

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Very Reverend Father R. John Dixon, Pastor

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of Saints Cosmas and Damian
November 1, 2009

Commemorating: The holy wonder-working unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia and their mother Theodota; Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable David

The Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light for the month of November is offered by the Saad & Todora families for the health of their families and in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Saad.

Today's Holy Bread: Rose Saad

Today's Coffee Hour:

Next week's (11/8) Holy Bread: Kathe Rousseau

Next week's Coffee Hour: Aractingi family

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday: To Kylie Rhotan (11/2), Luke Horstman (11/4), Louis Parlock (11/6), Molly Lewis Miner (11/7) and Suzanne Brody (1 1 / 7) . May God grant you many years!

Bible Study: Please join us each Thursday at noon for Bible Study. We are using the daily readings as found in the Dynamis.

Cridlin Food Pantry: Our Food of the Month for November is **vegetable soup**. Please be generous.

Special Olympics: Thanks to everyone for their generous donations totalling \$228 to support the Teen SOYO Special Olympics Training Camp at Antiochian Village.

Middle Eastern Dinner: The approximate total gross amount for the dinner is \$11,000. We'll know the net proceeds later. If you have any moneys or invoices, please turn them in as soon as possible.

Mark your Calendar: On Wednesday, November 11, we will have a special presentation by Fr. Seraphim, abbot of the Holy Cross Monastery in Wayne. Fr. John is in need of some volunteers to assist in coordinating the event. Particular help is needed for publicity and preparing refreshments for the evening.

Seminary Collection: Over the next two Sundays, we will taking up a special collection for the support of our seminaries. Please be generous in assisting the training of our future priests and church workers.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2-8

Monday, November 2

♦ **Agiasmos: 10:00 am @ St. George**

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November 4

♦ **Vespers: 6:30 pm**

Thursday, November 5

♦ **Bible Study: 12:00 pm**

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

♦ **Wedding: evening**

Sunday, November 8

♦ **Matins: 9:30 am**

♦ **Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am**

TROPARION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TONE 8

Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst catch the world into thy net, O lover of all mankind glory to thee.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE 4

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.



THE EPISTLE

Reader: Basil Dixon

Prokeimenon: **How great are thy works, O Lord!**
 Thou hast made all things in wisdom.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the 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.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19-31).

The Lord said: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Weekly Attendance

September:

First Sunday: 58
Second Sunday: 63
Third Sunday: 55
Fourth Sunday: 60

October:

First Sunday: 66
Second Sunday: 36
Third Sunday: 51
Fourth Sunday: 67



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To Our Visitors and Guests

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – "the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26) We welcome you to worship this morning and thank you for joining us. Unfortunately, one of the sad consequences of the division among Christians is that we cannot offer the Eucharist (Holy Communion) to anyone except Orthodox Christians in good moral standing with the beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is a final sign of unity among all Christians and not a means by which unity is achieved. We invite you to share in the blessed bread that is distributed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us during our fellowship at coffee hour.

Service Guide for November 1, 2009

The following hymns are sung during the Entrance (bottom of page 97 in the Service Book.)

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women Disciples cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN IN TONE 3

O ye silver-hating, wonder-working saints, visit our sicknesses. Freely received ye, freely give unto us.