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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

Sunday, October 19th. *18th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)—Tone 1. Prophet Joel (800 B.C.). Martyr Varus, and with him six Monk Martyrs (ca. 307). Translation of the Relics of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila in Bulgaria (1238). Bl. Cleopatra and her son John, in Egypt (327). Hieromartyr Sadoc (Sadoth), Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342).*

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Gospel: Lk 8:5-15.

Wednesday, October 22: *Eve of Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord (ca. 63).*
Daily Vespers, 5:30pm.

Saturday, October 25th.
Reader Vespers of the Resurrection, 5:00pm.

Sunday, October 26th. *19th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)—Tone 2. Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of Thessalonica (ca. 306). Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.*
3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.
*Epistle: Heb 12:6-13; 25-27(earthquake); 2Cor 11:31-12:9(Sunday); 2Tim 2:1-10(St. Demetrius).
Gospel: Matt 8:23-27(Earthquake); Lk 16:19-31(Sunday); Jn 15:17-16:2 (St. Demetrius).*

+ + + Upcoming Events + + +

10/24-25	Fri – Sat	Diocesan Assembly Meeting
11/10-13	Mon – Thur	All America Council
11/15 – 12/24		Nativity Fast
11/21	Friday	Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.
12/6	Saturday	Feast of St. Nicholas

*Should worthless suspicions germinate in our minds,
let us turn them into charitable thoughts and they will not harm us.
For entertaining suspicions is wrong and it never allows the mind to be at peace..
-- St. Dorotheos of Gaza*

+ + + **Saints Lives** + + +

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Sunday, October 22th: *Commemoration of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God and the deliverance from the Poles.*

The Commemoration of the Deliverance of Moscow From the Poles by the Kazan Icon was established in gratitude for the deliverance of Moscow and all Russia from the incursion of the Polish in 1612. The end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth centuries is known in Russian history as "the Time of Troubles." The country suffered the onslaught of Polish armies, which scoffed at the Orthodox Faith, plundering and burning churches, cities and villages. Through deceit they succeeded in taking Moscow. In response to the appeal of His Holiness Patriarch Hermogenes (May 12), the Russian people rose up in defense of its native land. From Kazan, the wonderworking icon of the Mother of God was sent to the army headed by Prince Demetrius Pozharsky. St Demetrius of Rostov (September 21), in his Discourse on the Day of Appearance of the Icon of the Mother of God at Kazan (July 8), said: "The Mother of God delivered from misfortune and woe not only the righteous, but also sinners, but which sinners? Those who turn themselves to the Heavenly Father like the Prodigal Son, they make lamentation beating their bosom, like the Publican, they weep at the feet of Christ, like the Sinful Woman washing His feet with her tears, and they offer forth confession of Him, like the Thief upon the Cross. It is such sinners whom the All-Pure Mother of God heeds and hastens to aid, delivering them from great misfortunes and woe." Knowing that they suffered such misfortunes for their sins, the whole nation and the militia imposed upon themselves a three-day fast. With prayer, they turned to the Lord and His All-Pure Mother for help. The prayer was heard. St Sergius of Radonezh appeared to St Arsenius (afterwards Bishop of Suzdal) and said that if Moscow were to be saved, then people must pray to the Most Holy Virgin. Emboldened by the news, Russian forces on October 22, 1612 liberated Moscow from the Polish usurpers. A celebration in honor of the Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos was established in 1649. This icon remains especially revered by the Russian Orthodox nation up to the present day. The Kazan Icon is also commemorated on July 8.

Friday, October 24th: *Icon of the Mother of God "the Joy of All Who Sorrow".* The wonderworking "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Icon of the Mother of God was glorified in the year 1688. Euphymia, the sister of Patriarch Joachim (1674-1690), lived at Moscow and suffered from an incurable illness for a long time. One morning during a time of prayer she heard a voice say, "Euphymia! Go to the temple of the Transfiguration of My Son; there you will find an icon called the "Joy of All Who Sorrow." Have the priest celebrate a Molieben with the blessing of water, and you will receive healing from sickness." Euphymia did as she was directed by the Most Holy Theotokos, and she was healed. This occurred on October 24, 1688. The icon of the Mother of God "Joy of All Who Sorrow" (with coins fused to it by a bolt of lightning), was manifested at St Petersburg in 1888. See July 23.