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**GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS of  
THESSALONICA**  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Readings**

Galatians 6:11-18  
2 Timothy 2:1-10

**Gospel Readings**

Luke 16:19-31  
John 15:17-16:2

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion for Great Martyr Demetrius**

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 Lyaivos in battle, Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

**Kontakion** (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

**Kontakion for Great Martyr Demetrius**

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

St. Demetrius of Thessalonica lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century during the pagan persecution of Christians. He brought many to the faith and was called “a second Apostle Paul.” His martyrdom has been remembered down the centuries especially in Slavic lands through his miraculous myrrh-flowing relics and icons.

The memory of Saint Demetrius is historically associated in Russia with the military, patriotism and the defense of the country. This is apparent by the saint’s depiction on icons as a soldier in plumed armor, with a spear and sword in hand.

(Read more on [OCA's Feasts and Saints](#))



**Welcome** to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

**Thanksgiving “Faith in Action” – Northern Virginia Family Services**

Donate food or monetary gifts to NVFS for families in need this Thanksgiving. Go to [Holiday Giving](#) to donate or to order food delivery from their wish list.

**Prayers for Military Veterans**

Veterans Day is this Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will offer prayers after Liturgy next Sunday for living and departed veterans. Send names to [john.vitko@gmail.com](mailto:john.vitko@gmail.com).

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, November 11 – Online at 7PM**

First-timers and regulars are welcomed to the group discussion on “The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Henri Nouwen. Fr. John will email notes and a Zoom link.

**Annual Florovsky Lecture – Friday, November 13 at 7:30PM**

The Orthodox Theological Society in America's hosts a lecture by the V. Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon on "Community as Church, Church as Community: Death and Resurrection in the Parish Today." [Registration](#) is free and open to the public.

**Saturday Children's Liturgy and Church School – November 14 at 9AM**

The Toddler-Preschool Class will meet on Saturday. Popadija Kitty to send details.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

May God bless John Costello (14), George Popovich and Hierodeacon Marc at St. Tikhon’s Monastery on their birthdays this coming week. Mnogaja ljeta!