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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 5

Ven. Kyriakos the Anchorite
Martyrs Dadas, Gabdelas, and
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The Martyrs Dadas, Gabdelas and Kazdoa (Kasdoe) accepted death for Christ under the Persian emperor Sapor. Dadas was chief steward under Sapor, and Saints Gabdelas and Kazdoa were the cruel emperor's own children. Not knowing that Saint Dadas was a Christian, the emperor appointed him as governor of one of the Persian districts. When it was discovered, he was stripped of all honors, sent to the court of the cruel torturer Andromelik and was condemned to be burned. Approaching the stake, Saint Dadas shielded himself with the Sign of the Cross, and the fire went out. Seeing this miracle, the emperor's stunned son Gabdelas believed in Christ and in the hearing of all, confessed his faith. The judge reported this to the emperor, and he commanded Saint Gabdelas to be fiercely tortured. But in all the sufferings divine strength preserved the saint. An angel of the Lord comforted him, and each time the Lord restored health and strength to him. The emperor's daughter Kazdoa, sister of the Martyr Gabdelas, secretly visited him in prison and brought him water. Another time Kazdoa saw her brother when the torturers tortured him anew. The holy martyr was hung on a cross, and a volley of arrows shot at him, but the arrows bounced off and struck the archers. Seeing his sister, he prevailed upon her to believe in Christ. Saint Kazdoa confessed herself a Christian, and by the command of her father the emperor Sapor, she was cruelly beaten and thrown into prison where her brother languished. Suffering from her wounds, Saint Kazdoa asked her brother to pray for her. Saint Gabdelas, having said the prayer, assured his sister that she would suffer no more. On the following day during new tortures Saint Gabdelas, seeing two presbyters Dadias and Abdi, asked them to bring oil and water, since he deeply wanted to receive holy Baptism. At this moment a cloud overshadowed the martyr, from which poured out water and oil, and a voice was heard: "Servant of God, you have already received Baptism." The face of the martyr became radiant, and in the air was the fragrance of perfume. The torturer commanded the saint to be pierced with spears, and after several hours he died with prayer on

his lips. His body was cut into three parts, but the priests Dadias, Abdi and the deacon Armazates took the holy relics and buried them reverently.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Matushka Cindy, the McCarthy family, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Igumen Leonty, Tatiana

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

ANNIVERSARIES: Andra & Frank Schmitt

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FALL NIGHT: Come and join us for fellowship and food after Vespers on Saturday, October 12. Please bring food and/or drinks if you want, and enjoy a relaxed fall evening with your fellow parishioners.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Please note that the next choir rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 following Great Vespers.

YOUTH CHOIR: The Archdiocesan Choir is inviting singers between the ages of 8 and 16 to join us for our concert on November 9. The youth choir will join the Archdiocesan Choir for our finale, *The Angel Cried*, and a second song, *Oh How Sweet is Thy Voice*. Alice Hughes will be teaching both during Sunday school in the coming weeks. If you are interested in having your singer participate in the concert, they will need to be available for the concert (November 10 at Ss. Peter and Paul in Potomac), the dress rehearsal (November 2 from 12:30-1:30 at Ss. Peter and Paul in Potomac) and the youth rehearsal (October 26 from 9:15-10:15 at St. Mark.) They will be able to officially sign up in October. Reach out to Alice or Juliana with any questions.

WOMEN'S GROUP: The women of the parish are cordially invited to join together at the home of Marijanna Barr on October 20 at 5 PM. Weather permitting, we will gather around her fire pit for fellowship and a meal. Please bring a food item to share and your favorite fall beverage. Address: 9210 Setter Place, Springfield VA 22153. RSVP to Marijana or Lisa by Friday, October 18.

ADULT EDUCATION: Adult Education takes place on Wednesday night at 7:00p via Zoom. We are reading and discussing St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. All parishioners are welcome. If you want to invite other guests, please let Fr. Alessandro know ahead of time. The Zoom link is provided via email.

PARISH RETREAT: On Saturday afternoon, December 7, our parish will host a retreat with Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli, author of "Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians." The retreat is open to everyone and more information will be shared as we get closer. You can find out more about Sarah at byrnemartelli.com. Please mark your calendar!

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Sep 29, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Oct 1, Tue 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Oct 2, Wed 7:00 PM	Adult Education
Oct 5, Sat 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Great Vespers Choir Rehearsal
Oct 6, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Sep 29	Oct 6
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Mittlefehldt	Garber
<i>Reader:</i>	Hughes	Easton
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Mittlefehldt	Garber
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Garber&Barr	Easton&Terezi

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment