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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 22, 2023

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 3

Saint Averkios the Wonderworker,
Bishop of Hieropolis, Equal of the
Apostles

The Holy Seven Youths ("Seven
Sleepers") of Ephesus

Saint Averkios the Wonderworker

The Holy Hierarch Averkios of Hieropolis lived in Phrygia during the second century. The city of Hieropolis was inhabited by many pagans and very few Christians. The Saint prayed to the Lord for the salvation of their souls, and that they might be numbered among God's chosen flock. An Angel appeared and bade Saint Averkios to destroy the idols in the pagan temple. He obeyed this command with zeal. Hearing that the idol-worshippers wanted to kill him, the Saint went to a place where people had gathered and openly denounced the failure of the pagans when they attempted to seize him. At that moment three demon-possessed youths in the crowd cried out. The people were dumbfounded as the Hierarch expelled demons from them by his prayers.

Seeing the youths restored to normal, the people of Hieropolis asked Saint Averkios to instruct them in the Christian Faith, and then they received Holy Baptism. After this Saint Averkios went to the surrounding cities and villages, healing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God. With his preaching he made the rounds of Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, he also visited Rome. Everywhere he went he converted multitudes of people to Christ. For many years he guarded the Church against heretics, confirming Christians in the Faith, and setting the prodigal upon the path of righteousness. He also healed the sick and proclaimed the glory of Christ. Because of his great works, Saint Averkios is called an "Equal of the Apostles."

Saint Averkios returned home to Hieropolis, where he soon rested from his labors. After his repose, many miracles took place at his tomb. He wrote his own epitaph, and it was carved on his tombstone, which is now in the Lateran Museum. The skull of Saint Averkios is located in the Monastery of Most Pure Theotokos on the island of Andros. Fragments from the Holy Relic of Saint Averkios are also found in the Monasteries of Karakalou on the Holy Mountain, at Proussos in Evritania, and Phaneromeni in Salamis.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Michelle, Yuri, Kelsey and her unborn

DEPARTED: John

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

ANNIVERSARIES: Alex & Juliana Woodill

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIRACULOUS MYRRH-STREAMING HAWAIIAN IVERON ICON: St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda will host a visitation of the Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming "Hawaiian" Iveron Icon of the Holy Theotokos on Wednesday, October 25. The icon will arrive and be greeted at 6:45p and an Akathist Service will begin at 7:00p.

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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Fr. Alessandro and the Parish Council have designated Sunday, November 12 as our Stewardship Sunday. Please, join us after Liturgy for coffee hour when Fr Alessandro will give a presentation on our vision for growth, budget, support for charity, and our collective financial commitment through pledges.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men from the parish will get together for breakfast on Saturday, October 28, 8:30a at The Executive Diner (1400 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314).

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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

October 28, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

October 29, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Oct 22

Oct 29

Coffee Hour:

Hughes

Garber

Reader:

Weaver

Woodill

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