

# **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

St. Marcian & Martyrius, Martyrs

Readings: Gal. 1: 11-19; Lk. 16:19-31

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 26 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/St. Demetrius, Great Martyr

Readings: Gal. 1: 11-19; Lk. 16:19-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Krzysztof Szczypczyk, 40th day,

given by Anna Kuncik

Supplications will be offered for **+Joseph Salo & +Michalina Sard,** 

given by Salo family

Saturday, Nov. 1 Cosmas & Damian, Unmercenaries

Readings: Gal. 2: 16-20; Lk. 8:26-39

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Nov. 2 Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost (Sunday School resumes)

Readings: Gal. 1: 11-19; Lk. 16:19-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Yustyna Czelepis** (By Pyptyk family)
Supplications will be offered for **+Patriia Della Ragione** (By Luigi & family)

**Eternal light Candle offering for October 26, 2025** 

Blessed memory of +Joseph L. Romah, Jr. requested by Michael and Vicki Senko

# The time came when both the beggar and the rich man died. The rich man was buried. What happened to Lazarus?

Write the word that is opposite the word given.

Transfer the letters to the lines below.



#### St.Demetrius of Thessaloniki – Great Martyr

A martyr is not one who chooses to die; rather, it is when one involuntarily but without hesitation - suffers torment at the hands of others because of a public declaration or confession of faith, that they genuinely receive the crown of martyrdom. The term martyr comes from the Greek word meaning "witness."

One of the most notable of these Martyr saints, the Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer, is honored on October 26.

Born in the 3rd century in Thessalonica, Demetrius was the only son of distinguished and pious parents. Following in his father's footsteps, he joined the military and because of his many virtues was appointed commander of

the Roman forces in Thessaly and uProconsul for Hellas.

When the Emperor Maximian began persecuting Christians, the Saint openly acknowledged his Christian Faith and courageously confessed his love for Christ. For this, he was thrown into prison but not before Demetrius distributed all of his goods to the poor through his servant Lupus.

In continuous prayer, St. Demetrius was initially saved from death, helping many non-believers embrace Christianity. Gregory Palamas describes how Demetrius "struggled with evil to the point of shedding his last drop of blood;" beheaded c. 306, Demetrius appears to this day both in dreams and openly to those who invoke his holy name.

For four centuries after his death, there were no physical relics, in their place an unusual empty shrine called the "ciborium" was built inside *Hagios Demetrios*. What were purported to be his remains subsequently appeared in Thessaloniki, but the local archbishop John, who compiled the first book of the *Miracles*, ca. 610, was publicly dismissive of their authenticity. The relics were assumed to be genuine after they started emitting a liquid and strong-scented myrrh. This gave Demeterius the epithet *Myroblyte*.

His following as a Saint rapidly grew during the Middle Ages, when he was regarded as the first recognized patron and protector of Thessolonica, militarily as well as spiritually. After the growth of his veneration, the city of suffered repeated attacks and sieges from the tribes who moved into the <u>Balkans</u>, and Demetrius was credited with many miraculous interventions to defend the city. Hence later traditions about Demetrius regard him as a soldier in the Roman army, and he came to be regarded as an important military martyr.

As one of the greatest martyrs in all of Christendom, today we continue the more than 1,700-year-old tradition of celebrating Demetrius, who by the example of his life, gives hope to all those in afflictions and difficulties, such as courageous Christians in Egypt, Syria, Pakistan, etc., who under difficult - and deadly - circumstances continue to confess their faith in Christ.



## October 26, 2025

20th Sunday after Pentecost,

Octoechos Tone 3

Glorious Great Martyr, the Myrrh-Exuding, Demetrius

<u>Changeable Part:</u> See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

## **Announcements:**

## **This Sunday: Coffee Social**

We are going to restart a practice that we had in the past. Coffee socials after Sunday Divine Liturgy will be restarted on the Sundays we have the Children's Liturgy. Our first coffee social will be on October 26 immediately after Liturgy. Please plan on attending to enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners. **Special thanks to Anna Kuncik for sponsoring such an event.** If you want to sponsor a future coffee social, please see Vicki Senko or Fr. Igor.

## Mark your calendar:

We are planning to restart Adult religious Classes. The second Adult Religious Class is on November 13, 2025. Special thank you to Don Fontana for coordinating these classes and parishioners for attending.

**PARISHIONERS' PRAYER LIST** - Our parish's listing for people IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS who might be suffering illnesses – especially, but not only, if they are unable to attend church services because they are shut-in either at home, or in hospitals and nursing homes. The names we have received are: Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla, Dorothy Waslo and Msgr. George Appleyard (The Willows, 1215 Hulton Rd, Oakmont, PA 15139).

As a parish family, we also wish a speedy recovery for Jeff Chulack, Andy Salo and Mary Siweckyj!

Don't forget there are white envelopes in the vestibule for liturgy intentions and pink envelopes for Eternal Light Candle offerings.

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

The total for Sunday of October 12, 2025, was \$775.00 + \$652.00 (Collection: \$570.00, Loose & candles: \$125.00, Pyrohy: \$360.00, Eternal Light candle: \$85.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



Please, remember to turn your clock 1 hour back next Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 before you go to bed. Standard Time Resumes!!!



The Church was a Mother to you in Life, providing for your Spiritual Needs: Please Remember the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and St. George parish your Last Will and Testament. The wording to do this is as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, or (to the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), \_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_]."



#### The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

"Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and feasted sumptuously every day. (20) At his gate lay Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores, (21) who longed to eat just the scraps falling from the rich man's table. Dogs used to come and lick his sores..."

Luke 16 brings the realities of our stewardship, our attitudes towards wealth, and our response to God's Word into sharp focus. It highlights the divine principles that govern our lives and eternity, urging us to act wisely in light of eternal consequences. As disciples of Jesus, it is an imperative call to

faithful stewardship, compassion for the needy, and obedience to God's Word. Our choices in this life have ramifications that echo into eternity.

The Lord compared the priests of the people (the Pharisees) with him who was clothed in purple. Nothing was more honored than purple clothing. He compared the disciples of the cross with Lazarus. There were none more lowly than Lazarus was. Every day the poor Lazarus laid near the rich man's front door, wasting away, being harassed by animals, starving to death. And every day the rich man's heart grew colder and further from God.

It's as if God said, "If he will just show mercy one time, then I will have something to work with." But the rich man refused. He remained absorbed in himself, his own cares, his luxuries, and he disdained the poor Lazarus at his door.

Even after the rich man's death, there is no change of heart. He does not regret his lack of mercy but begins demanding that Lazarus serve him, bringing him water while he burns in hell. When that doesn't work, he again demands the service of Lazarus, that he be sent to warn the rich man's family.

Even in hell, the rich man views himself as superior to Lazarus. His heart has not changed in torments; he simply longs for his old luxuries and comfort. And, I must add, when we view others as lower than us, we are in an upside down, hellish state like the rich man.

Who or what is the Lazarus that God has sent into your life? What people, situations, or circumstances have been sent to get me out of my own head, to get me to pay attention to the needs of others? Who rubs me the "wrong" way in order to get me to see that I am the one who is wrong, that I am living upside down with my head in hell?

God is creatively working out the salvation of each one of us, putting all the pieces in place, masterfully orchestrating the whole thing. But am I paying attention? Do I see my brother Lazarus in my life, whatever that might look like, or am I too absorbed in myself to notice?

Excerpts from <a href="https://www.orthodoxroad.com/who-is-your-lazarus/">https://www.orthodoxroad.com/who-is-your-lazarus/</a>