

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

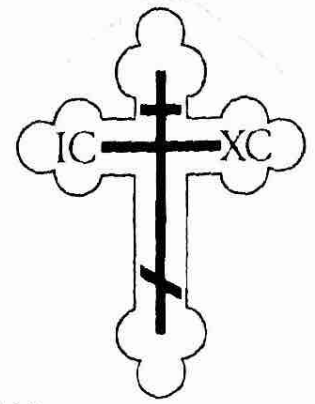
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SUNDAY

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SAINTS COMMEMORATED: Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas of the Seventy; Apostle Cleopas; Zenobius and his sister Zenobia of Aegae, Cilicia; Alexander, Cronion, Julian, Macarius, and 13 companions at Alexandria; Eutropia of Alexandria; Martyrs Asterius, Claudius, Neon, and Neonilla of Cilicia; Joseph I, Patriarch of Constantinople; Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse; Dometius of Phrygia; Martyr Manuel; King Milutin of Serbia, his brother Dragutin, and their mother Helen, wife of Urosh I of Serbia; Nine martyred by fire; Former executioner, martyr.

KING MILUTIN OF SERBIA. When King Milutin was crowned in the thirteenth century, he promised to build one church for every year that he was king. He reigned for forty-two years and built forty-two churches, not only for his people but also in Jerusalem, Constantinople, Thessalonica, and Mt. Athos. He also built hospitals where the poor could receive treatment at no cost. King Milutin prayed always and entrusted himself to God; therefore he was successful in each of his endeavors. He defended his country against the Bulgarians and the Tatars, and he defended Orthodoxy both in his country and in Mt. Athos by not accepting a relationship with Rome and being ruled by the pope. As king, he constantly gave alms to the poor. He dressed simply and lived an ordinary family life. King Milutin died peacefully, and God preserved his wonderworking relics.

ALEXANDER, KRONIONOS, JULIAN, MAKARIOS, AND THEIR 30 COMPANIONS OF ALEXANDRIA. In the time of the persecutions of Emperor Decius in Alexandria, the Christian Alexander was called to a tribunal. However, since he suffered from gout, he was unable to stand on his feet so Kronionos accompanied him. When they would not deny their faith, they were suspended, beaten, and boiled, and then lime was poured over them and they died. Julian and Makarios also refused to deny Christ and they were tortured in various ways and beheaded. The thirty with them were torn to pieces, burned to death, or beheaded.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. GREGORYS.....

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE - Apple & Pumpkin are \$12.00, Pecan \$15.00 Call #908 968-3280. Order by Nov. 15th pick up at the church On Nov. 22nd.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - Saturday Dec. 3rd from 10:00am to 3:00 pm at the Glen Gardner VFW.

SCHEDULE.....

Saturday, Nov. 5th

4:00 PM Vespers
General Confession

Sunday, Nov. 6th

10:00 am Divine
Liturgy

Advent begins on Nov. 15th

THANK YOU - Helen Morris and Ludmilla Schafranek for hosting the coffee hour last Sunday.

- Alfie Altomare and Pam Petronko for hosting the coffee hour today.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Will be acknowledged the first Sunday of each month. Next Sunday we will mention those celebrated the month of November.

THE READINGS FOR TODAY

Epistle - 2nd Corinthians 11:31 to 12:9

If I am to boast, then let me boast of my own feebleness. •The God and Father of the Lord Jesus—bless him for ever—knows that I am not lying. •When I was in Damascus, the ethnarch of King Aretas put guards round the city to catch me, -and I had to be let down over the wall in a hamper, through a window, in order to escape.

12 Must I go on boasting, though there is nothing to be gained by it?^a But I will move on to the visions and revelations I have had from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who, fourteen years ago, was caught up—whether still in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—right into the third heaven.^b •I do know, however, that this same person—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into paradise and heard things which must not and cannot be put into human language. •I will boast about a man like that, but not about anything of my own except my weaknesses. •If I should decide to boast, I should not be made to look foolish, because I should only be speaking the truth; but I am not going to, in case anyone should begin to think I am better than he can actually see and hear me^c to be.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh,^d an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!^e •About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, •but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, •and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Gerasene demoniac

Gospel - St. Luke 8:26-39

They came to land in the country of the Gerasenes,^a which is opposite Galilee. ²⁶ He was stepping ashore when a man from the town who was possessed by devils ²⁷ came towards him; for a long time the man had worn no clothes, nor did he live in a house, but in the tombs.

Catching sight of Jesus he gave a shout, fell at his feet and cried out at the ²⁸ top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? I implore you, do not torture me.'^b—For Jesus had been telling the unclean ²⁹ spirit to come out of the man. It was a devil that had seized on him a great many times, and then they used to secure him with chains and fetters to restrain him, but he would always break the fastenings, and the devil would drive him out into the wilds. •'What is your name?' Jesus asked. 'Legion' he said—because ³⁰ many devils had gone into him. •And these pleaded with him not to order them ³¹ to depart into the Abyss.^c

Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding there on the mountain, and the ³² devils pleaded with him to let them go into these. So he gave them leave. •The ³³ devils came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd charged down the cliff into the lake and were drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened they ran off and told their story ³⁴ in the town and in the country round about; -and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus they found the man from whom the ³⁵ devils had gone out sitting at the feet of Jesus,^d clothed and in his full senses; and they were afraid. •Those who had witnessed it told them how the ³⁶ man who had been possessed came to be healed. •The entire population of the ³⁷ Gerasene territory was in a state of panic and asked Jesus to leave them. So he got into the boat and went back.

The man from whom the devils had gone out asked to be allowed to stay with ³⁸ him, but he sent him away. •'Go back home,' he said 'and report all that God has ³⁹ done for you.' So the man went off and spread throughout the town all that Jesus had done for him.