



**St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church - Weekly Bulletin**

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,/
they cast away the ancestral curse /and elatedly told the apostles: /"Death is overthrown! /Christ God is risen,//granting the
world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(for Saints Cosmas and Damian)*

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian,
heal our infirmities! // Freely ye have received; freely ye give to
us.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. /He has shattered the gates of hell, /and as Master,//He has risen on the third day!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(for Saints Cosmas and Damian)*

Having received the grace of healing,
ye grant healing to those in need.
Glorious wonderworkers and healers, Cosmas and Damian, /visit
us and put down the insolence of our enemies,//
and bring healing to the world through your miracles!

Matthew 8:28-9:1 (*Gospel*)

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

The Holy Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

Cosmas and Damian were unmercenary physicians and miracle-workers. These two saints were brothers, were born in Rome and as children were baptized and brought up in the Christian spirit. They possessed abundant grace from God to heal men and livestock from every disease and suffering, usually by the laying on of hands. They sought no reward for their efforts. They only required of the infirm to believe in Christ the Lord. Inheriting a large estate, they charitably distributed it to the needy and to those in want. At that time, Emperor Galerius reigned in Rome. As a persecutor of Christianity, he summoned these two holy brothers before him shackled in chains. After a prolonged interrogation the emperor ordered them to deny Christ and to offer sacrifices to the idols. Cosmas and Damian not only did not heed the emperor but also counseled him to abandon the dead idols and to recognize the One True God. "Our God is not created but He is the Creator of all, but your gods are the imaginations of man and the work of the hands of artists. If you did not have artists to make your gods, you would have no one to worship." After working a miracle upon the emperor himself-for they miraculously cured him from a grave infirmity - the emperor proclaimed his faith in Christ and released the holy brothers in peace. Cosmas and Damian continued to glorify God and to heal the sick and were themselves, glorified by the people on all sides. Envious of their glory, a certain doctor who, at one time was their teacher, and with the pretext to gather healing herbs, led them into the mountain and stoned them to death. They suffered honorably for the Faith of Christ in the year 284 A.D. Their memory remains eternal in the Church on earth and their souls took up habitation in the Kingdom of the Lord to live eternally in glory and in joy.

Calendar of Events – Starting today: July 01

Sunday	7/01	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
Monday	7/02	
Tuesday	7/03	
Wednesday	7/04	1pm Office Hours
Thursday	7/05	
Friday	7/06	
Saturday	7/07	6:00pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday	7/08	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers
during the week.**

For good health and healing:

Abram, Debrutu, Denise, Tony, Dragosh, Sonya, Joseph, Joseph, Souraya, Alice, Issa, Basil, Rania and the child to be born of her, Ghaleb, Majdlin, Jacob, Collette, Christina, Connie, Eddie, Fred.

For a new Job:

Mario, Jason, Janice.

Memory Eternal:

ND Tony, Victor.

Weekly announcements:

- ◆ Office Hours are Wednesday 1-4pm church office.
- ◆ **The Myrrh Bearers of St George Ladies Guild will meet after Divine Liturgy today in the Church School Room. All ladies are encouraged to participate**, so please finish up quickly at the coffee hour.
- ◆ Father and Matushka are away July 23rd - August 4th. We will NOT have vespers on Saturday July 28th or Saturday August 4th.
- ◆ Fr Arkadi will be serving Divine Liturgy on July 29th. Please make every effort to attend.
- ◆ Please keep the OCA and the Holy Synod, in your prayers as the entire OCA will gather together in Saint Louis Missouri for the All American Council from July 23rd through the 27th.