

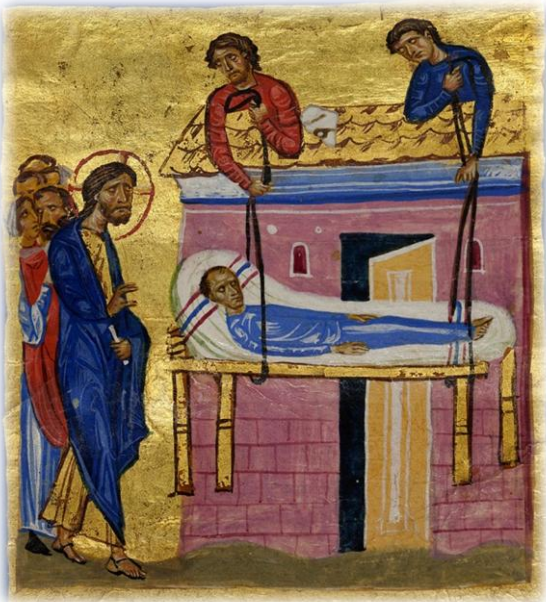
Glory to Jesus Christ! St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Glory Forever!
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1 July 2018 / 7526 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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| Sat. | June 30 | 17:00 | Vigil: 6 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Sun. | July 01 | 10:00 | 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages <i>pro populo</i> |
| Sat. | July 07 | 17:00 | Vigil: 7 th Sunday after Pentecost, Suffrages <i>pro populo</i> |
| Sun. | July 08 | 10:00 | 7 th Sunday after Pentecost, Suffrages +Richard Spirko – Jon & Tracy Surma |

| | | ACOLYTES | LECTORS | USHER |
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| Sat. | June 30 | L. Prizzi | J. Kontir | Any two present |
| Sun. | July 01 | E. R. A. Hess | G. Krynicky | Any two present |
| Sat. | July 07 | L. Prizzi | M. Harhai | Any two present |
| Sun. | July 08 | M. Syphan | G. Krynicky | Any two present |
| 06 / 24 / 2018 | | Adult: \$1118 | Children: \$16 | Holy Day: \$280 |
| COLLECTION | | Candles: \$57 | Cemetery: \$20 | TOTAL: \$1491 |



The Holy Martyrs, Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian were born at Rome, brothers by birth, and physicians by profession. They suffered at Rome in the reign of the emperor Carinus (a. D. 283-284). Brought up by their parents in the rules of piety, they led strict and chaste lives, and they were granted by God the gift of healing the sick. By their generosity and exceptional kindness to all, the brothers converted many to Christ. The brothers told the sick, “It is not by our own power that we treat you, but by the power of Christ, the true God. Believe in Him and be healed.” Since they accepted no payment for their treatment of the infirm, the holy brothers were called “unmercenary physicians.”

Their life of active service and their great spiritual influence on the people around them led many into the Church, attracting the attention of the Roman authorities. Soldiers were sent after the brothers. Hearing this, local Christians convinced Sts Cosmas and Damian to hide for a while until they could help them escape. Unable to find the brothers, the soldiers arrested instead other Christians of the area where the saints lived, who then came out of hiding and surrendered to the soldiers, asking them to release those who had been arrested because of them. At Rome, the saints were imprisoned and put on trial. Before the Roman emperor and the judge they openly professed their faith in Christ God, Who had come into the world to save mankind and redeem the world from sin, and they resolutely refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. They said, “We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, “Freely have you received, freely give” (Mt. 10: 8).

The emperor, however, continued with his demands. Through the prayer of the holy brothers, God suddenly struck Carinus blind, so that he too might experience the almighty power of the Lord. The people, seeing the miracle, cried out, “Great is



the Christian God! There is no other God but Him!” Many of those who believed besought the holy brothers to heal the emperor, and he himself implored the saints, promising to convert to the true God, Christ the Savior, so the saints healed him. After this, they were honorably set free, and once again they set about treating the sick. But [...] an older physician, under whom the holy brothers had studied the art of medicine, became envious of their fame. Overcome by envy, he summoned the two brothers, proposing that they should all go together to gather various medicinal herbs. Going far into the mountains, he murdered them and threw their bodies into a river.

Thus these holy brothers, the Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian, ended their earthly journey as martyrs. Although they had devoted their lives to the Christian service of their neighbors, and had escaped the Roman sword and prison, they were treacherously murdered by their teacher. The Lord glorifies those who are pleasing to God. Now, through the prayers of the holy martyrs Cosmas and Damian, God grants healing to all who with faith have recourse to their heavenly intercession.

~ **Next Sunday's Readings: 7th Sunday after Pentecost** ~

Romans 15: 1-7 *Christian Unity for God's Glory*

Matthew 9: 27-35 *Two Blind Men Healed*



~ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~

- ♦ **A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** will be observed **Sunday, 9 September** at **15:00** in **St. Elias Church, Munhall** beginning with a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving and followed by a banquet dinner in the church social hall. If you will be celebrating or have already celebrated your wedding anniversary of **10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional years that are multiples of five** during 2018, please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Include the first names of both spouses and last exactly as they are to appear on the anniversary certificate. **Certificates are sent to all, whether they are able to attend or not.** Please write legibly. **Deadline to register is Friday, 27 July.**