

## MONASTIC MARTYR DAMASCENE OF THE LAVRA

St. Damascene was born to Kryiakos and Kyriake and named Diamantes. They lived in the Galatea district of Constantinople. Orphaned at a young age, the boy became rather undisciplined in his conduct. He was caught doing something unlawful, and in order to save himself, he agreed to convert to Islam. Later he came to his senses and repented his denial of Christ. Fleeing to the Holy Mountain, he became a monk at the Lavra, receiving the name Damascene.

For twelve years he labored in prayer and asceticism and was tonsured into the Great Schema. Finally, he revealed to his spiritual Father his desire for martyrdom. Receiving a blessing for this struggle, he cut his hair and dressed as a sailor.

In the church of Hagia Sophia, which had been turned into a mosque, the monk made the Sign of the Cross and proclaimed Christ as the true God. Since the Moslems there did nothing to him, he went to the Sultan Mehmed mosque and repeated his confession of faith, calling the Moslems ignorant and deceived because they did not believe in Christ. They thought him insane but did nothing to him. The next day, St. Damascene went to the vizier's courtyard and shouted at those there, "Your faith is not true. Christ is the true God, and only the faith of Christ is true." Not surprisingly, he was seized and beaten, then chased away. He continued to proclaim Christ in other places, but everyone thought he was crazy and ignored him.

On a Sunday, the holy martyr went to the Tophana mosque, where many Moslems had gathered. Again he was seized and beaten. This time, however, he was sent to the kadi and then to the Grand Vizier, Kara Mustapha. Seeing that the saint would not change his mind and live as a Moslem, the Vizier sentenced him to death.

On November 13, 1681, St. Damascene was led to the Phanar, where he was forced to kneel before the gates of the Patriarchate. Thanking God for allowing him to fulfill the exploit of martyrdom, he bent his neck and was beheaded. The relics of the holy New Martyr Damascene were taken to Chalki and enshrined in the church of the Holy Trinity.

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## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople***

***Martyrs Antoninus, Nicephorus, and Germanus, of Caesarea in Palestine;***

***Martyr Manetha of Caesarea in Palestine; Monk-Martyr Damian of the Lavra;***

***Monk-Martyr Damascene of the Lavra; New Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov***

“Grace shining forth from your mouth like a beacon has illumined the inhabited earth; it has disclosed to the world treasures which wealth cannot buy; and has set forth for us the height of humility. Instructing us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ God, that our souls may be saved.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“Your holy martyrs Nicephorus, Antoninus, and Germanus, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having your strength, they laid low their adversaries and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18  
HEBREWS 7:26-8:2

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37  
JOHN 10:9-16

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, November 19 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession

### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ’s Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, November 14	I Thessalonians 1:1-5	Luke 14:12-15
	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:43-51
Tuesday, November 15	I Thessalonians 1:6-10	Luke 14:25-35
	I Thessalonians 2:1-8	Luke 15:1-10
Wednesday, November 16	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 9:9-13
Thursday, November 17	I Thessalonians 2:9-14	Luke 16:1-9
Friday, November 18	I Thessalonians 2:14-19	Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
Saturday, November 19	II Corinthians 8:1-5	Luke 9:57-62

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER:**

13, TODAY	Second Sunday Food Sale
14, Monday	6:30 p.m. An Evening with Fr. Paul Abernathy; at St. Sava Church
19, Saturday	10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at St. Theodosius Cathedral
20, Sunday	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Litya; Blessing of gifts for Zoe House
21, Monday	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
27, Sunday	Thanksgiving weekend—no Church School classes

**DECEMBER:**

4, Sunday	St. Nicholas Celebration - Lenten Potluck Brunch
11, Sunday	5:00 p.m. Nativity Concert at St. Paul’s Church

**FOOD SALE:**

We are having our Second Sunday Food Sale today. Please support this fundraiser; stop by the tables in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Liturgy to shop!

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:**

We will have our St. Nicholas celebration on Sunday, December 4. There will be a Lenten Potluck Brunch, and possibly a visit from St. Nick himself! Sign up on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:**

The EOWG meeting originally scheduled for Saturday, November 5, has been moved to Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m., at St. Theodosius Cathedral. Gifts for shut-ins will be distributed, and a book review of Giver of Life—The Holy Spirit in Orthodox Tradition will be led by Sub-deacon Leon Felon, followed by fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Sue Range in blessed memory of Michael and Anne Petrisin.

**FOCUS-SPONSORED PROGRAM:**

Enjoy an evening with Fr. Paul Abernathy, Orthodox priest, author, and CEO of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, speaking on “The Journey from Trauma to Healing: An Orthodox Christian Perspective. The event is Monday, Nov. 14, at St. Sava Church, 2151 Wallings Rd. in Broadview Hts. Doors open at 6:30; appetizers are served 6:30-7:30, with the program from 7:30-8:30. Tickets are \$30. Please purchase at: [www.sainthermans.org/event](http://www.sainthermans.org/event)

**NATIVITY CONCERT:**

The annual Nativity Concert with combined choirs of area Orthodox churches will be Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to join us at St. Paul’s Church in North Royalton for this enjoyable evening.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

The refreshments today are hosted by the Bellack Family.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by the Stoyka Family in blessed memory of Helen Busch.

**ZOE FOR LIFE!**

HTOC is collecting items during this Thanksgiving season for Zoe House. The list below is of suggested donations of which Zoe is in particular need. We will bless our “gifts” at Great Vespers next Sunday evening for the Feast of the Entrance. There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

- Clothes—especially size 2T for both boys and girls
- Jackets and snowsuits
- Diapers—size newborn to 5
- Wipes
- Hygiene items—baby wash, shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream
- Gift cards—especially Target or Walmart (used to purchase car seats)
- Cloth books for infants or board books for babies

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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### **SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: A LIVING SACRIFICE**

*How might the body, as [Paul] says, become a sacrifice? Let the eye look at no evil thing, and it has become a sacrifice; let the tongue say nothing disgraceful, and it has become an offering; let the hand do no lawless deed, and it has become a whole-burnt offering. Or, rather, these are not enough, but we also need to work at good things, so that the hand might do charitable work, the mouth might bless those that are abusive, and the hearing might be devoted to the divine [Scriptures].*

--Chrysostom, Homilies on Romans 20.1

*There are ... sacrifices that are truly whole-burnt offerings: the bodies of the holy martyrs. There both soul and body are holy; these have a magnificent pleasant aroma. If you want to, you also can bring such a sacrifice. For what does it matter if you do not burn your body in the fire? No, rather, in a different fire you can – for instance, in that of voluntary poverty, in that of affliction. For to be able to live with luxury and extravagance but instead to take upon oneself a toilsome and bitter life – that is, to mortify the body – isn't this a whole-burnt offering? Mortify and crucify your body, and you yourself will also receive the crown of this martyrdom. ... This is a beautiful sacrifice, which requires no priest but him who offers it. This is a beautiful sacrifice, performed below but immediately taken up on high. Are we not amazed that [in Old Testament sacrifices] ancient fire came down to consume all? It is possible even now for a much more wondrous fire to come down and consume all the [offerings] set forth – or rather, not consume but bear them up to heaven. For it does not reduce them to ashes but offers them as gifts to God.*

--Chrysostom, Homilies on Hebrews 11.3

Today we commemorate one of our church's greatest saints. Saint John received the epithet "Chrysostom" (ὁ Χρυσόστομος, Златоуст) which means "the golden-mouthed" for being a gifted preacher and teacher. He followed after Christ in being a good shepherd as a bishop and patriarch of Constantinople. He cared for the poor and was not afraid to call out the abuses of those in authority. Saint John lived the above words, showing what a living sacrifice looked like and practically dying a martyr's death as he was forced to a long march to his exile, dying along the way. St. John's last recorded words are "Glory to God for all things!" In this man we see someone who practiced what he preached even to the end. And thus we have a great example for us to follow in St. John. We may not be blessed with a great education. We may not be eloquent in our speech. We may not be placed in high authority and socialize among circles of the upper ranks of government officials. But we can offer ourselves as a pleasant aroma to the Lord. We can keep our eyes from evil, our mouth from speaking deceit. We can live righteously and do good and charitable work. We can mortify our earthly members and live simply instead of seeking luxury. We can devote our words to blessings and our ears to hearing the scriptures. By St. John Chrysostom's intercessions and example may we continue this journey of faith.

*Fr. Christopher Moore*