

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday October 8 - 6:30 pm**

Parish Council

**Wednesday October 10 - 6:30 pm**

Bible Study at Vivian Zimmerman's house

Address: 807 2nd St. NE - the large pale green house on the corner of 8th AVE and 2stNE

**Saturday October 13 - 5 pm**

Vespers with confessions following

**Sunday October 14 - 10 am**

Divine Liturgy

### Upcoming Birthdays / NameDays

Phoebe (Age 13) October 22

### St. Demetrios October 26

Jim Maragos, Hera-Demetra Maras-Lindeman

## THANK YOU

**Thank you** to the Haney Family for last week's coffee hour.

**Today** the Carpenter Families will be serving coffee hour.



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## ST. PETER THE ALEUT ORTHODOX CHURCH



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**19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303). Ven. Sergius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 13th c.). Ven. Sergius, Abbot of Nurma (Vologdá—1412), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh. Uncovering of the relics of Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1514). Martyrs Julian the Presbyter and Cæsarius the Deacon, at Terracina (1st c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (290). Martyr Polychronius the Presbyter (4th c.)

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### Welcome

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 11:31-12:9

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

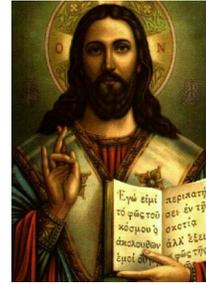
32 In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me;

33 but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

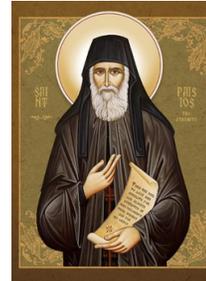
3 And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows –



### THE IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY

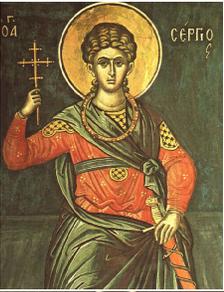
A Christian's desire for the Truth, the Word of God, must be avid. A believer must give the highest priority in his life to learning Bible facts and principles. There are many examples in the Bible of the great effort made by people of God to obtain truth.

*John 14:6 "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."*



### BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will begin this Wednesday! We are going to start going through the book of Romans. Bring your Bible! The epistle of St. Paul to the Romans is arguably one of the most important books ever written. We have no better systematic explanation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It has also intensely influenced Church History. It was through studying Romans that Martin Luther rediscovered the Gospel, which the medieval Catholic Church had largely lost. This sparked the Protestant Reformation. Even in more recent history, Karl Barth's commentary on Romans is regarded as one of the most influential theological works of the twentieth century. Never old, the epistle to the Romans is a spiritual & theological & theological goldmine!



The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.



The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 11:31-12:9 (CON'T)

4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

6 For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## PROKEIMENON

### tone 1

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

## TROPARION

### tone 4

Your holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through their intercessions, save our souls!

## KONTAKION

### tone 2

Podoben: "Seeking the highest..." / Having courageously confronted the enemy, / you brought an end to his guiles, and received from on high the crown of victory. / Illustrious martyrs, Sergius and Bacchus, / with one heart you cry aloud: / "How good and pleasant it is to dwell with God."



## LUKE 7:11-16

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."