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“And the disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.” Acts 11:26



Daily Confession by Appointment - Call the Church Office

October 24, 2021



THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD
(October 23)

James is called the Lord's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos. When the righteous Joseph was near death, he divided his estate among his sons, and wanted to leave a portion to the Lord Jesus, the son of the Most-holy Virgin, but all the other brothers opposed this, not regarding Jesus as their brother. James greatly loved Jesus and declared that he would include Jesus in his share. That is why he is called the Lord's brother. From the beginning, James was devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. Later, as soon as he heard Christ's teaching, James lived by it. It is said of him that he never ate fat or oil, but lived on just bread and water, and was a virgin to the end of his life of earth. He often kept vigil at night and prayed to God. The Lord numbered him among His Seventy Apostles. Following His glorious Resurrection, the Lord appeared to him especially, as the Apostle Paul testifies (1 Corinthians 15:7). He was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and zealously governed the Church of God. At the instruction of the Lord, James compiled the first Liturgy, which seemed very long for later Christians, and St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom shortened it. He converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith, and even the unbelieving Jews were amazed at his righteousness, referring to him as "James the Just." When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James for being a preacher of Christ. Once, during the feast of Passover, when many people had gathered in Jerusalem, the elders forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple, and tried to make him speak against Christ. He climbed up and spoke to the people of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, of His Resurrection and His eternal glory in the heavens. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof; he fell and was severely injured, but was still alive. Then, one man ran up and struck him on the head with a fuller's club with such force that his brains spilled out. Thus, this most glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death, and went to live eternally in the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-six years old when he suffered for Christ.

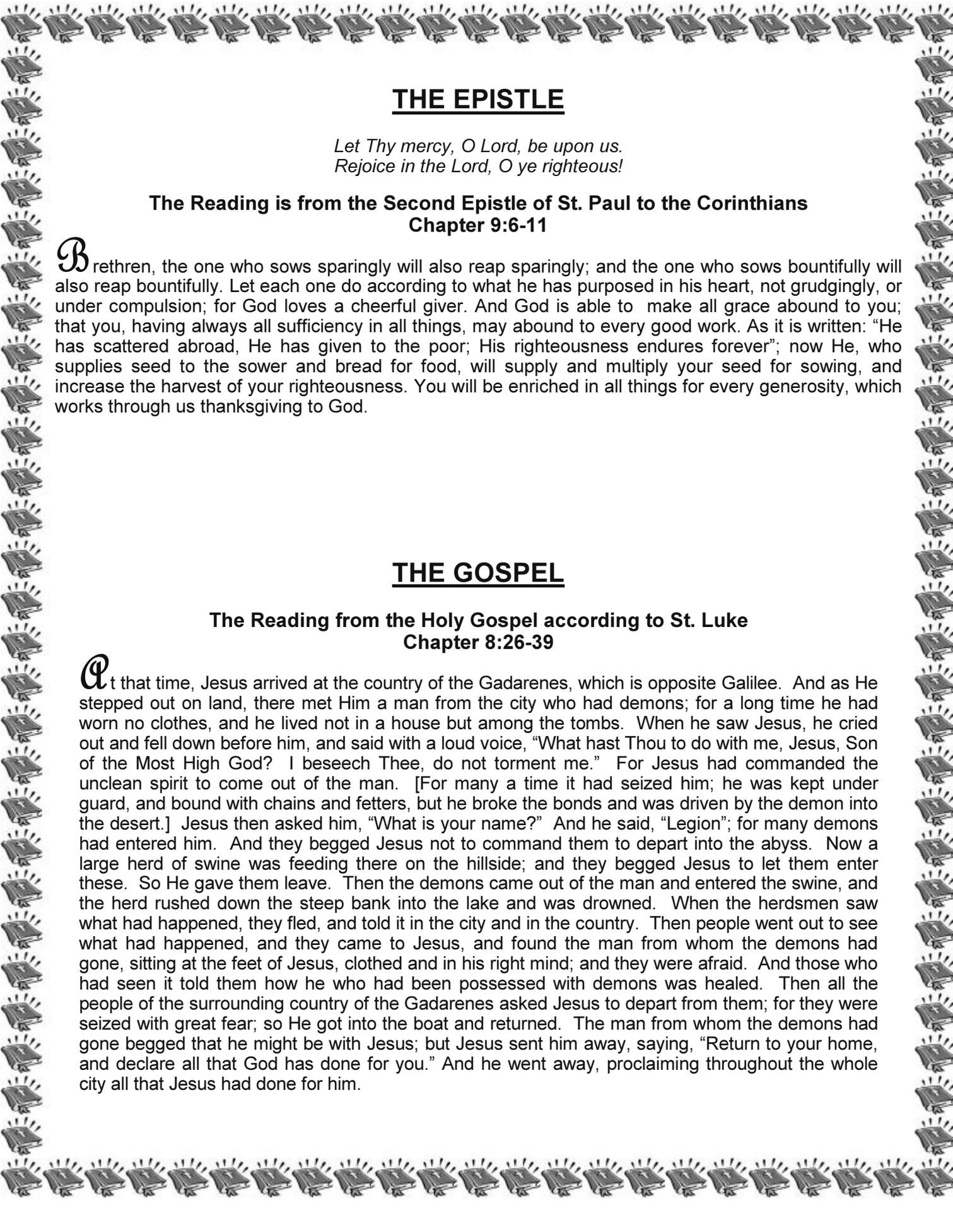


Reminder:

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7th.
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THE EPISTLE

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!*

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 9:6-11

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.



The Basilica of Saint Mary

Mother Toddler Fall Field Trip

The Mother Toddler Ministry recently took our annual field trip to Three Cedars Farm in Northville. The children and parents enjoyed a beautiful day of fellowship and fun. The Mother Toddler Ministry meets every Wednesday at 10:30 AM. For more information, please email stmarymtg@gmail.com.



Please visit www.stmarylivonia.com for details about ministry activities and events happening at the Basilica of Saint Mary. If you have any questions regarding Youth and Outreach Ministries, please contact Fr. Jim King or Sonya Kassis at (734) 422-0010.

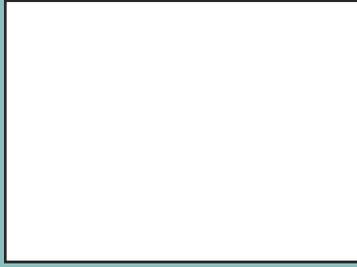
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Metropolitan PAUL Yazigi, Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim, all those suffering from the Corona-virus, all doctors and nurses, all first responders, Dr. Mathew Beshara, Norman Ansara, Martha Burkmyre, Michael Isa Khoury, Danny Abraham, Violet, Fred Salah, Bill DeMuro, Anwar Khoury, Raffic Mackie, Gail Worth, Waleed Kassabri, Yvonne Holwey, Mary Fakhoury, Lew Ansara, Najah Fakhoury,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by the families in loving memory of:

Sami and Asma Harb
Eid Kakish
Ibrahim Kakish
Lydia Kakish
Naim Kawwas
James Kawwas
Jamal Khalife
Khalil Khalife
Kamal Khalife
Mary Harb Melof
Shauqi Mughannem
Jerry Mughannem
Zade Julian Shamma
Jalil and Nahil Warra

Thought for the Day

The most wonderful places to be in the world are:

In someone's thoughts,
someone's prayers,
and someone's heart.

~Author Unknown~

Thank You

The following parishioners and friends of the Basilica of St. Mary have given special donations to the Church in the past few weeks:

\$100-In loving memory of Carleen Ajlouny Shaheen offered by Suad Ajlouny,

\$100-In loving memory of Carleen Ajlouny Shaheen offered by Anna Salamy,

\$100-In loving memory of Carleen Ajlouny Shaheen offered by Lily Kawwas,

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\$300-Towards the needy, for the health and well being of Nabeeh and Hilda Beshara and their family on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary offered by Nabeeh and Hilda Beshara,

\$300-For the health and well being of newly engaged Nicholas Ajlouny and Jillian Baker offered by Robert and Rima Ajlouny,

\$500-For the health and well being of newly baptized Bentley Ryan offered by parents Corey and Audrey Robert,

\$500-For the health and well being of newly baptized Antoine Simon offered by parents Simon and Jessica Kandalaft,

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\$1000-In loving memory of Carleen Ajlouny Shaheen of Monterey, California offered by her husband Emile and daughters Emily and Elena Shaheen,

MEMORIALS

قال يسوع: أنا القيامة والحياة من آمن بي يحيى الى الأبد.

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die.”
(John 11:25)



Oct. 24th - 40-day memorial in loving memory of Anton Khashan offered by his wife Basima Khashan and family,

Oct. 24th - Memorial Service in loving memory of Tanios El Khoury offered by his daughter Marleine and Michel Khoury and family,

Oct. 24th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Jamal Khalife offered by the family,

Nov. 7th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Farid Haddad offered by the family,

Nov. 14th - 6-month memorial in loving memory of Ernest Yatros offered by the family,

Nov. 14th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Saied Ghannam offered by the family,

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