

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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St Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer & 6th Sunday of Luke

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION Mode Two

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. DEMETRIOS Mode Three

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great help in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O fight-bearing one. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lahosh, and on the battlefield didst hearten Nestor, beseech, O Saint Demetrios, Christ God to grant us the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE EARTHQUAKE Plagal of 4th Mode

O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and send upon us Thy rich mercies through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS Mode Two

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honour thee.

THE APOSTLE (for the saint)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

***** *Announcements for the Week of October 26th* *****

- ❖ **Fasting days:** the usual Wednesday and Friday.
- ❖ **TODAY, Oct 26, Home Search Cmte meets** after agape meal.
- ❖ **NO Parish study this coming Tuesday, October 26. We will resume next Tuesday, Nov 4th.**
- ❖ **The 2000th anniversary of the birth of St Paul the Apostle to the Nations** is being celebrated throughout world-wide Orthodoxy. Our local celebration will take place at **St Stephen Cathedral in Alhambra**, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with our five West Coast bishops: **Tuesday, Oct 28, at 10 AM. See the poster on the board!**
- ❖ **Fr Patrick will accompany Bp JOSEPH to Boston, from Oct 31—Nov 2, to participate in the patriarchal visitation of His Beatitude, IGNATIUS IV.**
- ❖ **A LOOK AHEAD: Parish Women's Retreat at St Barbara Monastery, Nov 7-8, "Our place in the Body of Christ,"** presented by Mother Melania. Contact Kh Christina for details.