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**Martyr Arethas**

The Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the sixth century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negrin in Arabia. The Arabian (or Omirite) king, Dunaan, who was Jewish, decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death.

Because the inhabitants of Negrin remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city. At the city walls of Negrin the king's heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a "sign of malediction."

Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negrin. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of St Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates.

The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. 427 men were burned. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism. Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, "I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God."

The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Those suffering said, "We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life."

More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negrin and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ.

**The Scripture Readings: Epistle~ Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel~ Luke 16:19-31**

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**PARASTOS-** There will be a Parastos today following Divine Liturgy for Dewey and Jean Vanich

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**HOLY DAY- ST. DEMETRIUS THE GREAT MARTYR** Divine Liturgy will be served on Tuesday, November, 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

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**VISITS** Friday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Beaver Elder Care - Dan Menich

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> : Villa St Joseph - Slavka Nikolic

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**FUNERALS** Give rest O Lord to thy departed servants **SOPHIE MANOJLOVICH** and **ALEX BRNILOVICH** and make their memories to be eternal. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**



**Sponsored by: The St. Elijah Church Choir**  
**TODAY from NOON – 4:00 p.m.**  
**or until sold out**



**Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Coffee and Dessert**  
**Eat In or Take-out DONATION: \$12.00**

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The **Nomination Meeting** of the St. Elijah Church School Congregation will be held on **Sunday, November 13, 2016** immediately following **Divine Liturgy** in the downstairs of the church. Our **Annual Assembly** will be held on **Sunday, December 11, 2016** also immediately following **Divine Liturgy** in the downstairs of the church. Please mark your calendars and do attend!

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**Sunday School** will have their annual **Thanksgiving Program** and **Pumpkin Roll Sale** on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to order a pumpkin roll, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or at [georgette.osman@comcast.net](mailto:georgette.osman@comcast.net) The cost of the rolls is \$15.00.

Also on this day please join us for a **Pancake Breakfast** which includes: Pancakes/sausage/coffee and juice. Preparing the Breakfast is the Milanovich Family assisted by the Teachers and Mother's Club Members. There will be no charge a donation basket will be available for you do make your donations. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new television for Church Sunday School.

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**KCC** is hosting its annual **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**; forms are located next to the bulletin. Please take a few and share with your friends! Pick up your orders on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> between 10am and noon