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Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica

This glorious and wonderworking saint was born in Thessalonica of noble and devout parents. Implored of God by childless parents, Demetrius was their only son, and so was raised and educated with great care. Demetrius's father was a commander in Thessalonica.

When his father died, Emperor Maximian appointed Demetrius as commander in his place. As he appointed him, Maximian, an opponent of Christ, particularly recommended that he persecute and exterminate the Christians in Thessalonica. Demetrius not only disobeyed the emperor but openly confessed and preached the Lord Jesus Christ in the city of Thessalonica. When the emperor heard of this he became furious with Demetrius. Then, when he was returning from battle against the Sarmatians, Maximian stopped at Thessalonica to investigate the matter.

The emperor summoned Demetrius and questioned him about his faith. Demetrius openly acknowledged his Christian Faith to the emperor and also denounced the emperor's idolatry. Maximian cast Demetrius into prison. Knowing what was awaiting him, Demetrius gave all his goods to his faithful servant Lupus to distribute to the poor, and joyfully awaited his imminent suffering for Christ the Lord.

An angel of God appeared to him in prison, saying: "*Peace be to you, O sufferer of Christ; be brave and be strong!*" After several days, the emperor sent soldiers to the prison to kill Demetrius. The soldiers found the saint of God at prayer and ran him through with lances. Christians secretly took his body and honorably buried it. Healing myrrh flowed from the body of the martyr of Christ, curing many of the sick. Soon, a small church was built over his relics.

As the protector of Thessalonica, St. Demetrius has appeared many times, and on many occasions has saved Thessalonica from great calamity. His miracles are without number, and still happening to this very day. Through the prayers of St Demetrius, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Scripture Readings: Epistle - Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel - Luke 7:11-16

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Service this week: Friday, November 8th - Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius, Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

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Visits: Violet Smolanovich, Marie Rebich - Heritage Valley Beaver

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"ELIJAH for ELIAS" AUTUMN FUNDRAISER is continuing through November 15th. There is still time to give a donation. Please do so by either writing a check payable to ST. ELIJAH CHURCH or to GEORGE KAZAS; in the memo line insert "ELIJAH for ELIAS" and we will gladly forward them to the family. Thank you.

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St. Elijah Fellowship and Ministry Committee will be sending **care packages to our college students** in November to encourage them during finals. We want to let them know their St. Elijah family is thinking of them. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost please see Nena Jovonovich or Diane Volitich Knapp after church. Make checks payable to St. Elijah Church add in memo "College Care Package". Thank you very much!!

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St. Elijah-Harvest for the Hungry. The Fellowship and Ministry Committee, as part of their outreach, will be organizing a **Food Drive** to benefit the Faith Restoration Food Bank in Monaca. Please bring your donated non-perishable item(s) to the designated table in basement of the church between the dates on October 27th ~ November 24th. **Please see the flyer in vestibule** for information regarding donated items needed. Thank you!

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CHRISTMAS CARD: To help spread the joy and spirit of Christmas to all of our parishioners, we will be sending out the first ever Saint Elijah Christmas Card. Minimum donation is \$25 to be included in the card. More information is available in the vestibule. Please contact Samantha Baldwin if you have any questions. 724-462-1402 or smilosh14@gmail.com.

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From the Cupola Committee: The cupola will be blessed on Sunday, November 17th. Following the blessing, a banquet will be held at the Center. Menu consists of: hors d'oeuvres, *Panko breaded chicken breast topped with a lemon bure blanc sauce/Marinated grilled London broil/Shrimp Pasta Primavera/ Roasted finger link potatoes with garlic and fresh herbs/ Fresh sautéed green beans with petite carrots and red pepper, salad and dessert. Donation is \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. Please contact Stephanie Kovacevic at: stephk122@gmail.com or see her after Divine Liturgy **TODAY** for your tickets.*



Save the Dates: Cupola Dedication - Nov 17th /Thanksgiving Play - Nov 24th/Nominations Meeting. - Nov 24th/ St Nicholas Party - Dec 15th/Annual Assembly - Dec 22nd

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