

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Cyrenia and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Cæsarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.). Monk Martyrs Jacob, Jacob the Deacon, and Dionysius, of Prodrumou (Mt. Athos—1520).

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6.11-18: God forbid I should boast except in the cross of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: LUKE 8.26-39: Christ casts out Legion and restores a man to a rational mind.

READERS: Readers are needed to volunteer for readings at Vespers, for the Hours and the Epistle. If you are interested in doing this, see Fr James.

COFFEE HOUR: Potluck. **NEXT WEEK:** Tarallo Family.

KNOW YOUR FAITH: The current series of Adult Ed classes will be this coming Tuesday, November 3. We are exploring the lives and writings of the Church Fathers. We are slated to have classes every other Tuesday night, as much as we are able to. If you have any concerns about the scheduling, please see Fr James. The next session will discuss the Blessed Augustine. A page on the parish website has been constructed with a list of weekly topics and the short readings.

GIRLS RETREAT: The Second Annual Diocesan Girls Retreat for young women in grades 7-12 will take place at Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York from November 13-15, 2015. If you are interested, please see Fr James.

T-SHIRTS: The parish t-shirts have arrived! They are a deep red emblazoned with a budded three bar cross, with the name of Holy Apostles Church on it. If you have ordered one, or would like to purchase one now, they are available in the back of the church.

WELCOME!: We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community.

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DONATIONS: If you are looking for ways to help out your parish church, consider donating prosphora, incense, wine, charcoal or products for the pantry.

ST DIONYSIUS LECTURE: Bp Alexander of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese, sponsored by our parish, will be coming to augment our Know Your Faith class which is studying the Church Fathers. He will be speaking at Anabel Taylor Hall on Tuesday November 17th at 7 PM. He is an acclaimed scholar and we are most blessed to have him visit with us.

RED PRAYER BOOKS: The Red Pocket Prayer Book is back in stock on our book table. There are also many other fine books and gifts that can be purchased.

NEW RED VESTMENTS: With the blessing of a donation for our wish list (see the website), a new set of red priestly vestments was purchased. They were blessed before Vespers last night and will be used during the upcoming Advent season. We are most thankful to our kind benefactor for the most generous donation.

<u>LIVING:</u>			
Apr Timothy H	Nathan	Anetta	Laura
Apr Herman S	Leah	James Sr	Martha
Apr John C	Helen	Jan V.	Stanley & Helen,
Apr Thomas E	Lindsey	Zachary	Taissia
Apr Michael T	Susanne H	Iconographer Helena	Steluta
Apr Stephen M	Elizabeth	Natasha, Lena, Vera, &	Theophan
Pr Jason	Mary	Sergei	Lynda
Pr Athanasios	Joe A	<u>Catechumens:</u> Elliott,	Florence
Dn Symeon	Daniel	Micah, Danielle.	James
Dn Michael	Andrew & family	<u>Children:</u> Caleb,	James R
Abbess Silouana	Harold	Christopher E, Anthony,	Vasily
Mother Raphaela	Wilhemina	Mia and Isabel	Modecai
Mother Christophora	Elizabeth	<u>Seminarians:</u> Rdr Robert	Alexandr
Mat Cecelia	David	and Ivan	NEWLY REPOSED: Ron,
Mat Katya	Madeline	BIRTHDAYS: None.	Dn Mark, John.
Mat Dorothy	Shirley	ANNIVS: None.	ANNIVERSARIES: None.
Joshua	Larry	NAMESDAYS: John S.	
Brittany & Isaac	Christina	<u>REPOSED:</u>	
Gretchen	Jim & Kim	Priest Matthew	
Peter	Rachel	Priest John	
Marriane	Constantine & Maria	Apr Alexander	
Terrence	Gaetan	Rdr Gregory	
Helen	Jean	Daniel	
Judy	Christine	Ada	
Gretchen	Samuel	Lillian	
Mary & Susan	Lisa	Joseph	
John & Carmine	Lyudmila	Marie	
	Nickolay	Joseph	

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1: 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy, Social Hour.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3: 8:30 Morning Prayers

7 PM Know Your Faith Series at Unwind Café in the Ithaca Mall: Augustine

8 PM Ithaca College OCF in Mueller Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4: 7 PM Cornell OCF Meeting in Anabel Taylor Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5: 8:30 Morning Prayers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6: 8:30 Morning Prayers

9:15 Cornell OCF Morning Prayers in Anabel Taylor Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy, Social Hour.

NOVEMBER 10: Diocesan Assembly

NOVEMBER 17: Bp Alexander Lecture on St Dionysius

NOVEMBER 25: Thanksgiving Akathist

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

OCMC: The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) proclaims and practices the evangelical imperative of the Orthodox faith based on the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who commissioned us to go “and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). OCMC recruits, trains and sends missionaries to preach, teach, baptize and to minister to the poor, hungry, sick, suffering and orphaned. They support the development of indigenous leaders and strengthen the infrastructures of churches, especially in, though not limited to, countries where Christianity is a minority, thus creating vibrant, eucharistic Orthodox Christian communities throughout the world.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2015
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SUNDAY HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER 1ST

Troparion Tone 5 (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 Tone 8 (Saints Cosmas and Damian)

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our
Infirmities!//
Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Kontakion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion Tone 2 (Saints 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!

Prokeimenon Tone 5

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps 11/12:7)
v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

Alleluia Verses Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)
v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WONDERWORKERS AND UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN OF ASIA MINOR

These brothers were raised by their mother in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, St Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men.

Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people’s 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. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Freely have you received, freely give.” (Mt. 10:8). The people called them unmercenary physicians.

Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, “Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse.

When St Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. St Damian also died shortly afterward. Through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God. The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia).

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus’ friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.

Two fierce men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, “My rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?” They replied, “We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian,” and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time the holy brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life.

CHURCH FATHERS ON THE 'RIGHT USE' OF SECULAR CULTURE

By Melinda Johnson at blogs.ancientfaith.com

In my on-going quest for Orthodox perspectives on culture, I ran across the following excerpt from St. Basil the Great's "Advice to Young Men on the Right Use of Greek Literature." This is an Orthodox perspective on the non-Christian "culture" of the time.

"For just as bees know how to extract honey from flowers, which to men are agreeable only for their fragrance and color, even so here also those who look for something more than pleasure and enjoyment in such writers may derive profit for their souls...For the bees do not visit all the flowers without discrimination, nor indeed do they seek to carry away entire those upon which they light, but rather, having taken so much as is adapted to their needs, they let the rest go. So we, if wise, shall take from heathen books whatever befits us and is allied to the truth, and shall pass over the rest. And just as in culling roses we avoid the thorns, from such writings as these we will gather everything useful, and guard against the noxious. So, from the very beginning, we must examine each of their teachings, to harmonize it with our ultimate purpose."

With that in mind, consider the following from St. Gregory the Theologian's Funeral Oration for St. Basil. St. Gregory says:

I take it all intelligent men agree that among human advantages, education holds first place. I refer not only to our nobler form of it, which disdains all the ambitious ornaments of rhetoric and attaches itself only to salvation and the beauty of spiritual contemplation, but also that external culture which many Christians by an error of judgment scorn as treacherous and dangerous and as turning away from God.

Hmmm.

[You can read the rest of this captivating article through our digital bulletin]

SOME OF THE 70 APOSTLES

On November 5, we celebrate Saints Patrobas, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, Philologus of the 70 Apostles, heavenly patrons of our parish. These Apostles preached the Gospel in various cities, each enduring various hardships in their service as bishops. St Patrobas (Rom 16:14) was Bishop of Neopolis (now Naples) and Puteoli in Italy. St Hermes was bishop in the city of Philippopolis where he died a martyr. Linus (2 Tim 4:21) was a successor to the Apostle Peter at Rome. St Gaius (Rom 16:23), was Bishop of Ephesus after St Timothy. The Apostle Andrew consecrated St Philologus (Rom 16:15) as bishop of the city of Sinope (in the Black Sea region).

ABOUT ST AUGUSTINE

Aurelius Augustinus was born in 354 in Tagaste (modern-day Souk Ahras, Algeria) to a Christian mother and a pagan father, raised in Roman north Africa, educated in Carthage, and employed as a professor of rhetoric in Milan by 383. He followed the Manichaean religion in his student days, and was converted to Christianity by the preaching and example of Ambrose of Milan. He was baptized at Pascha in 387, and returned to north Africa and created a monastic foundation at Tagaste for himself and a group of friends. In 391 he was ordained a priest in Hippo Regius (now Annaba, in Algeria). He became a famous preacher (more than 350 preserved sermons are believed to be authentic), and was noted for combatting the Manichaean heresy.

In 396 he was made coadjutor bishop of Hippo (assistant with the right of succession on the death of the current bishop), and remained as bishop in Hippo until his death in 430. He left his monastery, but continued to lead a monastic life in the episcopal residence. He left a Rule (*Regula* in Latin) for his monastery that has led him to be designated the "patron saint of Regular Clergy," that is, parish clergy who live by a monastic rule.

Augustine died on August 28, 430, during the siege of Hippo by the Vandals. He is said to have encouraged its citizens to resist the attacks, primarily on the grounds that the Vandals adhered to heretical Arian Christianity.

St. Augustine evidently originated the phrase "love the sinner, hate the sin", which he tied in with a privative notion of evil:

For this reason, the man who lives by God's standards and not by man's, must needs be a lover of the good, and it follows that he must hate what is evil. Further, since no one is evil by nature, but anyone who is evil is evil because of a perversion of nature, the man who lives by God's standards has a duty of "perfect hatred" (Psalm 139:22) towards those who are evil; that is to say, he should not hate the person because of the fault, nor should he love the fault because of the person. He should hate the fault, but love the man. And when the fault has been cured there will remain only what he ought to love, nothing that he should hate. (City of God 14:6)

