





***The Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius  
October 26***

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 190, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest

with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed.

Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.



**Oct. 20, 2024**

Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

Octoechos Tone 4.

Holy Martyrs Carpus, Pappylas and Agathonicus.

**Changeable Parts:** See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

**Announcements:**

**Thursday: Akathist Hymn**

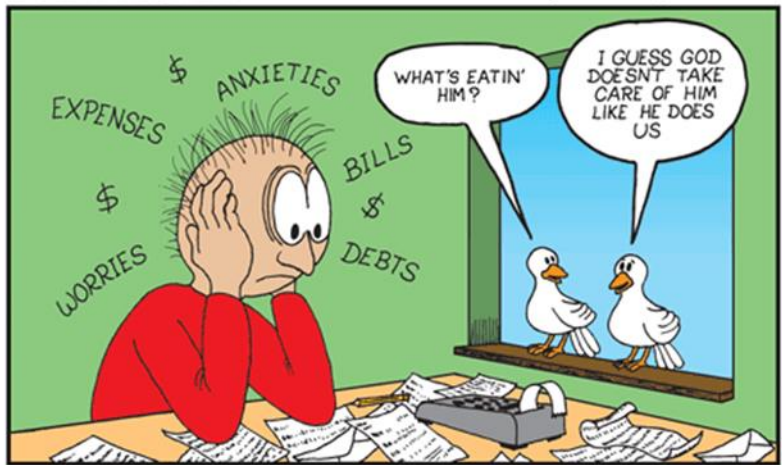
On Thursday evening, October 24th, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will have the celebration of the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer." It is a wonderful experience to come and pray during this month of October asking Our Lady for that healing touch during a time of suffering and pain. From the bottom of my heart I thank all who came for these Divine Services. It was a great spiritual experience.

**Children's Liturgy**

On the last Sunday of each month, we will have a Children's Liturgy. Children will read the Epistle and collect your offerings. The Homily will be directed to the children, but will contain a message for all. Please make an effort to bring your children to this special liturgy.

**DON'T WORRY**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?  
- MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

### Mark your calendar:

The third Adult Religious Class is on November 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Special thanks to Mr. Don Fontana for coordinating this.

### Coffee Social

In the end of every month, after Children's Divine Liturgy, we are planning to have a coffee social. We need sponsors for upcoming coffee socials. If a family or group of individuals wishes to sponsor a coffee social, please let Fr. Igor know.

### Sarris Christmas Candy sale!

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due November 9. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 15 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. **Make checks payable to St. John Church.** Thank You!

### Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

### Pyrohy

Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week's sale was **\$859.00** Thank you!

### Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, Oct.13, 2024, was **\$440.00 + \$859.00**

(Collection: \$410.00, Loose & other: \$30.00, Pyrohy: \$859.00)

*Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!*



### ***The Rich Man and Lazarus***

*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..."*

We are familiar with today's Gospel reading from Luke 16:19-31 and we ask ourselves what was the problem with the Rich Man? The Rich Man was attached to his ego, wealth and power. He was so attached to them that he would or could not see the poor man starving and sick lying

at his gate. This is a picture of what can happen to us if we are unwilling to face the truth about ourselves. We think we are the Rich Man dining sumptuously when in truth we are poor and sick and the tasty meal we are eating is poison to our souls and bodies and we are afraid or unwilling to do anything about it.

Our lack of internal peace proves it, our sad, bitter lives prove it, the way we treat ourselves and others proves it. We can get attached to harmful ways of life, to destructive habits, to dark theologies and philosophies disguised as truth, to fear, to passion, to people, to things (even things that in and of themselves are good) and every one of them creates a chasm that keeps us from the joy of the Kingdom of heaven. We begin to see suffering and pain as "normal" and inescapable. We learn to live with bad situations and never seek to find a way out and then, through direct action or simple indifference we project onto the world the hell that is in us.

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus uncovers a little the veil over the world to come, and gives us an opportunity to understand worldly existence with eternity in view. In the light of this parable, we see that earthly goods are not so much happiness as they are a test of our ability to love and help our neighbors. *"If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon,"* says the Lord in the conclusion of the previous parable, *"who will commit to your trust the true riches?"* (Luke 16:11) This means that if we do not know how to manage the illusory riches we have today, then we will not be worthy to receive the real treasure from God, the treasure which was intended for us in the future life. Thus let us remind ourselves that our worldly goods in fact belong to God. He uses them to test us. Amen.