

# St. John Of the Desert

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## LIFE OF ST DEMETRIOS

St Demetrios is said to have been born in Thessaloniki in about AD 260 to an aristocratic family. The oldest icons we have (7th century) depict him in upper class dress. He is said to have been an officer in the Roman army and many icons portray him in a military uniform. During the Great Persecution of the early fourth century Demetrios was appointed pro-consul of the city, charged by Emperor Maximian with exterminating the Christians there. When it became known that Demetrios himself was a Christian, he was seized and imprisoned in the bathhouse complex at the Roman forum.

Demetrios was executed when his influence over the martyr Nestor became known. Nestor had accepted a challenge to fight the gladiator Lyaeos, a favorite of the emperor. Blessed by Demetrios, Nestor defeated the gladiator but was himself slain by the military commander. Soldiers sent to the prison impaled Demetrios on their lances and disposed of his body. Demetrios' servant Lupos dipped his garment in the saint's blood and preserved it along with the earth soaked in the martyr's blood.

We cannot be followers of Christ in isolation. We must be connected to THE community of Faith; The Church (the Ecclesia), the Body of Christ.

*"For just as the body is one has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink on one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many."* 1Cor 12:12-14

When we say, "I don't need to go to Church," we're also saying, "I don't need any of you!" This directly contradicts what St. Paul is saying. REV. R. ANDREWS - St. George Orthodox Church

*"There is nothing more precious to a parent than a child, and nothing more important to our future than the safety of all our children."*

*"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."* St. Thomas Aquinas

**Do not forget the hungry!**

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)  
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

OCTOBER 22, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - GERASENE DEMONIAC

GALATIANS 1:11-19

LUKE 8:27-39

TONE 3

<b>Thursday, October 26</b>	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy

Followed by the Social Hour

Dunia Dababneh, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adebk Khoury

## Today's Intentions

- For the Healing & Recovery of Fr. Peter By Muna Haddad
- For a Private Intention by Muna Haddad
- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- For the Repose of the Soul of Adebk Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- For the Repose of the Soul of Nasri Ishak by Mary Ishak
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of John Morgan by Dcn. Marion & Joyce Rimmer

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques and Marthe Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Jumana Ishak, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Sami Shakkour, Mk Bredan, Mk Basil. (NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

*"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid."* Pope Francis

## Sunday, Oct. 29 - Priesthood Sunday - Pray for our Priests and for Vocations

**Please Support our Food Bank** - Try to bring to Church, next Sunday, something for the poor and needy who come begging at the door of our Church. Our pantry is almost empty. We need small diapers and food. May our Lord bless you!

## Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 55 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 21

Tithing: 884.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 10.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 15.00 - Stole Offerings: 50.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 967.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

## WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

**For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT**

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