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VENERABLE LAZARUS THE WONDERWORKER OF MAGNESIA THE THIRTY-THREE MARTYRS OF MELITENE

On November 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Lazarus the wonderworker of Magnesia, who struggled in asceticism on Mount Galesion.

*Prepare thou thy bosom, O Father Abraham,
For a Lazarus not inferior to thine.*

Lazarus was tonsured a monk, and then ordained priest, at the Monastery of Mar Sabbas in Palestine. He eventually returned to his homeland, and beginning in 1012, he built the monasteries on Mount Galesion. Lazarus raised up a pillar on which he lived as a stylite for many years, enduring unspeakable hardships for the love of Christ. He reposed in the Lord at age 86 in 1053.

On this day, we also commemorate the Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene.

*By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.
Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.



APOLYTIKION OF ST. LAZARUS OF MAGNESIA IN TONE EIGHT

In thy vigilant prayers, thou didst drench thy pillar with streams of tears; by thy sightings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a shepherd, granting forgiveness to them that came to thee, O our righteous Father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE 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 honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him,

and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

WISDOM

Veronica is the woman with the issue of blood whom the Lord healed: And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment (St. Matthew 9:20). Out of gratitude to the Lord, her Healer, Veronica ordered a statue of the Lord Jesus be made for her, before which she prayed to God. According to tradition, this statue was preserved until the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate, who altered the statue so that it became an idol of Zeus. This is one of the rare instances in which statues of saints have been used in the Eastern Church. As is known, the latter became a common practice of the Western churches. Saint Veronica remained devoted to the Faith of Christ until her peaceful repose.





Friendsgiving Potluck Party

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN - EVENING SOCIAL
THANKSGIVING/FALL THEMED POTLUCK**

Eat, Drink and Be Thankful!

PLACE: AYOUB'S
3223 N CALLARY ST
POST FALLS

TIME: 7 P.M-9 P.M.
DATE: NOV 6TH, 2021
AFTER VESPERS

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING!

**Please call/text Lavonne @ 208-277-7889
OR SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH HALL ENTRANCE TO LET US
KNOW WHICH WARM AND COZY FOOD/DRINK
YOU WILL BE SHARING!**

STAY FOR A FEW MINUTES OR FOR THE ENTIRE TIME
and let us be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Romans 1:12

Gather together - Enjoy Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Metropolitan Archbishop will be in the Pacific Northwest area from November 5th through the 14th. Saturday, 11/13, he will be visiting Christ the Savior in Spokane Valley, WA for Hierarchical Orthros & Divine Liturgy. Orthros is scheduled for 9am followed by the Divine Liturgy about 10am. All are invited. All area Antiochian clergy will be in attendance and will have a local clergy meeting immediately afterward. His Eminence is NOT scheduled to visit St. John the Baptist this year. Sunday, 11/14, Metropolitan JOSEPH will be at Holy Myrrhbearers in Bonners Ferry for Hierarchical Orthros and Divine Liturgy. *ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR SERVICES AS USUAL NEXT SUNDAY.*

Upcoming Women’s Fellowship Gatherings November 6th, 7pm, Ayoub home (see flyer on previous page); December 2nd, location TBA

Men’s Fellowship: Thursday November 11, 7pm at Gencarella’s home

ALL PARISH MEETING: November 21 during coffee hour after Liturgy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9am	1	2	3 Vespers & Catechism 6pm	4 Joannicius the Great	5 Metropolitan JOSEPH Visits PNW Deanery St. Thomas Snohomish	6 Great Vespers 6pm Lady's Fellowship 7pm St. Andrew Arlington
7 Daylight Savings	8 Synaxis of Archangels	9 St. Nektarius	10	11 Veterans Day	12 St. John the Merciful	13 St. John Chrysostom
Metropolitan JOSEPH Visits PNW Deanery (Locations Listed Below Each Day)						
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9am St. Paul Lynwood	Contra Dance 5-6:30pm Holy Cross Yakima	(Yakima)	Vespers & Parish Council 6pm (No Catechism) Prophet Elijah Ellensburg	Men's Fellowship @ Gencarella's 7pm 3 Holy Hierarchs Wenatchee	Joachim/Anna Goldendale	Hierarchical Orthros/Liturgy @ CTS 9am Great Vespers 6pm
14 St. Philip the Apostle Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9am Holy Myrrhbearers ID	15 Nativity Fast Begins	16 Apostle Matthew	17 Gregory the Wonderworker Vespers & Catechism 6pm	18	19	20 Great Vespers & Litia 6pm
21 Entrance Theotokos Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9am ALL PARISH MEETING	22	23	24 Akathist of Thanksgiving 6pm No Catechism	25 Thanksgiving	26	27 Great Vespers 6pm
28 Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9am	29	30 Apostle Andrew	1	2	3	4 Martyr Barbara
5 Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9am	6 Nicholas of Myra	Legend for Fasting Days: Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs, alcohol, olive oil Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs Abstain from meat			https://stjohnnorthodox.org email: priestmark@stjohnnorthodox.org	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS *{Calendar}*

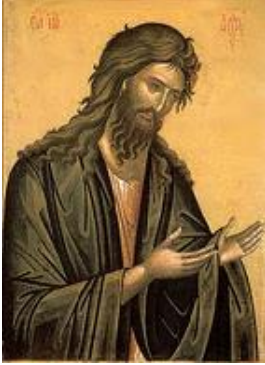
Saturday, November 6: Great Vespers 6pm; Ladies Social 7pm
Sunday, November 7: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am
Monday, November 8: *Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel*
Wednesday, November 10: Vespers 6pm (*No Catechism*), Parish Council 6:45pm
Thursday, November 11: Men’s Fellowship at Gencarella’s Home 7pm
Friday, November 12: Spiritual Circle 9:30am
Saturday, November 13: Orthros & Liturgy 9am at CTS with Sayidna (Clergy meeting); Great Vespers 6pm; Ladies Social 7pm
Sunday, November 14: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am

EPISTLE READER <i>{Epistle Readers}</i>		LUNCH TEAM	
11/7	James Hubbard	11/7	Sarah Plew’s Team
11/14	Paul Tate	11/14	Joy Corey’s Team
11/21	David Gencarella	11/21	Lisa Gencarella’s Team
11/28	Paul Tate	11/28	Ignatius Chapman’s Team

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING: Mark & Muriel (Kaitlin), Nick, Lindsey and their baby, Eugenia, Mary and Craig, Loren, Theo, Caitlin and Ben, Kieran and fellow soldiers, Hay family, Family of Jean Weingand, Douglas, Weaver family, John/Steven Wood, Khouria Joanna, Korbin (friend of Alyson Gross), James & Helen Odell, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus and those caring for the sick and suffering, victims of injustice and social unrest, Metropolitans Paul and John (hostages in Syria), the suffering Christians throughout the Middle East.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Charalambos (Mary Welsh’s father), Jean, Andrew, Wanda (Lavonne Ayoub’s mother), Baby of Caitlin (Kh. Joanna’s friend), Victims of abortion, Victims of the Covid-19 virus, Victims of injustice and social unrest, the departed Christians throughout the world who have died for the Faith.

CONFESSIONS: Please remember to contact Fr. Mark to schedule confessions, even if you intend to confess after the evening services. This ensures that your confession is well prepared, and that everyone can be heard in an orderly fashion. Father is available to meet at the Church Tuesday through Saturday.



Troparion of St. John the Baptist

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is enough for thee, O Forerunner. For thou wast shown to be more wonderful than the prophets since thou wast granted to baptize Him whom thou didst proclaim. Then having endured great suffering for the truth thou didst rejoice to bring even to those in hades the good tidings, that God who hast appeared in the flesh, takes away the sins of the world, and grants us great mercy.