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**October 27, 2019**

**Holy Martyr Nestor,  
Companion of St. Demetrius**

**By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley**

When St. Demetrius (feast day October 26) suffered for his Lord, Nestor suffered at the same time. For the Emperor Maximian was at the gladiatorial games in Thessalonica, delighting in his favorite gladiator, Lyaeus. During this time, he had Demetrius, a notable and wealthy Christian, imprisoned nearby, awaiting trial.

Nestor had visited Demetrius in prison and was full of zeal for him and the cause of Christ. When at the games the emperor offered a great reward to anyone who could defeat his champion, Lyaeus, Nestor jumped up, offering to take him on. Entering the arena, Nestor cried, “God of Demetrius, help me!” When the great Lyaeus lunged at him, Nestor stepped nimbly aside and stabbed him in the heart, killing him with a single blow.

The emperor was furious at this and left in a huff, without giving Nestor the promised reward. Rather, hearing that Nestor had identified himself with Demetrius and his Christian God, he had him arrested and beheaded outside the city. Nestor and Demetrius suffered for the Lord and inherited their incorruptible and eternal reward.

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Great Vespers</b> (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Holy Martyr Acepshimas, Bishop of Naeson</b> Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>9:15 am</b> <b>9:45 am</b> <b>10 am</b>

## Epistle

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## Gospel

(Luke 8:26-39)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”

For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him.

And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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

*Next Week:*

Galatians 1:11-19

*Gospel Reading:*

Luke 8:41-56

## Announcements:

**TODAY** has been designated by the Holy Synod of Bishops as “Steward Sunday”. As we begin to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> to assist the OCA in their mission.

*“Stewardship is not just a matter for parish and diocesan action. It’s personal.”*

*+Metropolitan Tikhon*

**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 with half of the proceeds being forwarded to the IOCC to help assist with their efforts in the Bahamas with the hurricane victims and the other half will go to the Angel Bowl to help continue our efforts in assisting the needy of our community. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the candlestand. If you have a dietary need, please let Toni or Martha know.

**REMINDER:** It will be time to turn the clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Upcoming Events:

- 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.

*Collection:*

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: \$1,529