

From the Divine Office for Cosmas & Damian (Nov 1)

Having placed all their hope in heaven, these holy ones have gathered for themselves an unfailing treasure; freely have they received, and freely do they give healing to those who are suffering. In keeping with the Gospel, they possessed neither silver nor gold, but they bestowed their benefits upon men and beasts. Since they submitted themselves to Christ in all things, they intercede with boldness before Him on behalf of our souls. (Vespers)

O glorious Physicians and Wonderworkers who have received the power of healing, extend it upon those in need. In your kindness, hold down our enemies' pride and heal the world through your miracles. (Orthros)



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

OCTOBER 31, 2021



THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (3rd)

1: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia

2: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.

3: For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: **O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.**

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6) pg. 41

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead, and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1)pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kontakion (Tone 2) Pg. 16

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are registration forms for religious education on the table at the rear of the church. Please take one and register your children. Once we know how many children we have, we can put classes together. We will begin having classes once a month beginning next Sunday, November 7 and expand from there. We will meet in the church. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Fr. Bryan

FUNDRAISER

There will be a fundraiser on Saturday November 20 from 2:30-6:30PM to benefit the Opatka family as Archie battles heptoblastoma. The fundraiser will be held at the Millbury VFW, 16 South Main St. Millbury. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner. If you would like to purchase tickets, please see Nick Rahall (508) 826-9346. Please go to archiesarmy.net to learn more. "Physician of our souls and bodies, heal, bless and have mercy on Your child Archie!"

ORDER OF SAINT NICHOLAS

Bishop Nicholas is reactivating the Order of Saint Nicholas. The Order has done much to support the work of the Eparchy over the years. Please see the flyer in the back of the church for more details.



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today **Healing of Archie Opatka**
+Peter Solitro. Requested by Ron & Dick Abraham

Nov 7 **Healing of Archie Opatka**
+Peter Solitro. Requested by Marilyn & Zenon Tencza

This morning's Coffee Hour is replaced by the picnic meeting & lunch
Next Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by Sam & Hiam Francis

Last Week's Collection

Weekly \$ 990

Candles \$ 27

Coffee Hr. \$ 29

Diocesan \$ 5

TOTAL \$1,051

God bless for your generosity!



PICNIC MEETING/LUNCH

Please join us after the Divine Liturgy for have lunch and a meeting to review the Picnic and see where things worked well and where we can improve. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas!

We will also have a little party for the children. There will be crafts and other fun activities! We hope to see you!!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time ends next **Sunday, November 7**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians

Cosmas & Damian (Nov. 1)

(From the Synaxarion by Hieromonk Makarios of Simonos Petra)

Saints Cosmas and Damian were brothers according to the flesh and came from the region of Ephesus in the Province of Asia. Some time after they were born, their father, a pagan of noble lineage, embraced the Christian faith; but his early death left the two children in the sole care of their devout mother Theodota, who had been a Christian since childhood. She made every effort to bring up her sons in piety by her own virtuous example. Cosmas and Damian were educated in the various branches of learning of their day, but turned away before long from all vain knowledge to devote themselves to the art of medicine, that they might free their neighbours from every sickness and infirmity. Like the Apostles sent forth by Christ (Matt. 10), they were given the power to cast out unclean spirits and to heal all manner of sickness with no other remedy than their prayer. Having freely received the grace of the Holy Spirit, these new Apostles freely gave; they tended the rich just as they did the poor, and strangers as their own relatives, asking nothing in return. Their charity was such that their care extended even to animals. So closely did they link the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation to healing that, although they were qualified in medical science, they used by way of remedy neither lancet or plaster, but only the life-giving name of Christ, so that the Saviour Himself was the Physician who, working in them, healed souls and bodies. Patients made their way from all quarters to their dwelling, and each one found healing and comfort according to the measure of his faith.

Saint Damian, the younger brother, was the first to fall asleep in peace, followed some time later by Saint Cosmas. Thereafter crowds of Christians came in a constant stream to the church built over their tomb, at a place called Fereman. Their precious relics and their icon were an abundant source of healing for the sick, who were allowed to spend several days in the church, surrounded by prayers and supplications. No one left without obtaining either a cure or the strength to bear with patience and hope, the illness permitted by God for the salvation of his soul.

Prokimenon

Reader: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

People: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

People: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: O Lord save Your people

People: And bless Your inheritance!

Epistle: Eph 2:4-10

Alleluia Verses

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Verse: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

