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***The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-Gusher of
Thessalonica; Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in
Constantinople (740)***



By Deacon Srdjan Radjkovic

BLESSED FEAST!
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!

Liturgical Readings:

PROKEIMENON IN TONE V:

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Verse: *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

PROKEIMENON IN TONE VII:

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him

GALATIANS 6: 11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE: HEBREWS 12: 6-13, 25-27

Brethren, "For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

SAINT DEMETRIUS - 2 TIMOTHY 2: 1-10

My son Timothy, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

LUKE 16: 19-31

The Lord told this parable: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE: MATTHEW 8: 23-27

At that time, when Jesus got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

SAINT DEMETRIUS: JOHN 15: 17 - 16: 2

At that time Jesus said: "These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of this world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me, hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who precedes from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

Alleluia Verses

O God, You have cast us off, You have scattered us; you have been angry with us and have had pity on us.

You have made the earth to tremble, You have broken it; heal its breaches, for it has been shaken!

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE FIVE:

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted upon the Cross in the Flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION TO COMMEMORATE THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE AT CONSTANTINOPLE - TONE EIGHT:

O Christ our God, You look upon the earth and it trembles; deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquakes; and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us Your abundant mercy and save us!

TROPARION TO ST. DEMETRIUS - TONE THREE:

The world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation, and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passionbearer. You bolstered the courage of Nestor, who then in battle humbled the arrogance of Lyaios. O Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE FIVE:

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 all cry to You: O Lord, save us!

GLORY...KONTAKION TO ST. DEMETRIUS - TONE TWO:

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

NOW AND EVER... KONTAKION TO COMMEMORATE THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE AT CONSTANTINOPLE - TONE SIX:

Deliver us from upheavals and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord, and spare Your people whom You have purchased with Your blood, O Master. Do not deliver Your city to destruction by terrible earthquakes, for we know no other God than You; and to those who cry out You respond: "I am with you and no one will be against you."

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

The Gospel for the Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost and the Gospel for St. Demetrius are prescribed for God's Holy Church today. Both Gospel readings carry the theme of love for one another.

The Gospel for the Twenty Second Sunday reveals the lack of love by the rich man for poor Lazarus who was living nearby. The rich man kept the focus on himself during his life.

The rich man was selfish and did not acknowledge the needs of poor Lazarus nearby. If the rich man had shared some of his wealth, his life after death would have been much different.

The Lord cared for Lazarus after his death. The rich man suffered. We are reminded dear believers to be attentive to the suffering and poor people near us. As Christians we are to be charitable throughout life.

The Gospel for St. Demetrius verifies the Christian virtue of loving one another. Jesus Christ set the lasting example of love for everyone in His teaching and by dying on the Cross and rising from the dead.

Jesus Christ continues to love every person and offers hope and help to all willing to embrace His ways. Repentance is essential. Selfishness and hardness of heart are to be replaced by love and compassion.

Abraham told the rich man that if his brothers did not heed the wisdom of Moses and the prophets, one raising from the dead would not make a difference for them.

The Gospel readings for today and throughout the year are to become part of our daily lives. We are to change and become more Christ-like with each Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel readings inspire us to become more loving of each other and of our neighbors. Our hearts, minds and souls are to reach beyond our personal needs to share the abundance we have with others.

Greed has no place in the Christian life. Hardness of heart has no place in the Christian life. Hate and prejudice have no place in the Christian life. Love is the dominant virtue to thrive and be firmly present in every Christian.

Today is the day to take a good look at our lives, our values and the love we have for Christ and our neighbor. Today is the day to commit to greater love for Christ and our neighbor.

The Gospels for today, when taken to heart, will improve our vision of love and understanding of love. God's love heals and extends to all persons. Christians are to manifest God's love in daily life.

Charity has a place in each home, each neighborhood and each community. Parishes are to be the examples of leadership in their communities in outreach to their neighborhoods.

Needy people are near every parish, near every home, and in every neighborhood. God's love shown through each believer will transform lives.

Let us not be like the rich man with a hard heart. Let us love as Christ loves.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM – Evening Prayer through the Conference call
(339) 207-6529

SATURDAY (November 14th) – Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY (November 15th) – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (Eph. 2, 4-10); Gospel (Lk. 8, 26-39)

SUNDAY (November 22nd) - Thanksgiving luncheon

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Take out only (Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, green beans, yams, pumpkin pie) - \$10

FISH FRY, tentative December 4th

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic), Nektarios
- who passed away – Sandra (Simko)

The Holy Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher, of Thessalonica (306)

This glorious and wonderworking saint was born in Thessalonica of noble and devout parents. Implored of God by childless parents, Demetrius was their only son, and so was raised and educated with great care. Demetrius' father was a commander in Thessalonica. When his father died, Emperor Maximian appointed Demetrius as commander in his place. As he appointed him, Maximian, an opponent of Christ, particularly recommended that he 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. 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. An Illyrian nobleman, Leontius, was afflicted with an incurable illness. He hastened, with prayer, to the relics of St. Demetrius and was completely healed. In thanksgiving, Leontius erected a much larger church on the site of the old church. The saint appeared to him on two occasions. When Emperor Justinian wanted to translate the relics of the saint from Thessalonica to Constantinople, flaming sparks sprang from the tomb and a voice was heard: "Stop, and do not touch!" And thus, the relics of St. Demetrius have remained for all time in Thessalonica. As the protector of Thessalonica, St. Demetrius has appeared many times, and on many occasions has saved Thessalonica from great calamity. His miracles are without number. The Russians considered St. Demetrius to be the protector of Siberia, which was conquered and annexed to Russia on October 26, 1581.