

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

October 20, 2019

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 16:19-31

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:26-39

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services Sat., Oct. 26th **Great Vespers** **7 pm**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)

Sun., Oct. 27th **Holy Martyr Nestor,
Companion of St. Demetrius**
Church School **9:15 am**
Hours **9:45 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements:

Let Us Give Thanks! A Spaghetti Dinner is being planned for **November 10, 2019 after Liturgy**. ALL are invited to attend to give thanks to God for our blessings! Please try to attend, as we might have a surprise in store! There will be no charge! A freewill offering will be available for those who wish to share in this offering. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the candlestand. If you have a dietary need, please let Toni or Martha know.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, October 27** has been designated by the Holy Synod of Bishops as "Steward Sunday". As we begin to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the glorification of St. Herman and establishment of the Orthodox Church in America, we need to believe in the mission of the OCA and position her to effectively minister to those seeking the peace, love and salvation offered through our Lord, Jesus Christ. On "Steward Sunday" we are asked to assist in providing the extra aid necessary for the Church to fulfill her apostolic mission and vision. A special collection will be taken on October 27th to assist the OCA in their mission.

"Stewardship is not just a matter for parish and diocesan action. It's personal."

+Metropolitan Tikhon

- The 2019 Archdiocesan Assembly of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh will be held at the St. Andrew Orthodox Church at 100 St. Andrew Drive, Mingo Junction, Ohio on **November 2, 2019**. Fr. Stephan and a delegate will be attending. If interested in being a delegate, please see Fr. Stephan.
- A Diocesan Advent Retreat – "Spiritual Growth & The Body of Christ" will be presented by the Very Rev. Thomas Soroka on **Saturday, November 16** at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church (150 Elmtree Road, New Kensington). The Retreat will open with a prayer service at 10 am followed by a light continental breakfast. The presentation is from 11 am to 1 pm. The event is free and does not require a reservation. (See today's bulletin insert)

The Holy Great Martyr Artemius

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

Artemius was a Christian, born of a noble family, and was appointed military commander over Alexandria by Emperor Constantine the Great. Constantine's successor, Julian, attempted to restore the old pagan ways and began to persecute the Church. When Emperor Julian was in Antioch, preparing for his war on the Persians, he ordered two Christian priests of Antioch to be beaten. Artemius, as a military commander, had arrived in Antioch to help with the military effort, and he was offended at the beating given to the Christian clergy. He therefore rebuked his emperor for this, denouncing the pagan gods as lifeless idols.

Julian was furious at this rebuke from one of his officials. He had Artemius's badges of office torn off and Artemius arrested. Artemius was beaten and thrown into prison. At length, Julian had him brought forth and promised him restoration to his office and other honors if only he would renounce his faith and join the emperor in his restoration of paganism. Artemius was adamant. Julian therefore had him imprisoned with further tortures, as red-hot skewers were run through his body. When Artemius refused to disown Christ, he was finally taken out and executed by beheading. The great martyr and soldier for Christ suffered for his Lord in the fourth century.

Collection: Oct. 13th: \$1,473