

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

Orthodox Church in America

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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.

October 15, 2023

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 2

Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch

Venerable Euthymius the New of Thessalonica, and Monk of Mount Athos

Saint Euthymius the New of Thessalonica and Mt Athos, in the world was named Nicetas, and he was a native of the city of Ancyra in Galatia. His parents, Epiphanius and Anna, led virtuous Christian lives, and from childhood their son was meek, pious and obedient. At age seven he was left fatherless and he soon became the sole support of his mother in all matters. Having entered military service, Nicetas married, on the insistence of his mother.

After the birth of a daughter, he secretly left home in order to enter a monastery. For fifteen years the venerable Euthymius lived the ascetic life on Mount Olympus, where he learned monastic deeds from the Elders. The monk went to resettle on Mount Athos. On the way he learned that his mother and wife were in good health. He informed them that he had become a monk, and he sent them a cross, calling on them to follow his example. On Mt Athos he was tonsured into the Great Schema and lived for three years in a cave in total silence, struggling with temptations.

Saint Euthymius also lived for a long time as a stylite, not far from Thessalonica, instructing those coming to him for advice and healing the sick. The monk cleansed his mind and heart to such an extent that he was granted divine visions and revelations. At the command of the Lord, Saint Euthymius founded two monasteries in 863 on Mount Peristeros, not far from Thessalonica, which he guided for 14 years, with the rank of deacon. In one of these his wife and mother received monastic tonsure.

Before his death he settled on Hiera, an island of Mt Athos, where he reposed in 898. His relics were transferred to Thessalonica. Saint Euthymius is called "the New" to distinguish him from Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Michelle, Yuri, Kelsey and her unborn

DEPARTED: John

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

BIRTHDAYS: April Mittleffehldt

NAMEDAYS: Luke Garber, Luca Margheritino

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL PANIKHIDA: On Saturday, October 21, the Memorial Saturday of St. Demetrius, we will be serving a general memorial service at 4:30a before Great Vespers. You can write the names of your commemorations on a sheet and hand it to Fr. Alessandro at the beginning of the service.

JOURNEY TO FULLNESS: Fr. Alessandro leads the discussion on the introductory course to the Orthodox Church called *Journey to Fullness* at 7:00p every Thursday via Zoom.

PARISH FALL EVENING: Come and join us for fellowship and food after Vespers on Saturday, October 21. Please bring food and/or drinks if you are able, and enjoy a relaxed fall evening with your fellow parishioners.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

October 15, Sun

8:45 AM Church School 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

October 21, Sat

4:30 PMGeneral Panikhida5:00 PMGreat Vespers6:00 PMFall Family Night

October 22, Sun

8:45 AM Church School 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

October 24, Tue

7:00 PM Parish Council

October 26, Thu

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Journey to Fullness

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

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Coffee Hour: Barr Margheritino

Reader: Easton Weaver

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment