

From the Divine Office for the Commemoration of the Martyrs Galaction and his wife Episteme (Nov. 5)

Thanks to the spiritual Dawn, two brilliant stars have risen to give light to the whole creation in faith by the radiant splendor of their struggles and divine brilliance of their healings. We who celebrate their splendid festival wish to glorify Christ who sanctifies all creation through them. (Vespers)

With hymns and chants, let us celebrate the generous martyr as well as his far-famed wife, the well-named Episteme. They humbled the pride of the enemy, denouncing the impious worship of the idols and proclaiming their faith in Christ. Thus they radiantly received from Him their immortal crowns in heaven, and they ceaselessly are interceding for the sake of us all. (Ikos)



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS
NOVEMBER 5, 2023**



THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

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Antiphon (2nd)

1: May God be propitious to us and bless us; may He let His face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

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

2: May Your Name be known upon the earth; among all the nations, Your salvation.

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

3: May the peoples praise You, O God, may all the peoples praise You!

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!

Patronal Troparion (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.

Raised in a Christian family, these brothers flourished in the late third century at Rome, where they became known for their skill at healing the sick. Since they cared for Christians and non-Christians alike, they became known in the wider community and attracted many to the Church. Accused of sorcery before Emperor Carinus (282-285), they rejected the charge: "We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely you have received, freely give' (Mt. 10: 8)." These saints are commemorated in the Canon of the Roman Mass and in the Litany of the Saints, some of the oldest Western prayers still in use.

The last set of brothers came from the Roman province of Arabia (parts of Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia today). They practiced their art in Aegea on what is now the coast of Turkey. They were executed along with their brothers Anthimus, Leontius, and Euprepus during the persecution of Diocletian at the end of the third century.

Devotion to all these Unmercenaries spread from the place of their death throughout the empire.

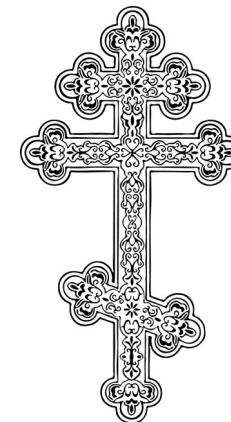
Other Unmercenaries

Among the twenty saints honored on this feast are St Sampson the Hospitable (June 27), an Unmercenary Healer, who on his parents' deaths, began taking in the poor, sick and homeless. The patriarch of Constantinople ordained him a priest and the emperor established a hospice for the sick poor and entrusted it to him.

Other saints commemorated today include martyred physicians Luke the Evangelist (October 18) and Diomedes of Tarsus (August 16). Other saints whose tombs became sources of miraculous healings like St Antipas (April 11) and St Spyridon (December 12) are also commemorated.

God continues to be glorified by unmercenary healers. Some of them, like the sainted Mother Theresa of Kalikut, are known all over the world. Others, like St Luke of Simferopol, the unmercenary physician who became a Ukrainian Orthodox bishop during the worst days of Communist persecutions, are not as widely known. They all have received gifts of healing and all have shared these gifts as freely as they had received them from God.

Today we praise the blessed choir of the holy unmercenary physicians: the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the excellent healer of the infirm; the most honored hieromartyrs Antipas, Charalampos and Blaise, Spyridon and Modestus, the all-splendid luminaries of the Church; the three pairs of divinely wise saints Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same names and the same ways; Cyrus and the glorious John; the divine Panteleimon and Hermolaus; Diomedes and Sampson; together with Mocius, Photius and Anicetas, Artemius, Thalaxus and Tryphon. (Sticheron at Lord to You I call...)



DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today Health & salvation of all the parishioners of OLPH living and deceased
October 12 +Irene Santos (40 day). Requested by Antoinette Arraj & Family
+Helen Grace George. Requested by Karen & Antonio Solitro

Next Week's Coffee Hr. will be hosted by Antoinette Arraj & Lisa Jagielski

Today's flowers are donated by :

Ron Abraham in memory of Salim Abraham & Family

Houda Daou in memory of Kahale, Daou, and Yanni Families

Joe & Lorraine Lian in memory of Violet Massad, Glay Abdow, Edmund Kouri, Paul Kouri, William Kouri

Sadie Mirante in memory of Joseph S. Mirante, Sr., Joseph S. Mirante, Jr.

Nick Rahall in memory of William & Bertha Rahall, Habib & Miriam Rahall, James Rahall

Antonio & Karen Solitro in memory of Peter J. Solitro, Dora & Nick Barouk, Lucia & Matteo Solitro

Please remember in your prayers: Lorraine Lian, George Arraj, Jr., Ron Abraham, Peter Abraham, Robert Ghiz, Sadie Mirante, Archie Opatka, Katherine Thomas, Charlotte Stockhaus, Richard Abraham, Sr., Frank Boyda, Carol Boyda, Bob Lynch, Joe Najemy, Michael Mooradian, Dennis Desplaines, Michael McNeil, Jeff McNeil, Wyatt William Rahall, Billy Rahall, Dan Rahall, Lauren Abraham, Nicholas Haddad, Elaine Foley, David Ahlin, Elio Kanaan, Tom Sarrouf, Sandra Hanlan, Melissa Kalpakgian, Susan Bailey, those affected by the natural disasters throughout the world, and the people of Ukraine.

If there are people for whom you would like me to pray, please reach out and give me their names. Part of our vocation as Christians is to pray for each other, especially when someone is sick or suffering in any way.

Welcome to any visitors we have with us this morning! We are happy to have you worship with us.

Please join us downstairs in the church hall for the coffee hour so that we can get to know each other better and answer any questions you may have about the parish or the Melkite Church.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us downstairs for lunch after the Divine Liturgy. It is a chance for you to meet and speak with Bishop Francois if you have not done so already.

Thanks to Napoli Deli for providing the food!

We will also be selling 100th Anniversary T-Shirts for \$15 each.

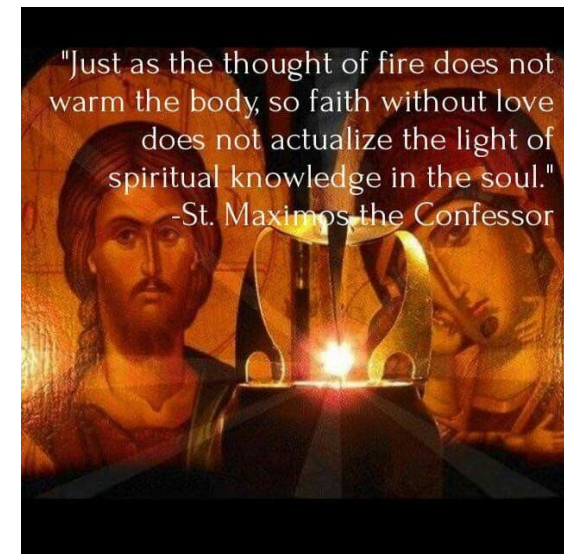
WELCOME BISHOP FRANCOIS

We are blessed to have our father and bishop Francois Beyrouti with us this weekend to celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

Many Years, Master!

Last Week's Collection

Weekly	\$ 603
Coffee Hr.	\$ 67
Candles	\$ 42
Stole	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 10
Other	\$ 75
TOTAL	\$ 822



First Sunday in November – The Holy Unmercenaries

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY in November a number of Byzantine Churches keep a special remembrance (Synaxis) for All the Unmercenary Healers: those who cared for the sick or aged in the spirit of Christ, without concern for gain. These physicians and other medical workers understood their skills in the spirit of St Paul's teaching on spiritual gifts (*"To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"* – 1 Cor 12:7).

A Christian's skills are given, according to Paul, not simply to enhance the person who receives them but chiefly to benefit the entire Body of Christ. St Paul lists several of these spiritual gifts: *"To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills"* (1 Cor 12:8-11). Any of these gifts – and of the countless others manifested in the Church – is God's gift to the entire Church given through the one who manifests them.

The Unmercenary Physicians adopted this teaching as the guiding principle of their professional lives to a heroic degree. In an age when health care, as rudimentary as it often was, was exclusively for those who could afford it, the Unmercenaries stood out by their compassionate attention to the sick poor. When Christians were still suspect in the pagan Roman Empire, the witness of Holy Unmercenaries led people to see that Christians were living by a higher standard than the leaders of their own culture. Not surprisingly, Unmercenaries took the occasion of caring for the sick as opportunities for preaching the Gospel as well. The ideal of physicians serving without pay for Christ inspired many in the Church to follow their example.

The Great Martyr Panteleimon

Front and center in the icon of the Holy Unmercenaries is the most revered of these saints in the Christian East, St Panteleimon. He was converted to the Christian faith by St Hermolaus, one of the survivors of the great persecution in Nicomedia. Panteleimon achieved renown by tending without expecting payment to wounded and imprisoned Christians in Nicomedia during the last Great Persecution of Christians in the fourth century. Panteleimon effected many cures by prayer alone which brought him the love of his fellow-Christians and the unwanted attention of the imperial authorities. Executed by order of Emperor Maximian on July 27, 305 St Panteleimon is remembered on that day in the Byzantine calendar.

Cosmas and Damian

The hymns for our feast of the Unmercenaries speak of "three pairs of divinely wise saints Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same names and the same ways" (Verse at the Lamp-lighting Psalms). Two of these pairs of brothers were martyred, one at Rome and the other at Aegea (Ajass today) in the region of Cilicia. The other Cosmas and Damian, who lived in the third century, came from Asia Minor but lived and ministered to the poor in Mesopotamia where they reposed in peace. After their pagan father's death, their Christian mother Theodotia raised them in the faith and saw to their medical education. Under her guidance they used their medical knowledge to heal the sick without expecting any payment. Miracles accompanied their activity in this life and were frequently said to take place at their tomb in the city of Cyrrhus, capital of the Roman province. An imposing basilica was built over their tomb; its ruins may still be seen there. In the sixth century Emperor Justinian sumptuously restored the city in the saints' honor and erected an important church in Constantinople dedicated to them, which became a celebrated place for pilgrimage. About the same time a basilica was constructed in Rome in honor of the Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1). This church still exists and contains some remarkable mosaics and frescos from before the era of iconoclasm. In the Litany of the Saints, some of the oldest Western prayers still in use.

Prokimenon

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

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

Reader: 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!

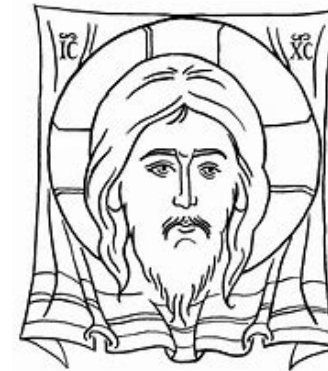
Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10

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, Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross



FOOD DONATION BOX

There is a green box in the narthex for food donations. Once a month, we will deliver whatever we collect to a local charity that helps those with food insecurity. Please buy a couple of extra items when you go the grocery store and put them in the box on your way into the church on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those who need a little extra assistance!

We will also be having our Thanksgiving food drive again this year. Our goal is to provide Thanksgiving dinners for those who need our help this year. We hope to provide as many meals as we can. Please assist us in this important ministry by donating a turkey and/or sides. The deadline for donating is November 18.

God bless you for your generosity!