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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 20, 2019

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 20

18th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Gerasimus of Cephalonia (+1579)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Teen Class

TUESDAY/OCTOBER 22

7:00p.m. Vespers

7:30-9:30p.m. Open House in Rectory
on occasion of Names Day of Fr. James;
All are Invited! Bring Nothing!

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 23

St. James, Brother of the Lord (+63)

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to the
Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow" (Oct. 24)

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 26

St. Demetrius the Great-Martyr (+306)

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Demetrius; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 27

19th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Church School; Coffee Hour

Question & Answer Period

6:00p.m. Vespers & anointing with oil
tomb of St. Job of Pochaev (Oct. 28)

WORDS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

Holiness consists not only in the absence of evil or sin: holiness is the presence of higher spiritual values, joined to purity from sin. God is the only one holy by nature. He is the Source of holiness for angels and men. Men can attain holiness only in God, "not by nature, but by participation, by struggle and prayer" (St. Cyril).

Asceticism is man's struggle to keep the commandments of Christ. It encompasses not only his bodily and spiritual effort, but also the method by which he passes through the three stages of the spiritual life, namely: purification, illumination, and deification (union with God).

Purification refers to the process by which one is cleansed from the passions through: 1) the rejection of all evil thoughts and desires from the mind and heart, 2) the turning of the soul's three powers (reason, desire, and will) towards God, and 3) the overcoming of self-love by love for God and neighbor.

Illumination refers to the process by which the grace of the Holy Spirit, received in Baptism, enlightens the person purified (or at least being purified) of the passions to the true knowledge of God and creation. Illumination is seen primarily in the gift of discernment by which one distinguishes between 1) what is from God or above nature, 2) what is according to nature or good, and 3) what is unnatural or evil.

Deification is union with God, the goal of Christian life; experienced in part during this life, but more fully and unendingly in the next. Scripture says that God is a consuming fire. When man is united with God in the state of pure prayer, he becomes entirely engulfed in the flame of divine love and sees the Uncreated Light of Divinity. This state cannot be described in words but is known only through experience. Union with God imparts immeasurable love, humility, and thankfulness. Deification is what man was created for from the beginning; it is what makes man truly man.



Offerings for the Week of October 20

Relic Candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia; Rosalia, Melania and Ivanna; for the health of Daniel.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Michael (birthday); for the health of Cindy and Kaitlyn (birthdays); in thanksgiving and for health of those requested.

Wine: in memory of Dimitrios; in memory of Andrew; in memory of Constantin, Floarea, Gheorghe, Gabriela, Marioara, Ion, Elena, Paraschiva, Elena, Margareta and family.

Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our Great Protectress.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 01 40th Day Stephanie Kachek
Oct. 24, 1924 Isidore Ubrimovich
Oct. 24, 1949 Damian Zeban
Oct. 24, 2002 Dolores Barnosky
Oct. 25, 1961 Nicholas Harasamiuk
Oct. 25, 1966 John Lopatka
Oct. 25, 1956 Steven Max
Oct. 26, 1985 Michael Motoviloff
Oct. 27, 1960 Nikolai Roschuk

Coffee Hour Schedule

Oct. 20 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri,
Torrise & Kachek
Oct. 27 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Counters Schedule

Oct. 20 Irina S. & Lisa K.
Oct. 27 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

Ushers Schedule

Oct. 20 Dennis F.
Oct. 27 Edward S. & Khaka K.

Readers Schedule

Oct. 20 Ciprian C. / Oct. 27 Daniel T.

Names Day Greetings

St. James/Oct. 23: Fr. James P.

The Hall Bulletin Board

Has posted events and other activities taking place in other churches and the surrounding communities. These items are not posted in the Sunday Bulletins, so please make reference to the Bulletin Board.

Lateness to the Sunday Divine liturgy – Posted Innumerable Times – but Still Not Heeded

Habitual lateness to the Sunday Divine liturgy is inexcusable. It is a sin. It is a bad example. It is disruptive. It shows a lack of piety and spiritual awareness and maturity. Such tardiness would not be permitted at school, or place of employment. It needs to be corrected. We enter to encounter the Lord *on time* with faith, reverence and the fear of God.

The NY-NJ Diocesan Assembly of 2019

Will be held at Holy Trinity Church in East Meadow, NY on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st. Fr. James, will be representing our parish.

First Sunday of November – Feast of the Synaxis of Holy Healers

On this day at the Divine Liturgy, special prayers will be offered for those in the scientific and practical fields of medicine, health care and related disciplines.

Annual Girl's Retreat – Middle and high School – Nov. 22-Nov. 24 in Hewitt, NJ

Registration is now open. The necessary forms and flyer is posted on the Hall Bulletin Board. November 8th is last day for registration. For more information: www.nynjoca.org

Name Day Celebration of Father James – Oct. 23rd

7:00p.m. Vespers on Tuesday, followed by Open House at the Rectory, 7:30-9:30p.m. All are invited! Please bring nothing. Wednesday, 8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy. Your prayers are appreciated.

Coffee Hour Suggestions

Push a little out of your comfort zone: talk to someone you don't really know; learn the name of a parishioner you do not know; sit at another table; introduce yourself to someone you don't know; break out into new relationships.