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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 20, 2024**

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
TONE 8

Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch  
Righteous Child Artemius of Verkola

## GREATMARTYR ARTEMIUS AT ANTIOCH

Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great (May 21), and his son and successor Constantius (337-361). Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening Christianity in Egypt. Saint Artemius was sent by the emperor Constantius to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes of Boeotia, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt. The emperor Constantius was succeeded on the throne by Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian in his desire to restore paganism was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, sending hundreds to their death. At Antioch he ordered the torture of two bishops unwilling to forsake the Christian Faith. During this time, Saint Artemius arrived in Antioch and publicly denounced Julian for his impiety. The enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw the Great Martyr Artemius into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, "Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom." Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him. On the following day, Julian demanded that Saint Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The saint told Julian that he would be justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded. His relics were buried by Christians. After the death of Saint Artemius, his

prophecy about Julian the Apostate's impending death came true. Julian left Antioch for a war with the Persians. Near the Persian city of Ctesiphon, Julian came upon an elderly Persian, who agreed to betray his countrymen and guide Julian's army. The old man deceived Julian and led his army into the Karmanite wilderness, where there was neither food nor water. Tired from hunger and thirst, Julian's army battled against fresh Persian forces. Divine retribution caught up with Julian the Apostate. During the battle he was mortally wounded by an unseen hand and an unseen weapon. Julian groaned deeply said, "You have conquered, Galilean!" After the death of the apostate emperor, the relics of the Great Martyr Artemius were transferred with honor from Antioch to Constantinople.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

DEPARTED: Matushka Cindy, Tatiana

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: April Mittlefehldt

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CHOIR: The Archdiocesan Choir is inviting singers between the ages of 8 and 16 to join us for our concert on November 10. 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 Marijana 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.

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**

Oct 20, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM	Women's Fellowship
Oct 26, Sat	
5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Oct 27, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

**MINISTRY ROTATIONS**

	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Oct 27</b>
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Margheritino	Woodill
<i>Reader:</i>	Harned&Mykyta	Barr
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Callender	Hughes
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Mikhalevsky&Garber	Barr&Easton

*Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment*