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*MARTYR MENAS OF EGYPT*

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## ***TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

*Martyrs Menas of Egypt, Victor at Damascus, and Vincent of Spain;  
Martyr Stephanida of Spain; Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion;  
Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow;  
Ven. Martyrius, Abbot of Zelénsk; Repose of St. Stephen Dechani of Serbia;  
St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours*

“Christ, our God, summoned you from the ranks of an earthly army, O holy Menas, to enlist you in the incorruptible army of heaven. Now that you have entered the glory of heaven above, you wear the spotless crown of martyrdom.”

Kondakion, Tone IV

“You took on every ascetic practice to protect your angelic calling, and by the grace of the Most High, you attained your goal of becoming an angel in the flesh. With all the powers of heaven, O venerable father, Theodore, entreat Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:14-22

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday, November 14 6:00 p.m. Nativity Fast Holy Unction Service at Buna Vestire Church  
Saturday, November 17 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, November 12	II Thessalonians 1:1-10	Luke 14:12-15
	II Thessalonians 1:10-2:2	Luke 14:25-35
Tuesday, November 13	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Wednesday, November 14	II Thessalonians 2:1-12	Luke 15:1-10
	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:43-51
Thursday, November 15	II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Luke 16:1-9
	II Thessalonians 3:6-18	Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
Friday, November 16	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday, November 17	Galatians 1:3-10	Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday, November 15, is the beginning of the Nativity Fast.**

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER:**

- 11, TODAY Recognition of our 90+ HTOC Family members
- 12, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 15, Thursday Beginning of the Nativity Fast  
6:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service at Buna Vestire Church
- 16, Friday 8:00 p.m. Virtual Retreat for Orthodox Youth; St. Michael’s Woodside
- 18, Sunday “Third” Sunday Food Sale
- 25, Sunday No Church School classes

**90+ RECOGNITION DAY:**

Today we are honoring our 90+ senior parishioners. A light luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy.

**HOLY UNCTION SERVICE:**

To begin the Nativity Fast, Buna Vestire Church invites all to a Holy Unction Service on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 7140 Fitch Road, Olmsted Twp. 44138.

**MANY THANKS!**

And God’s Blessings to all who worked so hard for last Sunday’s Meatloaf Luncheon and Basket Raffle. The meal was delicious, and the benefit to St. Herman’s House was heartwarming.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT:**

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to St. Michael’s Woodside on Friday, November 16, 8:00 p.m., for a Virtual Retreat, fellowship and refreshments. Orthodox youth from 6 locations will join together with Bishop Paul via teleconferencing to explore ways they can carry out the statement #IAMORTHODOX. See the bulletin board for further details.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:**

The covers and flowers today are offered by Mary Ann Moga in memory of her beloved husband Jack.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet on Monday, November 12, at 12:30. Please read through page 84 in our new book, Crazy John. Copies are available from Tara Reidy. All are welcome.

**“THIRD” SUNDAY FOOD SALE:**

Please note that our Food Sale this month will be next Sunday, November 18. We will highlight bakery and foods for your Thanksgiving week. Plan to participate with donating food items and purchasing some specialties!

**PLEDGE CARDS:**

Please remember to return your Pledge Card for the upcoming calendar year. Our fiscal year has already begun and pledges are needed for financial planning.

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:**

See details in the Fellowship Hall for the Dec. 5-6 events at St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore. Bishop Paul will be in attendance for the 6:00 Vigil on Dec. 5, as well as the Divine Liturgy on St. Nicholas Day.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Donors are needed for our weekly refreshments throughout the month of December. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 4	\$ 3639.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	520.00
BUILDING FUND	175.00
MORTGAGE FUND	110.00
CANDLES	131.00
SEMINARIAN	100.00

**REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS POETRY -**  
**“DEATH BE NOT PROUD”**

The English poet John Donne (1572-1631) lived at a tumultuous time. For persons who took religion seriously, as in fact most people did at that time, it was particularly dangerous. Just before Donne was born, King Henry VIII forcibly broke the connection between English Christians and the Roman Catholic Church, thereby creating the Anglican Church. It was hardly a clean break, as such separations are never easy or peaceful. John Donne was raised a Catholic, but when that became a reason for possible execution, he became an Anglican. A deeply religious, intelligent and spiritual man, he became the Dean of the prestigious St. Paul's Cathedral in London. A gifted preacher and poet, he is the most famous of the so-called English “Metaphysical Poets” of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Even those who know little or nothing about him or his poetry will acknowledge his influence on the English language. Some of his phrases, such as, “no man is an island,” and “ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee,” are recognizable parts of everyday speech.

He wrote a series of “Holy Sonnets,” among which the following is the most famous.

Death be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so,  
For, those, whom thou think, thou dost overthrow,  
Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy picture be,  
Much pleasure, then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou are slave to Fate, Chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well,  
And better than thy stroke; why swellst thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,  
And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die.

This is one of the most eloquent expressions of Christian faith in any language. As a pastor and preacher, John Donne would have served many a funeral delivering many sermons and eulogies for the occasion. It is more than likely that from those eulogies came the inspiration to create this poem. In sermons, phrases or words are segments within a larger context of differentiating themes. In this poem we have completeness and integrity, perfectly formed around the theme of death. By personifying death, the poet is able to address it as if it were a living being. Here Donne is following a literary device that St. Paul used fifteen centuries earlier. In the famous section of First Corinthians, the Apostle boldly challenges “death” by asking, “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” This is also employed by St. John Chrysostom in the famous Paschal Sermon that we hear read at the end of every Paschal Matins early on Easter morning. Donne's poem transforms a segment of Pauline theology into a literary masterpiece. However, more striking is how effectively he expresses Christianity's theological conviction of eternal life in the last phrase, “death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die”!

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*