

Holy, Glorious Demetrius the Myrrhusher of Thessalonica

Troparion - Tone 3

The world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer.

As you bolstered the courage of Nestor,
who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle,
Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kontakion - Tone 2

God, who has given you invincible might,
has tinged the Church with streams of your blood, Demetrius!
He pre-serves your city from harm,
for you are its foundation!

Commemorated on October 26

In 740, at the time of the iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian, there was a terrible earthquake at Constantinople. Seeing this as God's just punishment for their sins, the people repented and prayed to the Most Holy Theotokos and to St Demetrius to help them. God had mercy on them, and the earthquake stopped.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Thursday 7:00 pm - Orthodox Education Class -a special DVD will be shown

Saturday 10 am, Divine Liturgy at

Ss Cosmas & Damian Adult Home, Staten Island

6:00 P.M. Vespers Our Church

Sunday9:15 am Church School- 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (5th of Luke)—Tone 2. Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of Thessalonica (ca. 306). Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D. St. Theóphil of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (Far Caves—1482). Martyr Lupus (ca. 306). Ven. Athanasius of Medikion Monastery (ca. 814). St. Dimitrii (Dimitrie) of Basarbovo in Bulgaria (Romania and Bulgaria—1685). Monk Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou (Mt. Epistles) Hebrews 12:6-13; 25-27, 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9, 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (Gospels) Matthew 8:23-27, Luke 16:19-31, John 15:17-16:2

BULLETIN

The memorial service this morning was offered by **Persida Sfartz** in blessed memory of the repose **+Elie** May his memory be eternal!

The two engraved gold liturgical plates that were blessed this morning were purchased and offered to our Church by **Edward and Taissa Engelsman**. May our Lord repay!.

Please keep Pighi Mardaloescu and Matushka JoAnne in your prayers this week. Both of them are having surgery this week. Pighi on Wednesday, October 29 (Newton Hospital) and Matushka JoAnne on Friday, November 1 (St. Clares Hospital (Denville)). May our Lord direct their surgeon's hands.

The Sussex Help Center has begun it's **annual Thanksgiving food drive** to feed the needy in our area. There is a dire need for food this year due to the economic conditions. Please donate food items such as: cranberry sauce, canned yams, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, canned vegetables, cake mixes etc. The food basket is located downstairs in the church entrance. If anyone would like to donate a frozen turkey please see Despena Eptamenitis so that she can make arrangements for refrigeration. The deadline for Thanksgiving food donations is Sunday, November 23. The food will be distributed to

the needy on Nov. 24.

8th ANNUAL SALUTE TO MILITARY VETERANS: Sunday, November 2, 2008, 1 p.m. - 4p.m.at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta. FREE event includes parade, military and related exhibits, entertainment, complimentary refreshments. Contact Sussex County Division of Senior Services for additional information 973-579-0555 or seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

Thank you to the **Eptamenitis Family** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **The Maria Tsistsiragos** will host today. Next week the coffee social will be hosted by **Maria Higginbotham**. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

Orthodox Study Group resumes: Special DVD will be shown the first evening. Note Change In Time. We will begin at 7:00 pm sharp. The acclaimed film "The Island" will be shown. Try to attend to see this worthwhile film.

BACK FROM VACATION!! Reminder, the Divine Liturgy **BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 O'CLOCK AM**. A dangerous precedent is being set by arriving late for the Divine Liturgy. Please try to observe the Liturgical times of the services. **There is no part of the Divine Liturgy that is unimportant.**

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. **They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.**

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Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Frank Brincka, Despena Eptamenitis, Matushka JoAnne, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Anna Seniw, Ana Tienken and His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.