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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 27, 2024

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TONE 1

Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica
Ven. Nestor the Chronicler of the
Kiev Caves

MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA

The holy Martyr Nestor was very young in age, handsome in appearance, and he was known to the holy Great Martyr Demetrios (October 26), for he had instructed Nestor in the faith.

The Emperor was visiting Thessaloniki, and he built a high platform in the midst of the city so that a gigantic barbarian named Lyaios could wrestle there and be seen by everyone. Beneath the platform many spears and other sharp weapons were placed pointing upward. When Lyaios defeated his opponents, he threw them down onto the spears and they died. Many Christians were forced to fight Lyaios, and were killed. When Nestor saw how Emperor Maximian rejoiced over the victories of his champion, he disdained his pride. Seeing the miracles of Saint Demetrios, however, he took courage and went to the prison where the holy Martyr was confined, and fell at his feet.

“Pray for me, O Servant of God Demetrios,” he said, “that by your prayers, God may help me to beat Lyaios, and put an end to him who brings reproach upon the Christians.”

The Saint, after sealing Nestor with the Sign of the Cross, told him that he would prevail over Lyaios, and then suffer for Christ. Nestor mounted the platform without fear and exclaimed: “Help me, O God of Demetrios.” After he defeated Lyaios, he hurled him down onto the spears, where he gave up his wretched soul.

Maximian became enraged and ordered that both Nestor and Demetrios should be put to death. Saint Demetrios was stabbed with spears, and Saint Nestor was beheaded. Thus, by his example Saint Nestor teaches us that in every human challenge we must say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me.” (Psalm 117/118:6, Hebrews 13:6).

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

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATE FACING EAST: The Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC invites you to join us for an evening of music honoring the Theotokos on November 10 at 5:00 pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD. Selections include many favorite hymns to the Mother of God from throughout the yearly liturgical cycle, as well as a few new compositions and para-liturgical pieces. Join us for a reception following the concert. Advanced sale tickets are \$12 each or \$35 for a family. At the door, tickets are \$15 each or \$40 for a family. (Under 6 is free). We will also live-stream the concert. Fill out our ticket form to receive the link! You can find more information at archdiocesanchoir.org

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 byrнемartelli.com. Please mark your calendar!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY: We would like to extend an invitation to all Parish children to participate in the Sunday School Nativity Play. We will have our first script readthrough and role assignments on Nov 10th - all children who would like to participate in the Play, as well as all teachers, should attend. We will also have a Nativity Play Planning & Logistics Meeting on Nov 17th - all teachers and parishioners who would like to help with the play should attend this meeting (we need help with costumes, singing, props, rehearsals, snacks, setup/clean up, etc.) There is no Sunday School on Dec 1st.

We will have a rehearsal on Nov 24th and Dec 8th during regular Sunday School class time AND after the Liturgy - during coffee hour; please plan on staying for about an hour. We will have a dress rehearsal on Dec 14th at 3pm until Vespers - everyone's attendance is mandatory. Nativity Play performance day is Dec 15th after Liturgy. There is no "script memorization" requirement, so no stress! We had done a play on three occasions before, and it was a lot of fun - our older Sunday School students have good memories of them and are looking forward to this one! Please plan on supporting them by bringing them to rehearsals and/or offering a helping hand.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

<p>Oct 27, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Church School Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>Nov 2, Sat 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Great Vespers</p>
<p>Nov 3, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Church School Divine Liturgy</p>

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Oct 27	Nov 2
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Woodill	Hughes
<i>Reader:</i>	Barr	Mykyta
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Hughes	Mikhalevsky
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Barr&Easton	Terezi&Class

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment