

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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1 November 2020 / 7529 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Unmercenary Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Oct. 31 17:00 Vigil: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages pro Populo: esp. for the health and well-being of Christine Roskosky – Dolores Harhai, her mother.

Sun. Nov. 01 10:30 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for + Mary Knouse - Robert Knouse and family + Memorial Service.

Sat. Nov. 07 17:00 Vigil: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and all Angelic Powers Suffrages for + Helen Krynicky - Helen Lawrence

Sun. Nov. 08 10:30 23rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and all Angelic Powers Suffrages pro populo



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COLLECTION

Adults: \$1101

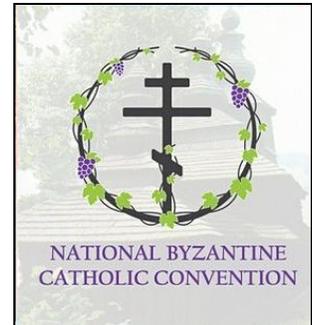
Children: \$5

Candles: \$67

TOTAL: \$1173



2020 National Byzantine Catholic Convention: The National Byzantine Catholic Convention is a **VIRTUAL EVENT** for Catholic clergy, monastics, religious and laity of the Byzantine tradition with the purpose of prayer, fellowship, formation and mission as Eastern Catholics. This event is sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Council of Hierarchs. The theme for the 2020 Convention is ***Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church*** where talks and workshops delivered virtually will be focused on ways to grow as missionary disciples in Churches where Christ is encountered and worshipped. There are TWO PARTS to this year's VIRTUAL Convention. Online Pre-Recorded Convention Talks start this Sunday, November 1st; live Event Panels and Presentations will be delivered via Zoom on November 14th. Registration for the Convention can be found at the Convention website: **www.byzantineconvention.com**.



CROWNED WITH GLORY Understanding the Marriage Covenant: Wednesday, November 11 @ 8 - 9:30 PM ET «The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together... Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down.» (St. John Chrysostom). **Instructor:** Rev. Stephen Freeman is author of the popular blog, *Glory to God for All Things*, and of the weekly podcast, *Glory to God*, on Ancient Faith Radio. His work has been widely translated and published in Europe and Russia. This webinar is free, but you must register to participate:

<https://godwithusonline.org/events/god-with-us/>

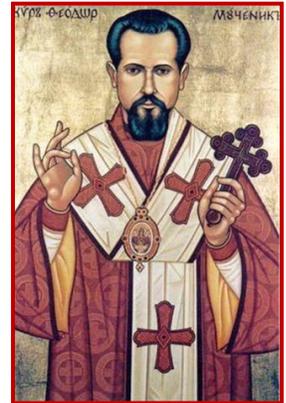


~ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ❖ The parish extends its deepest sympathies to **Bob Knouse**, whose mother, Mary, fell asleep in the Lord this past Tuesday. Supplications will be offered at this Sunday's Divine Liturgy and a Panachida will be served after the Liturgy. May her memory be eternal! **БѢЧНАА ПАМАТЬ!**
- ❖ The annual **ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION** is this Sunday, **November 1st**. The appeal provides funding for foreign and home missions, the Holy Land, retired religious, and various other worthy causes sponsored by our Archeparchy. Please give as generously as you can!
- ❖ Kindly remember in your prayers **Mary Catherine** and **Jane** who are presently dealing with serious health problems. May the Lord grant to these his servants Jane and Mary Catherine peace, health and happiness for many blessed years. **МЪНОГАА ЛѢТА!** Remember all the sick and home-bound members of our parish in your daily prayers.



The holy priest-martyr Theodore Romzha was born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911, he came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army's occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. (1947)



The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother Saint Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men. Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Freely have you received, freely give." («Δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε...» Mt. 10:8).

The fame of Saints Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians. Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse. When Saint Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. Saint Damian also died shortly afterward, and everyone wondered where Saint Damian's grave should be. But through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God.

The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia). Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenary physicians. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long

time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith. Two fiercesome men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, "My rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?" They replied, "We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian," and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time the holy brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life. From ancient times, their veneration spread also to Russia.

The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17).

*<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2015/11/01/103133>
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