

HOLY WONDERWORKING UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN

Sts. Cosmas and Damian were brothers born in Rome in the third century and raised by their parents in piety. They were granted by God the gift of healing the sick. By their generosity and kindness to all, they converted many to Christ. They 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, they were called “unmercenary physicians.”

Their life of active service attracted the attention of Roman authorities, and soldiers were sent after the brothers. Local Christians convinced them to hide until they could escape. So soldiers arrested other Christians. Sts. Cosmas and Damian then came out of hiding and surrendered, asking the soldiers to release those who had been arrested because of them.

They were imprisoned and put on trial, where they openly confessed their faith in Christ. “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.’”

God struck the emperor blind so that the saints might heal him, after he promised to convert to the true God. They were then set free to continue their work.

However, an older physician, an instructor under whom the holy brothers had studied the art of medicine, became envious of their fame. Driven to madness by malice, and overcome by passionate envy, he summoned the two brothers, who were formerly his most beloved students, and suggested that they leave the city to gather various medicinal herbs. Going far into the mountains, he murdered them and threw their bodies into a river. They died during the reign of the emperor Carinus (283-284).



SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

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TONE 4

JULY 1, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs at Rome;
Martyr Potitus at Naples;
Ven. Peter of Constantinople;
St. Angelina of Serbia; Ven. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain;
Translation of the Relics of Ven. John of Rila from Trnovo to Rila in Bulgaria***

“Having received the grace of healing, you grant healing to those in need. Glorious wonder-workers and physicians, Cosmas and Damian, visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies, and bring healing to the world through your miracles.”

Kondakion, Tone II

Independence Day Wednesday, July 4

“By your prayers, O Theotokos, pour out on this land a burning love for God and our neighbors, and fill every heart with zeal for justice and holiness. Preserve us from all our foes, whether visible or hidden from sight, and obtain for us as for all people everywhere peace and great mercy.”

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 10:1-10

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8:28-9:1

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, July 7 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 2	Romans 16:17-24	Matthew 13:10-23
Tuesday, July 3	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 13:24-30
Wednesday, July 4	I Corinthians 2:9-3:8	Matthew 13:31-36
	I Corinthians 3:18-23	Matthew 13:36-43
Thursday, July 5	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 16:17-23
Friday, July 6	I Corinthians 4:5-8	Mathew 13:44-54
Saturday, July 7	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 9:18-26

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COMING EVENTS

JULY:

- 8, Sunday 6:00 p.m. Meeting for St. John of San Francisco Homeschool Co-op
- 9, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 16, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 18, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House
- 23-27 All-American Council in St. Louis, MO

<p><u>OUR NEW SIGN!</u> You must have noticed the work on the new sign for our church. Quite a bit has been going on for the last several weeks. If all remains on track, we should be seeing the completed and working electronic sign in just a few weeks. Together with the sign, there will also be new lighting along the entire driveway. Foundations for the new lights have been built, but it will be a while before the actual new fixtures are installed.</p> <p><u>GREETERS:</u> We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980, or email ajcundik@cox.net</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> Donors are needed for our weekly Coffee Hour. Sign-up sheets are in the kitchen for dates throughout the summer and autumn. Complete instructions for operating coffee machine and other necessary info is supplied. Your kindness is appreciated.</p>	<p><u>ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:</u> The Book Circle will meet Monday, July 9, at 12:30 p.m. We are discussing Chapter 3 in the book <u>Exodus</u>. All are welcome.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by Mat and Olga Lobas.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Marsha Uziel in memory of Bob and Anne Manning.</p> <p><u>HOMESCHOOL:</u> St. Matthew Church invites parents interested in homeschooling their children to a meeting about the St. John of San Francisco Homeschool Co-op. This meeting will be Sunday, July 8, 6:00 p.m., at the temporary location of St. Matthew Church, which is 13601 Ridge Rd.; North Royalton. For further information, contact Kh. Bonnie (440-826-0662); Lisa (216-415-9126) or Susan (440-799-2488).</p>
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Our bodies consist of earthly elements: light, heat, air, water and earth;
 it will be dissolved into these same elements after death.
 Light and heat will be united to light and heat, the air to air, the water to water, the earth to earth.
 There are many leaves on a tree. They are formed and dissolved again.
 Glory to Thy creative power, Lord!
 Let us know and remember our earthiness, the shortness of our time, and reverence the Creator.
 We are all the works of His hands, "the sheep of His pasture" (Psalm 100:3).

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JUNE 24	\$ 3444.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	501.00
BUILDING FUND	125.00
MORTGAGE FUND	65.00
CANDLES	134.00

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LETTERS TO ST. PAUL FROM ROME - III

Dear Apostle Paul,

You make a distinction between law and faith, but is not our faith in the law sufficient? What other kind of faith can there be? Faith in the law makes us doers of the law, that is, in the works, which fulfill the law and traditions that have been handed down to us. You have made the point that we Jews are no better off than the Gentiles, but we consider ourselves the descendants of Abraham, his children of righteousness and thus justified in the eyes of God. What need have we of another, another such as this Jesus Christ? What does Jesus Christ do for us that has not been done already? Are we justified by God through the law or through Jesus?

Much confused, N

Dear N,

Well, what then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed in God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. But to one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.... It depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants – not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised. That is why his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." But the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in Him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, let us rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. [Romans 4:1-3,13-17.20-5:5]

May God's love and kindness be with you, Paul