St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 5 | **November 1, 2026** | Eothinon 11

Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Asia & Fifth Sunday of Luke

Theodota, the Unmercenaries' mother; Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable David of Evia in Greece

Today's Reader: Christopher Clay

Next Sunday – November 8, 2026

Reader for November 8, 2026: **Cynthia Deighan**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for November 8, 2026: **Valerie Comer Family**

The Luncheon on November 8, 2026 will be prepared by the **Youth Activity Team**

Bread for the Holy Oblation is offered for the Health and Salvation of Christopher, Kristen, Jackson, Gracie, Daniel, and Jeannie Moore.

It is also Given In Loving Memory of Larry George and Ryan Wood.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Important Announcements . . .

On Saturday, November 14th, **the Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov will undertake a *Deep Cleaning of the Church (Narthex, Nave, and Loft)* between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. See Chris Moore for more information and to sign up to help clean.**

We are now concluding our collection for the Seminaries and Special Olympics Camp. If you had intended to make a donation for either of this special trays, please do so today so that we can send the collection to the Archdiocese. May God bless richly all those who gave so generously!

We are Joyous to Announce…

The Chrismation of

Dale Tomlin

(Sponsors: Dan Lively & Amy Clonch Thornton)

Which will take place on
On Sunday, November 15, 2026
During the Divine Liturgy

May God Grant Dale & His Sponsors
Many Years!

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion for the Resurrection, *in the Fifth Tone*

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of Sts. Cosmos and Damian, *in the Eighth Tone*

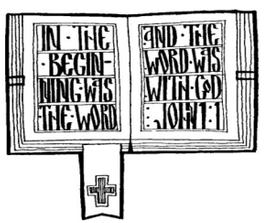
O ye silver-hating, wonderworking saints, Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely ye received, freely give unto us.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of Ordinary Sundays, *in the Fourth Tone*

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time , who cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.



Epistle

I Corinthians 12:27-13:8

Prokeimenon: In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.
Verse: I beheld the Lord ever before me.

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Calendar: November – December 2026

Christmas Fast 11/15/2026—12/24/2026		
11/1/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Choir Practice
11/8/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Youth Activity - Quick Bread Baking
11/14/2026	9am-3pm	Men's Fellowship Deep Cleaning of Church
11/15/2026 (Sun)	1:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
11/20/2026 (Fri)	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy for Entrance of Theotokos
11/21/2026		Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
11/30/2026		Holy Illustrious Apostle Andrew
12/4/2026		Holy Great Martyr Barbara & St. John of Damascus
12/6/2026		St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
12/12/2026		St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
12/12/2026	TBA	WHMB Pocahontas Center Nursing Home Visitation

Calendar for the Week of November 1, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—November 1, 2026 **9:25 am Orthros** **9:30 am High School** **10:00 am Youth Ministry** **10:30 am Divine Liturgy** **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School**	Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians, Cosmas and Damian
Monday— November 2, 2026	Acindynus and his Companions the Martyrs
Tuesday– November 3, 2026	Acepsimas, Joseph, and Aethelas the Martyrs
Wednesday—November 4, 2026 Fast	Ioannicius the Righteous; Nicander the Bishop, and Hemeus the Priest
Thursday—November 5, 2026	Galaction and Episteme the Martyrs
Friday—November 6, 2026 Fast	Paul the Confessor
Saturday— November 7, 2026 **5:00 pm Great Vespers** **Confessions afterward**	The Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene; Lazarus the Righteous Wonder-worker
Sunday—November 8, 2026 **No Church School** **9:25 am Orthros** **10:30 am Divine Liturgy** **After Luncheon - Church School Activity:** **Quick Bread Baking**	**The Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael & the Rest of the Incorporals**

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: