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HOLY UNMERCENARIES AND WONDERWORKERS

COSMAS AND DAMIAN

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Galatians 2:16-20
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8

Gospel Readings

Luke 8:26-39
Matthew 10:1, 5-8

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

Holy unmercenararies and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities. Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

Having received the grace of healing, you grant healing to those in need. Glorious wonder workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian, visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies, and bring healing to the world through your miracles.

Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

Today's Guest Clergy - Rev. Chterion Zaprianov

We are blessed to have Fr. Chterion celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us. Thank you, Father.

The Holy Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian were natives of Asia Minor. Their pagan father died while they were small children. Their mother, St. Theodota, raised them in Christian piety through her own example, and by reading them holy books. They grew up to be virtuous men, were trained as physicians, and received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. Many miracles were worked after the deaths of the holy brothers.



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Join us for Coffee Hour following Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, we look forward to talking with you.

Veterans Day Prayers – Today

Military veterans may sign the list at the Candle Table for special recognition in prayers today. A second list is for the names of departed veterans, Memory Eternal+ “On this Veterans Day, we remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who protect our nation. It is right that we do so with gratitude.” – Metropolitan Tikhon, Nov.11, 2021

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Today

All food donated today for the Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS) holiday food drive is greatly appreciated. Cash and checks payable to NVFS are also welcomed. Help the homeless and low-income families have blessed holidays.

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change

Due to Fr. John's travel schedule and to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no O-201 class until Wednesday, December 1 when we will begin the study on the Gospel of St. Luke.

Antique and Vintage Table Linens

Just in time for decorating Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday tables, Louise Romanchak has vintage table linens on display in the parish hall. They are available to purchase for gift giving or personal use. Stop by and see the beautiful items today.

Prison Ministry Clothing Drive – November 28

Louise Romanchak is also coordinating a drive for much-needed new and/or used clean, presentable men's and women's coats, hats, gloves and scarves. All donated outerwear will be given to prison inmates and to those completing their terms. (Because of limited storage, please bring donations closer to the end of the month.)

Reminder: Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale ~ Saturday, December 11 ~ 9AM – 2PM

Last Day to Pre-Order is Sunday, November 21. Order [online](#) or see Sue Mamula.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless John Thomas Costello (15 years old) and Helene Watts as they celebrate their birthdays. May God bless and grant many years to our Veterans. Mnogaja ljeta!