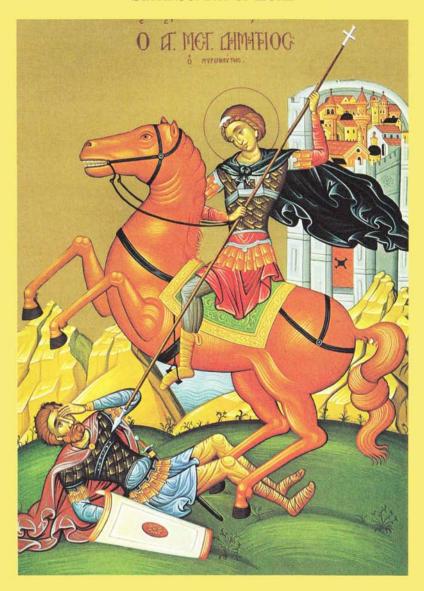
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of St. Demetrios -- October 26th

October 24, 2010 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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<u>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 – OCTOBER 31</u>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 – VENERABLE MARTYR ANASTASIA

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

CHRISTIA BANKSTON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 - MARTYRS ZENOBIUS & ZENOBIA

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

♣ IVAN ROSUL (40TH DAY)

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6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 – 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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& Remember in your prayers &&

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their

community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Sr. Marie Arendes, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Maria Hughes, Lorene Lagrone, Natalie, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, John Pasichny, Nadia Popov, Orysia Rosul, Sonia Shashkewych, and Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

Parish Work Days to prepare for the Anniversary Celebration will be Saturday, November 6th and Saturday, November 13th. Please come and help either day

Anniversary Invitations

Invitations have been mailed out however, several were returned without addresses. Apparently, the labels came off in the mail. If you did not receive an invitation, please see Fr. James after Liturgy.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces Let us especially remember in our prayers those

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively

serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Mark Belcher, Gratian Fredricks, Carl Haines, Jr., Adrian, Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes,



Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the *Liturgies to Fr. James*.

\$10,000 \$8,000 \$6,000 \$4,000 \$8,900.00

KIDS AND GOD

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church? A little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Anniversary Retreat

A big "Thank You" to Bishop Nicholas for giving a series of wonderful talks to our parish and guests. His talks were thought provoking, educational and challenging. May God richly bless his work for Christ's church. Eis polla eti despota!

Ask Fr. James

Q: I noticed that the Holy Doors were left open during Bishop Nicholas' talks. Why was that?

A: The opening and closing of the Holy Doors (and curtain if there is one) during the Divine Liturgy is symbolic of the Gates of Heaven. They are closed for the first part of the Divine Liturgy up until the entrance with the Gospel Book – the Word of God. They are closed after the Homily and are then opened again for the Great entrance. Closed during the anaphora and once again opened for communion. This represents the entrance of Christ into the world, His hidden life, His public ministry, His death and Burial, and finally His giving of himself to the world at the Resurrection. When a Bishop is present, the Bishop is the High Priest - Christ's personal representative in a very real sense so the Holy Doors remain open in his presence.

PRAYER BEFORE STARTING ANY WORK

O Lord Jesus Christ, Only-Begotten Son of Your Eternal Father, You have said with Your most holy lips: "Without Me, you can do nothing." My Lord and my God, in faith I embrace Your words with my heart and soul, and bow down before Your goodness, help me, a sinner, to do in union with You this work which I am about to begin, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMPLETING ANY WORK

You, O my Christ, are the sum and fullness of all that is good; fill my soul with joy and gladness, and save me, for You alone are all-merciful. Amen.

THE CHURCH AND MISSION

By Fr. Alexander Schmemann

To recover the missionary dimension of the Church is today's greatest imperative. We have to recover a very basic truth: that the Church is essentially Mission, that the very roots of her life are in the commandment of Christ: "Go Ye therefore and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Christian community that would lose this missionary zeal and purpose, that would become selfish and self-centered, that would limit itself to "satisfying the spiritual needs of its members", that would identify itself completely with a nation, a society, a social or ethnic group - is on its way to spiritual decadence and death, because the essential spiritual need of a Christian is precisely that of sharing the life and the Truth with as many men as possible and ultimately with the whole world. Mission thus is the organic need and task of the Church in the world, the real meaning of Church's presence in history between the first and the second advents of her Lord, or, in other terms, the meaning of Christian history. Obviously not all members of the Church can go and preach in the literal sense of the word. But all can have a concern for the missionary function of the Church, feel responsible for it, help and support it. In this respect each diocese, each parish and each member of the Church are involved in the missionary ministry.



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Demetrios, Holy Martyr and Myrrbearer

This glorious and wonderworking saint was born in Thessalonica of noble and devout parents. As Demetrius was their only son, and he was raised and educated with great care. Demetrius's father was a Roman army commander in Thessalonica. When his father died, Emperor Maximian appointed Demetrius as commander in his place. As he appointed him, Maximian, a pagan and an opponent of Christ, particularly recommended that Demetrius persecute and exterminate the Christians in Thessalonica. Demetrius not only disobeyed the emperor but openly confessed and preached the Lord Jesus Christ in the city of Thessalonica. When the emperor heard of this he became furious with Demetrius. Then, when he was returning from battle against the Sarmatians, Maximian stopped at Thessalonica to investigate the matter. The emperor summoned Demetrius and questioned him about his faith. Demetrius openly acknowledged his Christian Faith to the emperor and also denounced the emperor's idolatry. Maximian cast Demetrius into prison. Knowing what was awaiting him, Demetrius gave all his goods to his faithful servant Lupus to distribute to the poor, and joyfully awaited his imminent suffering for Christ the Lord. An angel of God appeared to him in prison, saying: "Peace be to you, O sufferer of Christ; be brave and be strong!" After several days, the emperor sent soldiers to the prison to kill Demetrius. The soldiers found the saint of God at prayer and ran him through with lances, sometime in the middle of the 4th century. Christians secretly took his body and honorably buried it. Healing myrrh flowed from the body of the martyr of Christ, curing many of the sick. Soon, a small church was built over his relics and devotion to him spread.