade!

There will be other items for sale at the Bake Sale - we are only taking Pre-Orders for the above.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Cash or check payable to St. Vladimir R Club when picking up your order on Saturday Dec. 14 or Sunday Dec. 15 (during Coffee Hour).

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PRE-ORDER TO NINA L., FRANCINE, or MIMI by NOVEMBER 17. Thank you for your support!