

# St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



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Col. 1:12-18

Tone 3

Gospel: Lk. 17:12-19

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## **TODAY'S SERVICES:**

Sun. 8:30am Memorial Service Paul Bodnar (20th Anniversary) by Bodnar family.

Sun. 8:45am Memorial Service Alma Yavorsky by the Skitka Family

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 28th Sunday after Pentecost Great-martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana at Heliopolis in Syria (306). Ven. John Damascene (776). Ven. John, bishop of Polybotum (716).

Sun. 10:20am St. Demetrius Program (in church)

## **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:**

Tues. 7:30pm Bible Study – Virtual or in person at the rectory.

**Altar Servers:** Subdeacon Daniel Mazan, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy, Daniel Mazan, Bryce Buitrago

**Readers:** Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar, Subdeacon Daniel Mazan, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Nicholas Chichik, David Deli, Peter Meka, Robert Cousins, Joan Nardi, Marci Pusillo, Richard Hycuna, Diane (Decibus) Morgan, Charlie Morgan, John Piropato, John Zelenak, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropato, Nancy Grabie, Margaret York, Ronald York, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, David, Alexander, Joseph, John, Kirsten, John, David, Michael, Jerry and William. & children Timothy, Mary, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military, especially Subdeacon Vitaly and Subdeacon James, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We are reviewing Ezra Chapters 6-10. As always, everyone is welcome to join us.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES** - Envelopes for 2024 are in the church basement and may be picked up after Divine Liturgy. Please consider using the first envelope, "Donation Toward Printing

Costs", to help offset the cost to the church of having the envelopes printed. **Please do not use the envelopes until January 2024.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Nicole Cousins, Tania Chubenko, Kimberly Deli, Kristen Stokes and Andrea Turkynak and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

**ST. BARBARA** - The Holy Great Martyr Barbara lived and suffered during the reign of the emperor Maximian (305-311). Her father, the pagan Dioscorus, was a rich and illustrious man in the Syrian city of Heliopolis

The fame of her beauty spread throughout the city, and many sought her hand in marriage. But despite the entreaties of her father, she refused all of them. Barbara met young Christian maidens in the city, and they taught her about the Creator of the world, about the Trinity, and about the Divine Logos. Through the Providence of God, a priest arrived in Heliopolis from Alexandria disguised as a merchant. After instructing her in the mysteries of the Christian Faith, he baptized Barbara, then returned to his own country.

During this time a bathhouse was being built at the house of Dioscorus. By his orders the workers prepared to put two windows on the south side. But Barbara, taking advantage of her father's absence, asked them to make a third window, thereby forming a Trinity of light.

When Dioscorus returned and expressed dissatisfaction about the change in his building plans, his daughter told him about how she had come to know the Triune God, about the saving power of the Son of God, and about the futility of worshipping idols. Dioscorus went into a rage, grabbed a sword and was on the point of striking her with it. The holy virgin fled from her father, and he rushed after her in pursuit. His way became blocked by a hill, which opened up and concealed the saint in a crevice. On the other side of the crevice was an entrance leading upwards. St Barbara managed then to conceal herself in a cave on the opposite slope of the hill.

When finally found, Dioscorus beat his daughter terribly, and then placed her under guard and tried to wear her down with hunger. Finally he handed her over to the prefect of the city, named Martianus. They beat St. Barbara fiercely: they struck her with rawhide, and rubbed her wounds with a hair cloth to increase her pain. By night St Barbara prayed fervently to her Heavenly Bridegroom, and the Savior Himself appeared and healed her wounds. Then they subjected the saint to new, and even more frightful torments. In the crowd where the martyr was tortured was the virtuous Christian woman Juliana, an inhabitant of Heliopolis. She began to denounce the torturers in a loud voice, and they seized her.

Both martyrs were tortured for a long time. Their bodies were raked and wounded with hooks, and then they were led naked through the city amidst derision and jeers. Through the prayers of St. Barbara the Lord sent an angel who covered the nakedness of the holy martyrs with a splendid robe. Then the steadfast confessors of Christ, Ss. Barbara and Juliana, were beheaded. Dioscorus himself executed St Barbara. The wrath of God was not slow to punish both torturers, Martianus and Dioscorus. They were killed after being struck by lightning.

**ALL EMERGENCIES:** PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.