

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of Cosmas and Damian -- November 1*

*October 30, 2011*

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***THE HOLY MARTYRS ZENOBIUS, BISHOP OF AEGEA, AND HIS SISTER, ZENOBIA***

*Tone 3*

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – *VENERABLE GALACTEON AND HIS WIFE EPISTEME, MARTYRS*

6:00 PM – Great Vespers for Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – *21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OUR HOLY FATHER PAUL THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE*

8:45 AM – Divine Praises (Hours)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

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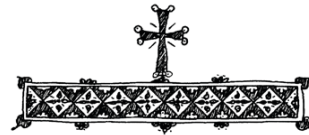
**Holodomor Commemoration**

We will commemorate the Holodomor today. After the Divine Liturgy there will be a short program in the church hall followed by a Panakhyda in the church.

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*The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." The baptized person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the Savior's grace which lets him act in the Spirit as a child of the Father. The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties.*

– Tertullian (155-230 AD)



**Instruction of the Saint Paul in Romans,  
chapter 6: How members of a church  
community should act**

- Use your spiritual gifts.
- Let love be genuine.
- Reject what is evil, cling to what is good.
- Love one another warmly.
- In honor give preference to one another.
- Do not be lazy in zeal.
- Be fervent in the Spirit.
- Serve as slaves in the Lord.
- Rejoice in hope.
- Persevere in tribulation.
- Be steadfast in prayer.
- Contribute to the needs of others.
- Seek opportunities to practice hospitality.
- Bless your enemies.
- Rejoice with the happy.
- Weep with the sorrowful.
- Be of the same mind toward one another.
- Do not set your mind on high things.
- Associate with the humble.
- Do not be wise in your own opinion.

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## AN EXCERPT FROM "THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

*By Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev*

**Secularism:** A decline of Christianity in some Western countries is to a significant degree due to the unprecedented onslaught of militant secularism, which is claiming ever more impressive victories in Western society, declaring itself the only legitimate world-view on which the new world order both in and outside Europe should be built. To drive religion out of the social sphere and relegate it to the outskirts of human existence, limiting it exclusively to the private life of individuals: this is the program which adherents of modern militant secularism are attempting to realize. We are witnesses of a consistent, systematic and conscious assault of secularism on the remains of Western Christian civilization, the desire to rid oneself of it once and for all. This assault is taking place to the drum beat of the adherents of democracy and liberal values, to loud cries over the defense of the rights and freedoms of the citizen. However, in doing so the main right of the person: that of openly confessing one's faith in God, is being questioned; the right of societies to order their lives based on the religious world-view is under threat...

**Relativism:** The 'dictatorship of relativism' is another force challenging Christianity, of which Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger spoke several days before his election to the Papacy. He noted that relativism 'does not recognize any limitations and proposes the human ego and its desires as the final criterion'. Relativism has become the dominating ideology in elementary, secondary and higher education in most educational institutions in Europe. From childhood on pupils are inculcated with the idea that there are no absolute moral norms and values, that religion is something from the past, that the main value for the person should be his own prosperity and comfort...

## **Rediscovery of Patristic Theology:**

Knowledge of the Fathers will prevent students of theology from losing their way amidst the multitude of currents in modern philosophy and world-views, from getting 'carried away by strange teachings' (Heb. 13:9). It will help them to reconnect their studies with their spiritual life, to establish their personal relationship with God. Contrary to the prescriptions of such modern teachings as psychoanalysis, the counsels of the Fathers radiate a healthy spirit, based as they are on a sound understanding of the human mind, the need to combat one's sinful tendencies and to exercise good deeds. The counsels of the Fathers, I believe, are far more universal than the fundamental postulates of Freudianism and apply to people living in the most diverse cultural and temporal contexts.



## **On Love and Its Price**

*"These things have I told you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another; as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:11-13)* Love is joy; the price of love is sacrifice. Love is life; the price of love is death.

*— Fr. Callistratus*

## ***Haven't Seen Someone in a While?***

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go along way.



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***The Unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian***

Nothing is known for certain of the lives of Cosmas and Damian except that they suffered martyrdom in Syria during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian.

According to tradition, they were twin brothers born in Arabia, sons of a saintly Christian mother Theodota. They studied medicine in Syria and then lived at Aegeae, Cilicia, and become widely known for their great medical skills. This became their vocation. They went about healing every illness and malady, bestowing healing freely, without charge, on men, women, children and animals.

And, because of this, they are called "Unmercenaries."

As outstanding Christians, they were arrested during the persecutions, tried before Lysias, governor of Cilicia, tortured, and then beheaded for their faith. Their three brothers, Anthimus, Euprepus and Leontius, also died with them.

Many miracles were reported after the deaths of Cosmas and Damian.

They are the patrons of physicians, surgeons, pharmacists and barbers.