

✦ *Ss. Cosmas & Damian of Asia Minor* ✦

The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother St Theodota were natives of Asia Minor. Their mother raised them in Christian piety 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." (Mt. 10:8). The fame of Sts Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians.

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. 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

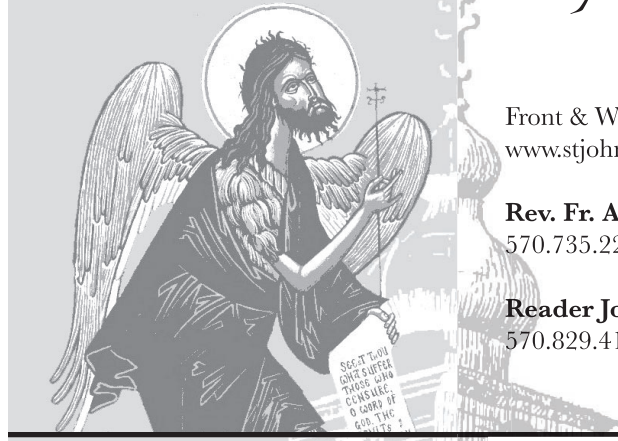
man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.



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. 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).

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Epistle Reading:
Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Reading:
Luke 8:26-39

Schedule of Services

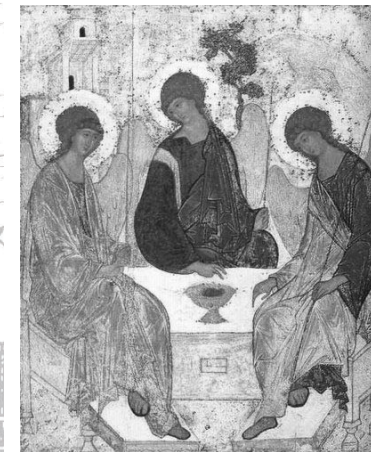
Wednesday, November 4
Akathist to St. Alexis of Wilkes Barre for the Church in Nanticoke 10 am
Daily Vespers 6 pm

Saturday, November 7
Great Vespers 4 pm

Sunday, November 8
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

NEW CENTURY LESSON OF THE WEEK...

As we open ourselves to doing God's work among His people as the Body of Christ here in Nanticoke, let us take hold of these words from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, and find in them a lesson that must become written on our hearts as a New Century dawns for St. John's parish



"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."
(Hebrews 13:2)



✦ **AKATHIST SERVICE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10: AM** - Please note that Wednesday mornings at 10 am we offer our weekly Akathist service for the building up of the Body of Christ in the Hanover section and all Nanticoke. Our first Akathist was a success. I hope to see more of you there as weeks go on. We will alternate each week between St. John, our heavenly patron and St. Alexis of Wilkes Barre, our local saint who was instrumental in bringing us into the fullness of faith in the Orthodox Church. It is of utmost importance to the future of this parish that you make every effort to be in attendance. Our faithfulness in prayer to our Heavenly God through the intercession of His saints WILL bear fruit and do so abundantly, if only we come together and beseech the Lord that He allow HIS BODY to prosper here. With great hope I look forward to joining you often in prayer for this purpose. BE THERE !

✦ **SHUT-IN/ SICK UPDATE:** Theresa Klos continues to improve at Geisinger South in Wilkes Barre and will be back in Askam very soon. Mary Ann Kremenic is recuperating nicely at Nanticoke Hospital and should be home soon as well. please pray for them both and glorify God for His healing and strength.

✦ **THANKSGIVING DINNER TODAY:** Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes Barre invites you to join them today for a Thanksgiving Dinner at 11:45 featuring All you can eat salad bar and build your own sundae bar. Adults cost \$12 and children cost \$6 - RSVP 822-7725

✦ **FALL RUMMAGE SALE:** A Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for November 5,6,&7. No Books or Clothing will be accepted for this sale.

✦ **LITIYA FOR THE DEAD TODAY:** We will celebrate a special pannikhida today for the repose of the soul of Lauren Readler, daughter of Tom and Lori (Kremenic) Readler who reposed suddenly last Monday morning at the age of 3. Please stay and pray with us. Litiya is also offered for Adeline Brezna and John "Jackie" Brezna by Stephen Brezna.

✦ **THANK YOU:** Thank you to all of the ladies of St. John's who offered their hospitality for the last few days and the next few by preparing and delivering meals for the Readler family as they mourn their daughter. Your love is appreciated, and also pleasing to God.

✦ **CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE:** A raffle will be held on Dec. 20th. Three drawings: Basket#1 - Heavenly Gifts; #2 Merry Christmas; #3 Santa's Goodies. Donations of baked goods for these baskets should be brought to Church by Dec 19. See Kitty Panzitta or Helen Connor.

✦ **PIEROHIE PINCHING IN NOVEMBER!:** Pierohie orders need to be in by 11/14. Join us in making cheese on 11/23 and potato on 11/30. Mark your calendars!

✦ **FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by *****. Thanks *****

✦ *Intercessory Prayer* ✦

THE LIVING

✦ All of our shut-ins and those in nursing homes:
 Mary Staniorski MaryAnn Kremenic
 John Kremenic Mary Ruduski
 Mary Zaleta Margaret Mesh
 Helen Kasian Mary Zupko
 Paul Ecrote

✦ Those who lie in sickness:
 John Lipinski Margie Sokol
 Daria Yackimowicz John Zelinski
 Matushka Olga Michael Calabro
 Melanie Hoats Smith Karen Schinski
 Cheryl Connaghan Helen Dargiewicz
 Mary Zupko Helen
 Helen Nester Vera Campbell
 Jeffrey Lasoski Andrea Godomski
 Elena

✦ Those who have asked for our prayers: All staff, volunteers and residents at the Birchwood and the Catherine McAuley House, Missionary Christina, Rev. Deacon Daniel & Rachael, This God-protected City of Nanticoke and the Hanover Section, our Mayor, City Council, Police and Fire Companies

NEWLY DEPARTED

✦ Child Lauren Marie Readler
 ✦ John Brezna ✦ Child Jonathan
 ✦ John Wayne Wallowak ✦ Sylvia Mangan (Gajdas)
 ✦ Nandor Ivan

PREPARING FOR ILLUMINATION

✦ Allen Uhas, Jr.

FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

✦ Justin Cunard Jessica Yackimowicz
 Charlotte Ebert Devon Wolfkiel
 ✦ All who attend LCCC at the end of our Street

BIRTHDAYS

✦ Nov 1 Stanley "Ruby" Wroblewski (1921)
 ✦ Nov 3 Jean (Evgenia) Barney (1950)
 ✦ Nov 4 Mary Paprota (1921)
 ✦ Nov 6 Debbie Maskalis (1955)

DEPARTED

✦ Oct. 29 Wasil Motika (1964)
 ✦ Nov 1 Joseph Krenitski (1954)
 Elizabeth Hunchar Hetman (?)
 ✦ Nov 7 Praskevia Wanca Kostka (1963)
 ✦ Nov 8 John Mitchel (1965)

✦ *Candle Offerings* ✦

CROSS VIGIL

✦ In Memory of John Staniorski

ETERNAL LIGHT

✦ For the Health of Mary Staniorski

ALL OTHER VIGILS

✦ For the Health of Theresa Klos, Mary Staniorski, Mary Zupko, In Memory of Lauren Marie Readler, Anna Fedock, John Klos, Peter & Julia Wanchesin, Alan Shiposki, John Staniorski, Wasil Motika, Jay Sokol

