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## OUR HOLY ORTHODOX CHURCH CELEBRATES: NOVEMBER

### Holy Great Martyr Demetrius



This glorious and miraculous saint born in the city of Thessaloniki to fruitful and devout parents. Asked from God by childless parents, Demetrius was their only son, and that's why they very carefully nurtured him. His father was the Duke of Thessaloniki. When his father died, the tsar placed Demetrius in the Duke's place. Placing it on the Duke hristoborni car Maximian especially recommend him to pursue and destroy the Christians in Thessalonica. Demetrius chose not only to not listen to the emperor, but then confessed publicly the Christ, and preached Christ the Lord in the city of Thessaloniki. Hearing this, the tsar was very indignant with Demetrius. The emperor was away at war against the Sarmatians, but then Maximian came to visit the tsar in Thessaloniki, in particular to examine the matter of Demetrius. Summoned, therefore, Demetrius Duke went to the tsar and had his faith examined. Demetrius again publicly, this time before the emperor confessed Christ, and with it still distorts the emperor's idolatry. A raging emperor cast Demetrius into prison. Knowing what awaited him, Demetrius gave all of his property to his obedient servant Lupu to dispense to the poor, and then went to prison, cheerful, as he suffered from starvation for Christ the Lord. In prison, an angel appeared to him, and said, "Peace you from Christ, let Him strengthen you!" After a few days of work, the tsar sent soldiers to the prison to kill Demetrius. The soldiers found the saint of God at prayer, and pierced by a spear. Fellow Christians secretly took the body and buried him honorably. From the body of Christ flowed myrrh, from which many patients heal. Soon after Demetrius' death, a small church was built over his relics. An important Illlyrian named Leontije Bejas was ill with an incurable disease. He ran the relics of St. Demetrius with a prayer, and was completely healed. From Leontije's thankfulness, he raised a much larger church in the old city. the saint appeared to him on two occasions. When Emperor Justinian wanted to transfer the relics of the saint from Thessalonica to Constantinople, sparks and flames leaped from the tomb, and a voice was heard: "wait!! do not not touch!! " And so the relics of St. Demetrius were left forever in Thessaloniki. As the protector of Thessalonica, St. Dimitrije answered many times and many times saved Thessalonica from great misery. As to his wonders, there is no end. Sv. Demetrius Russians considered sponsors of Siberia, which Russia conquered and appropriated 26 October 1581. In the year of our Lord.



## St. Cosmas and Damian



Holy unmercenaries and miracle workers. Brothers in the body and the spirit, born somewhere in Asia, sons of an atheist and a Christian mother. After the death of their father, Teodotija, their mother, devoted all her time and effort to educate their children to be held as true Christians. And God helped her, and her sons came up as two fresh fruits, as two lighthouses of the world. They learned medical skills, and helped for free all of the sick name in the name of their Lord Jesus Christ. They became well known, popular doctors, because they freely healed and so fulfilled Christ's commandment: freely ye have received, freely give your (Matt. 10: 8). However, many were wary of the free treatment of people that Kozma became angry at his brother Damian, as he took three eggs from a woman and makes Kozma, that after their deaths he planned to not be buried near his brother Damian. In fact Damjan, did not take these three eggs as a reward for what he healed the sick woman, but he swore to the Holy Trinity to take take the three eggs. After their deaths, in Feremanu, they were buried together according to God's revelation. The brothers of the world were great miracle workers in life and after death. A farmer while sleeping had a snake crawl through his mouth into the stomach, and was in the greatest agony up to the last moment when he then summoned the help St. Cosmas and Damian. So glorify the Lord for those who always miracles Him glory on earth by faith, purity and grace.

## The Holy Great-martyr George



On this day we commemorate the transfer of the relics of St. George, from Nicomedia, where he suffered at the time of Emperor Diocletian, to the city of Lydda in Palestine. The suffering of this wonderful saint is described in the April 23 section of the Prolog. Anticipating his martyrdom, St. George begged his servant to take his relics to Palestine, where his mother had been born, and where he had distributed his large estate to the poor. The servant did so. During the reign of Emperor Constantine, pious Christians built a beautiful church to St. George in Lydda and, upon the consecration of that church, the relics of the saint were interred there. Innumerable miracles have occurred from these miracle-working relics of St. George, the great-martyr of Christ.



## Holy Archangel Michael and other celestial forces



The angels of God were celebrated by people even from deep antiquity. But this celebration is often the knockout in the worship of angels (IV Car. 23, 5). Heretics are in awe regarding anything about angels. Some consider them gods; others, the creators of the visible world. The Laodikajski minor Council which was 4 or 5 years before I Vaselj. Parliament, put forth 35 rules which reject the adoration of angels as gods and set up a proper respect for the angel.

At the time of Pope Sylvester in Rome and Alexander Patriarch of Alexandria (from the IV in.) To set up a holiday for the Archangel Michael it was decided to place it in November. Why in November? Because November is the ninth month following the month of March, and the month of March is considered that the creation of the world.

A ninth month after March is taken for the nine ranks of angels, who were first created. Sv. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul, one of the apostles, who rose to the third heaven, described these nine acts in the book "On the celestial hierarchy."

These acts are as follows: six-winged seraphim, waves of cherubim and God-bearing thrones, dominions, principalities and powers, NACA, Archangels and Angels. Duke whole army of angels is Archangel Mikhail. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God, and pulled with him to ruin a portion of the angels, then Mikhail stood up and cried before the Angel: "Stop your fear!" And the celestial army of faithful angels said in thunder : Holy, holy, holy Lord Sabbath fulfill heaven and earthly glory !! (See the Archangel Michael Is. Joshua 5: 13-15; St. Jude 9),

Among the angels, there is a government of perfect unanimity and love,

and with it complete obedience between the lower ranks and higher ranks, and all to the holy will of God. Every nation has its angel foster parents, and besides that, every Christian has his angel.

One should always remember that no matter what we did, openly or secretly, we do in the presence of His angels. And on the day of doom, the brethren have a huge multitude of heavenly angels around the throne of the holy Christ, and before all of them will be made known the works, words and thoughts of every man. May God pardon and save the prayers of St. Archangel Michael and the celestial powers Proc. Amen.

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## *Patron Saint*

### **Celebrating the glory of the past**

The first Christians similarly celebrated the slava, as we and our sacred monasteries and churches today celebrate: after the completion of the Divine Liturgy in the temple, all participants go to a common table: together with the priest pray to God, with holy water, candles and incense, then bless the holy grain and pour wine, eat holy cake, and remember the significance of all of our relatives on earth and in heaven, and then, with love and prayer wishes and congratulations, all together bring comfort to the general table, with what God has given the host. And all this is done in the glory of God and in honor of the Spirit whose sacred memory of that day is celebrated.

To worship God and His Saints in the ancient Christian Church today throughout Orthodoxy, is inseparable from the joint Divine Liturgy in the temple and of the communion of all the faithful in all that God is and what God blessed in the community in faith and truth, the benefits and love, in holy fasting, repentance and Communion, and the blessing of common foods and beverages, with mutual respect and help, all in the fraternity with Christ and the saints.

For the Orthodox Church of God and not any other, to the community of all in Christ the God-man. In Him who is the firstborn among many, and his brothers, first of all, Saints, and then with them all of us. His and their candle, which is why we are called by God to be holy brothers and brethren of Christ, children of God by the benefits of the Son of God by nature, so says St. Athanasius the Great.

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The holy patron slava's meaning and importance: that all of us gather and unite in a true fraternal community of Christ, the Holy Church of God as a Parliament, as the assembly of the children of God and in honor of the Saints, for our salvation and deification, the humanization and Christing, the God-pleasing association and union with them, our glory, and through them to Christ, our eternal and everlasting fame.

Therefore, at each home and church slava celebrate by singing this song God-given our Church, an Orthodox hymn for every slava, which tells us the best meaning and significance of our sacred glory: Today we of the grace of the Holy Spirit, all gathered together, and all the cross of Christ to us blessed is He who comes - Christ and the saints - in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest! "

## **How should we celebrate the glory of the saint?**

Celebrating the glory is, therefore, an expression of our gratitude to God for all the good which He has endowed us with the prayer to Him (and our saints to be our agent of prayers before the Lord) - to keep us from harm and to guide us to the right path in life.

Therefore, the saint's glory should be celebrated in this respect, with this noble aim, and not for entertainment or for food and drinks. Candle and members of his family that day in particular must remember the life and work of his Saints, whom fame and compared with his life his life and work. You should adjust your life according to the saint's case, because there is a best time and a best method to celebrate it, the protector of their home, and a helper of their prayer before the Lord.

Before cutting the bread, and pouring the red wine on Slava cake, a candle should remember the great sacrifice, which is our Lord Jesus Christ submitting to God, taking on our sufferings on the Cross, and we should examine ourselves as to whether our life and work worthy of this great sacrifice? Have we complied with the teaching of Christ? Are we helping the poor and invalids nearby, as is required to do so? Are the hungry fed, the naked clothed, barefoot obuo, the thirsty a drink; that you remember those who are in poverty and distress, whether they make life easier, eliminate poverty and reduce their burdens?

If not, we must bring forth a firm decision and effort that is made in the future because faith is in vain, if you do not do good work.

Religion, clean and undefiled before God and the Father - says the Apostle of Christ, Jacob - is this: "to visit the fatherless and widows in their distress and to keep oneself separate from the world". What

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profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but does not have works? Does religion save? For as the body without the spirit (without soul) is dead, so faith without good works is dead" so we are told (Prov. James 1:27, 2:14, 2, 26) and thus are we shown the way that we should go through life.

Therefore, let the flame of the candles illuminate our minds, warm our souls, and we know the true goal of our life and show it in our lives as true children of God.

Only such a celebration of the glory of being worthy of us as Christians, will our prayers be answered.

## **One example of lifting the patron saint is called Slavarica, which is breaking the slava cake**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Please read the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The first word:

To remember the unmovable celestial and heavenly glory, which can help us: For the name of the Lord God, the Holy indivisible Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that the Lord God, the Holy Trinity we humbly worship and ask:

Your glory and honor! (All reply: Your glory and honor!).

Another thing:

All for the glory of heaven say: Christ and the Holy Cross - to Christ whom we pray to and the Holy Cross by which we are baptized; we direct to Christ and the Sacred Cross our worship and ask:

Your glory and honor! (All answer: Your fame and honor!)

The third word:

We say these things for Christ and the Holy Cross, and we say this for the following two days: Easter Friday and the Holy Sunday - Easter Friday, the Crucifixion of Christ and of His Resurrection Sunday; to Easter Friday and Sunday worship and humbly ask:

Your glory and honor! (All reply: Your glory and honor!)

The fourth word:

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For the name of the Lord God and claim glory of heaven: the holy Prophet of glory, who predicts the coming of our Saviour: the St., forerunner of Christ, John the baptist, godfather of God; the world's four great prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel; the Saints' and famous apostles of Christ, those who saw that His doctrine was preached; preached to us and left their legacy and to the world the four great evangelists of Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, who wrote to the world the Gospel and for the salvation those of us left; we humbly pray and worship:

Your glory and honor! (All reply: Your glory and honor!)

The fifth word:

We all claim the glory of heaven and the Holy Heavenly Forces Bodiless: St. angels and archangels, six-winged Seraphim and the Cherubic waves, servants of the throne of God mišeceju visokuju, sacred seven major archangels: Michael, Gabriel, belongs, salads, Rafael, Varaha and Jegudila, that the universe - the universe as a lightning circle and the Lord God, the Creator of their use; the incorporeal Forces we direct our worship and ask:

Your glory and honor! (All reply: Your glory and honor!)

Sixth word:

The mentioned Holy Celestial disembodied force, and this we say for a large group of our ecumenical teachers and saints: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria Patriarchs; St. the Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon, St. Martyr George the Victorious, Dimitri Mirotočca, Theodore Tyron and Theodore Stratelates; Sv. three hundred and eighteen of our God-bearing Fathers, who in Nicaea Parliament assembled, mindless Ari condemned, the truth in faith in the Holy Trinity occurred, Orthodoxy was strengthened in the faith believed now and always; - St Martyr Prince Lazar and new martyrs George Kratovca, whom the Turks in Sofia burned in fire, but his faith in Christ was not shaken; the holy Serbian mothers of our Sv. Petka Paraskeva, Anne - Anastasia, Helen, Eugene, Jefimije and Angelina mother Krušedolska; that the Lord God and great saints, THE GREAT Venerable Mother of Serbian humbly worship and ask:

Your glory and honor! (All reply: Your glory and honor!)

The seventh word:

For the name of the Lord God and claim the glory of heaven, and the saints and miracle workers and healers: Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon and Ermolaj, Sampson and Diomid, Talaleja and Trifon, who left their gold and silver, Wade over water and the Creator and Lord of his glory to the righteous deeds; to humbly pay tribute to them and plead:

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Your fame and honor! (All reply: Your glory and honor!)

The eighth word:

We all love the Lovable Lord and pray for the Holy and claim Heavenly glory that can help anyone and everyone's Christian name, which Orthodox Christians celebrate from East to West and from North to South, we can not enumerate, but we can pray and bow to God; for bread and the right arm, which is feeding us and defending us from harm; our right hand does not get exhausted praying to God and doing good; that our field sustains us with prolific harvesting; God forgive our transgressions to Him since we are not steadily to church coming, not confessing the sins of the unworthy are taking communion; which in the lent we didn't fast; on the holidays we sin on the road traveling, in sickness Suffering; we reap the harvest and dried hay on Holidays – and on Sunday – Heavenly Empress.

For many years

Many years to the host and to all his peoples! For many years to his brothers and sisters, who were here, prayed to God and lifted the beautiful glory of Slava!

For many years to all the people of Serbs!!

Many years to the home and the host and all his people! Many years to your brothers and sisters, who here prayed to God, and lifted up the beautiful glory!

Many years to all the Serbian peoples!

## PRAYER BOOK

### Prayer before lunch

In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Thy kingdom come, thy will on earth as it in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

### Prayer after lunch

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We thank You, O Christ our God, you feed us Your earthly goods. Do not deprive us of Thy celestial empire, but as you come among your disciples and give them Your peace, come among us and save us.



His Grace the Right Reverend IRINEJ (Dobrijevic)



Bishop of Eastern America

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On 25 May 2016 the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church elected by acclamation Bishop Irinej of Australia and New Zealand to the Throne of Bishops of Eastern America following the election of His Grace Bishop Mitrophan of Eastern America to the Throne of Bishops of Canada. He was born in 1955 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, to his father Djuro and mother Milica (nee Svilar). His elementary and secondary education was completed in Cleveland, Ohio. After attending the Cleveland Institute of Art from 1973-1975, he attended St Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania from 1975-1979, where he graduated with a Licentiate in Theology with the academic distinction maxima cum laude. In 1980 he enrolled in St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York and graduated in 1982 with a Master of Divinity degree with Honorable Mention for his master's thesis Bishop Nicholai Velimirovich: A 1921 Mission to America. Following which, he entertained studies at the Athens Centre in 2000 and 2003 receiving levels I and II certificates in contemporary Greek language.

He spent most of his career in the field of education, lecturing at Loyola University in Chicago, and at the Theological Faculty of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Belgrade. For many years he was the co-editor of The Path of Orthodoxy, the official publication of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada.

His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher of Midwestern America ordained him a deacon on 15 January 1994 at the Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois. He was tonsured a monk on 18 January 1995 at the St Sava Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois, receiving the monastic name Irinej after St Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons. Thereafter, he was ordained a hieromonk on 27 January 1995 at the St Sava Cathedral in Parma, Ohio, USA. He was elevated to the dignity of Archimandrite on 18 June 2006 by His Grace Bishop Justin of Timok (presently of Zhicha, a member of the Holy Synod of Bishops at the request of Patriarch Pavle.

The Very Reverend Archimandrite Irinej up until his election as Bishop of Australia and New Zealand was the Consultant to the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church on International and Interchurch Affairs and Coordinator of the newly created Kosovo and Metohija Office of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church at the Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate in Belgrade. Among his numerous recognitions, especially for his exemplary work in improving ties between the Serbian state and the Serbs of the Diaspora, and for his work in advancing relations between Church and State, in 2005, he was awarded the Order of Vuk Karadzich III Degree by President Svetozar Marovic of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, and is a 2007 recipient of the International Heraldic Order of the Fleur de Lys; 2008 Major Feldman Award of the Serbian Bar Association for merit; 2009 Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 2009 Grand Cross of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 2011 Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 2011 Senator of the Grand Badge in the Order of Saint Queen Tamar; 2012 The Medal of Merit of the Royal House of Georgia by HRH Prince Davit Bagrationi Mukhran Batonishvili; 2013 Knight Commander of The Imperial Order of St Anne of

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the Imperial House of Russia; and 2013 The Imperial Medal "Jubilee of the All National Effort", honouring the 400th Anniversary of the Imperial House of Romanov, 1613-2013 by HIH Grand Duchess Maria Vladimirovna.

Among his many appointments, it is important to emphasize that Bishop Irinej represents the Serbian Orthodox Church to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Central Committee; is a member of the Jasenovac Committee and the Permanent Missions Board of the Holy Synod of Bishops; the Advisory Council of the Njegos Endowment for Serbian Studies at Columbia University; and the Editorial Board of the Tesla Memorial Society; and the Communications Committee of the Board of Directors of St Vladimir's Seminary; a member of the Serbian-American Center in Belgrade; and an honorary Board Member for ZOE for Life! He is the Episcopal Patron for the Milosh Obilich Society of Serbian Chivalry and the Centre for the Study of Orthodox Monarchism, both in Belgrade, Serbia; Protector and Spiritual Advisor of Australia and New Zealand for the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Chairman of the National Heads of Churches of Australia.

Previously, Bishop-elect Irinej was the Editor-in-Charge of the Information Service of the Serbian Orthodox Church; Executive Director of the Office of External Affairs of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada, located in Washington, DC; co-chaired the Orthodox Advisory Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in Metropolitan Washington; was a member of National Council of the Churches of Christ Environmental Justice Task Force (NCCC Eco-Justice); and served on the Board of Directors of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC); the Executive Council of The United States Conference of Religions for Peace (USCRP), the Conference of European Churches (CEC-KEK), the Serbian Unity Congress, the Mayor's Advisory Council on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs in Chicago, and the Chicago Human Rights Commission.

On the basis of the decision of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of 26 May 2006, the Reverend Hieromonk Irinej (Dobrijevic), Consultant to the Holy Synod of Bishops, was elected as Bishop of the Diocese of Australia and New Zealand. He was consecrated on 15 July 2006 in the Holy Archangel Michael Cathedral in Belgrade at the hands of His Eminence Archbishop Amfilohije of Cetinje, Metropolitan of Montenegro, together with 16 other bishops. He was enthroned on 21 October 2006 in the St Sava Pro-Cathedral in Elanora Heights, New South Wales by His Grace Chrysostom of Bihac-Petrovac, a member of the Holy Synod of Bishops, as Bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Australia and New Zealand, with its see in Sydney. The following day, 22 October 2006, His Grace was presented as the Bishop-Administrator for the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand New Gracanica Metropolitanate at the St Sava Monastery in Wallaroo, New South Wales.

Through his endeavors in drafting a new common constitution for the unification of his two dioceses, the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church on 23 May 2011 approved the proposed Constitution of the Metropolitanate of Australia and New Zealand of the Serbian Orthodox

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Church effecting the unification of the former Diocese of Australia and New Zealand and the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand New Gračanica Metropolitanate. The same were elevated to the dignity of a singular, unified Metropolitanate of Australia and New Zealand. Hence, His Grace was titled Bishop of the Metropolitanate of Australia and New Zealand of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Bishop Irinej holds the distinction of having thus far served the Church in Australia and New Zealand as its longest reigning hierarch. He also served as Chairman of the National Heads of Churches of Australia.

Having taken into consideration his significant diplomatic accomplishments, amongst all else, it was determined by the members of the Holy Assembly of Bishops that he be entrusted with the eminent Diocese of Eastern America with its See in New York City. The rebuilding of the St Sava Pro-Cathedral in Manhattan, recently destroyed in fire, will be the most formidable historic task awaiting the new Bishop as he assumed the Throne of the Bishops of Eastern America on 01 October 2016 at the hands of His Grace Bishop Longin of New Gračanica-Midwestern America in the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity in Pittsburgh.

## Patronal Preslava

**Dear parishioners, let us inform you that we will have our Preslava of St. Arsenius of Srem celebrated November 13 on Sunday with Divine Liturgy followed by the banquet luncheon for us this year provided by the family Mijanović (Velibor and Arijana with their infants Mark and Philip).**

**Dear parishioners, please consider this household, and think to assume the role of godparents for our celebration next year and bring the blessing of St. Arsenije in your home and enroll in the tradition of godparents-celebrants in this sacred church.**

**Thank you.**

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## All Souls' Day

Dear parishioners, on **Saturday 5 November 2016** we will have **evening service starting at 7pm and after that, a dirge** (prayer for the dead our relatives, brothers and sisters). Come to the temple to pray to God for them, for their souls. It is for us just a little effort, a small sacrifice, but for them it is everything. Surely we are indebted to our fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, grandfathers .... and we can at least light a candle, cook the grain and bring wine in the church for the repose of their souls.

The priest Nemanja and Management parish of St. Simeon - Charlotte