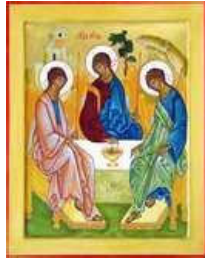


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**October 2011 Bulletin**

**Thank you!** . . . Many thanks for all those who volunteered their time and talents to make Greek Night a very successful event for Holy Trinity and for showcasing the Greek culture to our many supporters on the Gulf Coast and points beyond. We received rave reviews from many of the attendees. The Salute to the Military was a nice touch to this year's Greek Night. Thanks to those who worked so hard to sell tickets and to those who purchased tickets. Supporting our church is a team effort and our Orthodox family proved again how we grow spiritually by giving of ourselves.



**Feast Day of The Apostle Luke on October 18th** - This Apostle was an Antiochian, a physician by trade, and a disciple and companion of Paul. He wrote his Gospel in Greek after Matthew and Mark, after which he wrote the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated both works to Theophilus, who, according to some, was Governor of Achaia. He lived some eighty-six years and died in Achaia, perhaps in Patras, the capital of this district. His emblem is the calf, the third symbolical beast mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), which is a symbol of Christ's sacrificial and priestly office, as Saint Irenaeus says.



**Feast Day of the Great Martyr Dimitrios on October 26th** - Saint Dimitrios was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height

and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Dimitrios', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Dimitrios, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Dimitrios was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house. As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword..

**October Birthdays** . . . Happy birthday to Byron Stavrides, October 1st, Louie Peters, October 4th, Vadim Astvazaturov and Nina Gestring, October 6th, Cristian Aron, October 10th, George Yurchak, October 11th, Irene Stevens, October 13th, Jessie Mavromihalis, October 15th, Liliana Aron, October 17th, John Pappas, October 19th, Peter Psikogios, October 20th, Christopher Mavromihalis and Mary Thames , October 22d.

**Get Well Wishes** . . . Get well wishes to Irene Stevens, Vangie Roybal, Mary Psikogios, Dorothy Porter, Red Boro, Toulia Contas, and Greg Fhiaras. We pray for them and hope to see them soon.

**Condolences** . . . Condolences to Andrew Dedicos and his family. Martha Dedicos fell asleep in the Lord in September. Andrew and Martha were married 63 years. May her memory be eternal.

**Sunday School** . . . Mike Lawrence, our Sunday School Leader, will be sending out the Sunday School lessons the week prior to a Sunday School class. The lessons are based on school grade. Parents please look at the lesson and provide it to the kids so they're ready for study on Sunday.

**Youth Programs.** . . Looking ahead. There will be a youth pool party and cookout at the Yurchak's house the end of October. More details on the date and time is forthcoming. Also, there will be a Christmas Youth Bonfire on Saturday, December 3rd, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the same location as our last bonfire. All youth should plan to attend. It's a great event for the youth. For more information contact George Yurchak at 228-831-5820 or [georgeyurchak@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeyurchak@yahoo.com).

**Christmas Pastry Sale** . . . The Christmas Pastry Sale will be held on Saturday December 10th from 9 am to 2 pm in the Church Social Hall. We have already received paid pastry orders. We will be adding two new items this year: Fenekia and Marble Koulourkia. Mark your calendars. Pastry packages make wonderful Christmas gifts. Based on past years experience, we'll order our pastry from our supplier the first week of October with delivery to the church at the end of November. We'll need a lot of help once the pastries arrive to prepare our orders. Further information contact George Yurchak at 228-831-5820 or [georgeyurchak@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeyurchak@yahoo.com).

**Investment Committee** . . . We would like to establish an investment committee to determine how best to invest the funds we saved in the parish. The mission of this committee will be to develop an investment plan, present it to the parish council, and then to the parish as a whole for approval/disapproval. If you have experience in this area or just want to be a part of the committee contact George Contas at 228-396-1041 or [contasg@bellsouth.net](mailto:contasg@bellsouth.net).

**Koliva Preparation Volunteers** . . . We'd like to prepare a list of any volunteers who could prepare Koliva for memorial services when a family cannot do it themselves. Although not mandatory, Koliva are a great tradition of the memorial service in our faith. Other parishes have a list like this. The volunteer who makes the Koliva is compensated with the compensation determined by the family and volunteer. If you want to be on the list contact George Contas.

**Parish Bookstore** . . . We have numerous items in our parish bookstore. All are priced much less than you can purchase from any other source - guaranteed. We have as partial price list below. They are available to view in our display case at the side entrance to the church. If you would like to make a purchase see a parish council member.

*Orthodox Study Bible - \$35*  
*(Hard Cover/Old and New Testament)*

*Orthodox Study Bible - \$19*  
*(Hard Cover/New Testament Only)*

*Come Receive the Light Outreach Study Bible - \$6*  
*(Paperback/Old and New Testament)*

*Children's Bible Reader - \$15*

*Holy Week Books - \$18*

*My Orthodox Prayer Book - \$8*

*The Lord's Prayer Book - \$8*

*My Little Orthodox Christian Activity Book - \$3*

### **St. John Chrysostom**



St. John Chrysostom was the most fruitful author among the Greek Fathers. Suidas makes the extravagant remark that only the omniscient God could recount all his writings. The best have been preserved and have already been noticed in chronological order. They may be divided into five classes: (1) Moral and ascetic treatises, including the work on the Priesthood; (2) About six hundred Homilies and Commentaries; (3) Occasional, festal and panegyric orations; (4) Letters; (5) Liturgy.

His most important and permanently useful works are his Homilies and Commentaries, which fill eleven of the thirteen folio volumes of the Benedictine edition. They go together; his homilies are expository, and his commentaries are homiletical and practical. Continuous expositions, according to chapter and verse, he wrote only on the first eight chapters of Isaiah, and on the Epistle to the Galatians. All others are arranged in sermons with a moral application at the close. Suidas and Cassiodorus state that he wrote commentaries on the whole Bible. We have from him Homilies on Genesis, the Psalms, the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of John, the Acts, the Pauline Epistles including the Hebrews, which he considered Pauline. Besides, he delivered discourses on separate texts of Scripture, on church festivals, eulogies on apostles and martyrs, sermons against the Pagans, against the Jews and Judaizing Christians, against the Arians, and the famous twenty-one orations on the Statutes.

He published some of his sermons himself, but most of them were taken down by short-hand writers. Written sermons were the exceptions in those days. The preacher usually was seated, the people were standing.

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is an abridgment and improvement of the Liturgy of St. Basil (d. 379), and both are descended from the Liturgy of St. James, which they superseded. They have undergone gradual changes. It is impossible to determine the original text, as no two copies precisely agree. St. John Chrysostom frequently refers to different parts of the divine service customary in his day, but there is no evidence that he composed a liturgy, nor is it probable. The liturgical references in Chrysostom's works are carefully collected by Bingham, in Bk. XV. of his *Antiquities*. Comp. Stephens, p. 419 sqq. The Liturgy which bears his name is still used in the Orthodox Greek and Russian church on all Sundays, except those during Lent, and on the eve of Epiphany, Easter and Christmas, when the Liturgy of St. Basil takes its place.