

***MARTYRS MARCIAN AND MARTYRIUS
THE NOTARIES, OF CONSTANTINOPLE***

The Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius served in a Constantinople cathedral. Marcian was a reader and Martyrius a subdeacon. They both performed duties as notaries (secretaries) for Patriarch Paul the Confessor.

Arian heretics expelled and secretly executed the righteous Patriarch Paul. His throne was given to the heretic Macedonius. The heretics attempted to entice Sts. Marcian and Martyrius over to their side by flattery. They offered gold and promised to consecrate them as archbishops, but efforts of the Arians were in vain.

Then the impious threatened to slander the saints before the emperor and sought to intimidate them with torture and death. But the saints steadfastly confessed Orthodoxy, as handed down by the Fathers of the Church. Marcian and Martyrius were sentenced to death. They prayed, "Lord God, Who has invisibly created our hearts and directed all our deeds, accept with peace the souls of Your servants, since we perish for You and are considered as sheep for the slaughter. We rejoice that by such a death we shall depart this life for Your Name. Grant us to be partakers of life eternal with You, the Source of life." After their prayer, the martyrs, with quiet rejoicing, bent their necks beneath the sword of the impious. (It was around the year 335.)

Their holy bodies were reverently buried by Orthodox Christians. Later, by decree of St. John Chrysostom, the relics were transferred to a church built in their honor. Believers here were healed of many infirmities through the prayers of the saints.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople;
St. Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter;
Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia;
Ven. Martyrii the Deacon and Martyrii the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves***

“Let us praise Marcian and Martyrius in all their glory, for they are a pair of martyrs worthy of each other. They refuted the shameful errors of the foolish Arius with the wise and prudent teachings of the hierarch, Paul, insisting that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share in the same nature. For this, they perished by the sword, so that now they enjoy the presence of Christ in the kingdom of heaven, where they never cease imploring Him to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone I

“O invincible soldier of Christ, O victorious Demetrius, the Lord has given you to us as a mighty protector against every danger. As you inspired Nestor to stand firm against the arrogance of Lyaius, so plead our cause with Christ, that He will grant us His great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone III

TODAY’S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 1:11-19

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 31 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 26 (St. Demetrius)	Hebrews 12:6-13,25-27	Matthew 8:23-27
Tuesday, October 27	II Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-16:2
Wednesday, October 28	Philippians 4:10-23	Luke 10:22-24
Thursday, October 29	Colossians 1:1-2,7-11	Luke 11:1-10
Friday, October 30	Colossians 1:18-23	Luke 11:9-13
Saturday, October 31	Colossians 1:24-29	Luke 11:14-23
	Colossians 2:1-7	Luke 11:23-26
	II Corinthians 3:12-18	Luke 8:16-21

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

25, Sunday

Parish Council meeting

YouTube presentation of Eastern Churches Seminar

MEMORY ETERNAL:

Helen Zydiak fell asleep in the Lord and was buried on October 20, 2020.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A Special Presentation by Fr. Alexander, "The Eucharist in Art and Life," will be available today on You Tube, as the 36th Annual Eastern Churches Seminar. See the flyer below for information.

ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE:

An online fundraiser will be held the week of Nov. 15 -22 for St. Herman's House. This will be in lieu of the annual November speaker's event and December spaghetti dinner. There will be videos and other info posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to highlight the issue of hunger and homelessness, and to raise funds for St. Herman's. Please be generous.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar.

PARISH COUNCIL:

The Parish Council will meet today following Coffee Hour.

WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE:

Are you an Orthodox woman age 18-55 willing to share your opinions about women's healthcare needs in America? Please see further details in the Fellowship Hall; or contact Kimberly at 440-708-8434; email Kimberly.babichspeck@otterbein.edu

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:

If you are interested in joining the EOWG, please see Joanne Stoyka or Dianna Kall. EOWG asks everyone to support their virtual fundraiser with donations mailed to Helen Beverly; 10200 Ridgewood Dr; #408; Parma Hts., OH 44130. Each \$15 donation will entitle one entry into a raffle for \$25 gift card or cash as well as the makings for a pasta dinner for four. The EOWG uses these funds for charitable, educational and ministerial programs within the Orthodox Church.



Very Reverend Alexander Garklavs

In the Christian traditions of East and West, Eucharist and art hold much in common. Both have sensory and spiritual dimensions. Both bring people together. Both transform minds and hearts. Both feed the soul's hunger for personal meaning and interpersonal communion. Both express praise and thanks to God. And both the Eucharist and the arts are about living *life* to the full.

The Eucharist has inspired countless masterpieces of visual, musical, and literary art. In turn, the arts have added beauty and joy to the celebration of Eucharist. The interplay of Eucharist, art, and life is the focus of Father Alexander Garklavs' presentation for this year's Eastern Churches Seminar.

Father Garklavs is currently pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Parma, Ohio. He formerly served as chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America.

As the first virtual presentation in its 36-year history, this year's seminar will debut on YouTube on **October 25, 2020**, at [YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege](https://www.youtube.com/NotreDameCollege) or [NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar](https://www.NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar)

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NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 21st Sunday after Pentecost Holy Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian	2	3	4	5	6	7 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
8 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Archangel Michael	9 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	10	11	12	13	14 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at Buna Vestire 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
15 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Parish Council meeting	16 Beginning of the Nativity Fast St. Herman's House Fund-raiser Week	17	18	19	20 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	21 Entrance of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
22 24th Sunday after Pentecost Afterfeast of the Entrance	23	24	25	26 9:00 a.m. Akathist "Glory to God for All Things" Thanksgiving	27	28 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
29 25th Sunday after Pentecost	30					

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THE SAINTS AMONG US -
ST. DEMETRIUS THE GREAT MARTYR

October 26 is dedicated to the memory of one of the much-honored and great Christian martyrs, St. Demetrius of Thessalonica. He is often grouped together with St. George. Tradition holds that both lived about the same period of time, both were soldiers in the army, valiant in war and noble in peace, and both were tortured and martyred because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Their popularity throughout Christian history is attested by established Church traditions describing the circumstances of their heroism and witnessing to their faith, and by many accounts of miracles that came about through their intercessions, even hundreds of years after their lives. They each have their own particular stories, but their similarity is made evident in the way they are usually depicted on icons. This is apparent in our church, on the large south (right) wall, where they are on opposite sides of the main windows. If it were not for the written description around their halos, we would not be able to tell them apart.

St. Demetrius was the son of an important government official of the Roman Empire who was stationed in Thessalonica, a major city in Northern Greece. The city was at a strategic crossroads and naturally attracted Christian missionaries, beginning with St. Paul. By the end of the 3rd century, Christianity was rapidly spreading throughout the region, so it was that St. Demetrius was raised by Christian parents who passed on to him a strong faith in Jesus Christ. While there were periods of relative calm, Christianity was still not recognized by the Imperial authorities, and believers had to be cautious and discreet in their religious practice.

St. Demetrius distinguished himself as a noble and wise soldier. Recognized for his abilities, he was appointed as governor of the Thessalonica district. But soon after, he came into conflict with the Emperor, Maximian, who ordered that Christians denounce their faith or be put to death. Rather than hide his faith, St. Demetrius persuaded residents of the city to reject pagan gods and become Christians. The infuriated Emperor had the saint arrested and thrown into prison. While in prison, St. Demetrius became a mentor to another Christian, St. Nestor, who was to do battle as a gladiator in the arena. His victory over a dreadful contender provoked the Emperor's wrath, who had St. Nestor killed. Later, the enraged Emperor executed St. Demetrius in prison. St. Nestor is remembered one day after St. Demetrius, October 27.

The memory of the saint grew in Thessalonica, and after Christianity became established, a large church was built to enshrine his relics. He became the protector of the city and was regarded as the intercessor during several enemy attacks on Thessalonica. Having been a soldier, he became the patron of the Christian armies, in Byzantium and the Balkans, and in the West a patron of the Crusades. After Russia was Christianized, St. Demetrius came to be venerated with much love. There are several famous ancient Russian icons of the saint which were recognized to be "wonder working." As he was associated with armies and the military, the Russian Church established the tradition of "Demetrius Saturday" on the weekend before October 26, on which memorial services are conducted for departed, especially those who served in the military

Father Alexander Garklaus